

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2021

7:00 PM

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent, Dr. Torrance Choates with the following board members present: Rick Barnes, Abbis Bivins, Carolyn Hamilton, Patricia Harris, Vincent Kears, 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. Superintendent Choates declared all positions open and asked for nominations for chairman. Mr. Reid nominated Mr. Barnes. Ms. Bivins nominated Mrs. Harris. Mr. Barnes received five votes (Mr.Reid, Mr. Kears, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Hamilton & Mrs. Roland). Mrs. Harris received one vote (Ms. Bivins).

Mr. Barnes assumed the office of chairman and asked for nominations for vice chairman. Mr. Kears nominated Mrs. Hamilton. Ms. Bivins nominated Mrs. Harris. Mrs. Hamilton received six votes Mr. Kears, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Roland, Mr. Reid & Mr. Barnes. Mrs. Harris received one vote (Ms. Bivins). Mrs. Hamilton will serve as vice chair.

The chairman called for nominations for school board attorney for school matters. Mrs. Hamilton nominated the law firm of Harben, Hartley and Hawkins. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Mr. Reid nominated Gatweod, Skippier and Rambo for local matters. The nomination was unanimously approved.

The Americus-Times Recorder was unanimously approved as the weekly legal organ on a recommendation by Mrs. Roland.

A motion was made by Mr. Reid to adopt the agenda; second by Ms. Bivins; motion carried unanimously.

The consent agenda including minutes of the meeting held on December 10, 2020 was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Mrs. Hamilton.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial reports for December 2020 along with the following preliminary cash flow report were unanimously approved upon recommendation of the committee:

Preliminary Cash Flow Report

	Citizens Bank General Fund	GA Fund 1 General Fund	GA Fund 1 New HS Construction	Citizens Bank Construction 2015	Regions Bank Sales Tax 2015	Regions Bank 2015 Bond Proceeds
Nov. 30, 2020	\$14,856.50	\$1,502,518.47	\$7,586,048.35	\$1,510.695	\$354,456.69	\$5,522,101.76
Incoming	\$0.00	\$2,997,481.53	\$4,413,951.65	\$5,445,187.97	\$426,443.03	\$472.18
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,204,393.46	\$0.00	\$3,237,223.41
Dec. 31, 2020	\$14,856.50	\$4,500,000.00	\$12,000,000	\$2,242,305.20	\$780,899.72	\$2,285,350.53

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

Release from Contract
Hollie Walters

Resignations
Johnny Griffin
William Blue

Employment
Freda Coleman

FMLA's
Brandon Gross
Shirley Waymon

Third Party Contract
Renuka Puppala (Unique Services)

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The following recommendations from the property committee were unanimously approved:

1. Declare bus lifting system as surplus and to sell it on Govdeals.com
2. Auditorium seating (Option #2)
3. Letter of Commitment with Southern Educational Systems for CTAE equipment
4. Updated GPS system for 52 school buses (\$5,460)

The landscaping and irrigation test well will remain on the table until further information is received.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The following items were unanimously approved as recommended by the committee:

1. T-Mobile service plan for internet service on up to 600 T-Mobile hotspots for the remainder of the 20-21 school year.
2. Sophos Antivirus license renewal for \$7,850.67 for a three year period
3. ERATE category 1 & 2 for FY 22-23 in the amount of \$90,729.10 over the next two years.

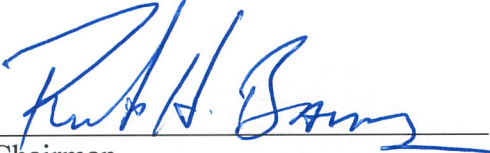
OLD BUSINESS


There was no additional discussion regarding the renaming of the new high school.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2021 Calendar for Sumter County Board of Education meetings was unanimously approved as recommended by Mr. Barnes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Mr. Reid; motion carried unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary