

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M.**

JANUARY 14, 2016

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Michael Busman, Chairman with the following other members present: Rick Barnes, Alice Green, Edith Ann Green, Meda Krenson, Jim Reid and Sylvia Roland.

A moment of silence was observed.

BOARD ELECTIONS

As required by policy, the annual board elections for chairman and vice chairman were conducted. The chairman, Dr. Busman, declared all offices open and turned the meeting over to Dr. Lawrence Walters, Superintendent, who asked for nominations for chairman. Mrs. Krenson nominated Dr. Busman. Ms. Alice Green nominated Ms. Edith Green. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Dr. Busman received five votes (Mrs. Krenson, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Roland, Mr. Barnes & Dr. Busman). Ms. Edith Green received two votes (Ms. A. Green and Ms. E. Green). Dr. Busman was elected board chairman by a majority vote.

Dr. Busman assumed the office of chairman and asked for nominations for vice chairman. Mrs. Roland nominated Mr. Barnes. Ms. Alice Green nominated Ms. Edith Green. Nominations were closed. Mr. Barnes received five votes (Mrs. Krenson, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Roland, Mr. Barnes & Dr. Busman); Ms. Edith Green received two votes (Ms. A. Green and Ms. E. Green). Mr. Barnes was elected vice chairman by a majority vote.

The chairman called for nominations for school board attorney. Mrs. Krenson nominated Gatewood, Rambo and Skipper for local matters. Mr. Skipper was approved six in favor; one opposed (Ms. A. Green). The chairman called for nominations for school board attorney for school matters. Mrs. Alice Green nominated Jones, Cork & Miller. Mrs. Krenson nominated Harben, Hartley and Hawkins. Jones, Cork, & Miller received two votes (Ms. Alice Green & Ms. Edith Green). Harben, Hartley and Hawkins received five votes (Mrs. Krenson, Mrs. Roland, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Reid and Dr. Busman).

Mrs. Krenson recommended the Americus-Times Recorder as the weekly legal organ. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Edith Green; second by Mr. Barnes to adopt the agenda; motion carried unanimously.

The consent agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Barnes; second by Ms. Edith Green including minutes of meetings held on December 10, 23, 29 & 30, 2015; motion carried unanimously.

The following fund raiser, facility use requests and overnight field trip requests portion of the consent agenda were unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Edith Green; second by Mrs. Krenson:

FUND RAISER

Art Smart Club (ASHS) to custom design t-shirts for a fee.

SCHOOL USE REQUESTS

1. Zion Hope Baptist Church to use the cafeteria at SCMS February 13, 2016. (Fees paid)
2. Dwight Harris to use the gymnasium at ASNGA May 27 – July 23, 2016 for the Dwight Harris Boys' Club Summer League Basketball. (Fees to be paid)

OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

1. Four students (ASHS) to Athens, January 21-24, 2016 to participate in the UGA January Fest Clinic and Honor Band.

2. Six students (ASHS) to Troy, Alabama, February 4-6, 2016 to participate in the Troy University SEUS Honor Band and Clinic.
3. Five students (SCMS) to Athens, February 19-20, 2016 to participate in the Statewide 6th Grade Honor Choir.
4. Thirty-five students (ASNGA) to Atlanta, March 3-6, 2016 to attend the Beta Club Convention and college tour of Georgia State University.
5. Forty students (SCES) to go to Savannah, March 29-30, 2016 to visit Savannah's Historic District, Old Fort Jackson and Pooler Fun Park.
6. Sixty students (ASHS) to Orlando, Florida, April 28-30, 2016 for the senior trip.

BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial reports for December 2015 along with the following preliminary cash flow report were unanimously approved as recommended by the committee:

Preliminary Cash Flow Report

	Citizens Bank – General Fund	GA Fund 1 General Fund	Citizens Bank – Construction 2011	GA Fund 1 2011 Bond Proceed
November 30, 2015 Beginning Cash	\$1,873,952.92	\$18,330.39	\$2,342.86	\$2,503,080.67
Incoming	\$12,482,537.61	\$6.28	\$50,000.00	\$851.65
Outgoing	\$8,447,311.63	\$0.00	\$17,337.11	\$50,000.00
December 31, 2015	\$5,909,178.90	\$18,336.67	\$35,005.75	2,453,932.32

The property committee recommended the following architectural firms to make presentations for the construction of the new high school:

1. Buckley & Associates
2. Manley Spangler Smith Architects
3. Studio 8

After discussion, the recommendation for the architectural presentations was approved five in favor (Mrs. Krenson, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Roland, Mr. Barnes & Dr. Busman); two opposed (Ms. Edith Green & Ms. Alice Green).

The Sumter County Board of Education Meetings Calendar for 2016 was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Mr. Barnes.

A motion was made at 7:35 p.m. by Mr. Barnes; second by Mr. Reid to enter into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee or to interview applicants for the position of superintendent; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)); and to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property; authorize ordering an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)). The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After discussions in executive session, a motion was made at 7:54 p.m. to re-enter open session by Mrs. Roland; second by Mr. Barnes; motion carried unanimously.

The following personnel matters were unanimously approved as recommended by the personnel committee:

Retirements

Amy Hamrick
William Wells

Resignations

Chris Usrey
Emma Clay

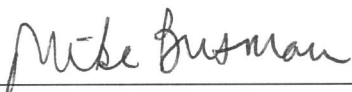
Employment

Evonne Andrews
Gregory Walker

Family Medical Leave

Jeraldine Holley

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Barnes; second by Mrs. Roland; motion carried unanimously.



Chairman



Secretary