

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM

JANUARY 12, 2017

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Michael Busman with the following other members present: Rick Barnes, Alice Green, Edith 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 the Superintendent, Dr. Torrance Choates who asked for nominations for chairman. Mr. Rick Barnes nominated Dr. Busman. Ms. Edith Green nominated Ms. Alice Green. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Dr. Busman received five votes (Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Krenson, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Roland & Dr. Busman). Ms. Alice Green received two votes (Ms. E. Green and Ms. A. 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. Mr. Reid nominated Mr. Barnes. No other nominations were recommended. Mr. Barnes was elected vice chairman by a unanimous vote.

The chairman called for nominations for school board attorney. Mr. Reid nominated Jimmy Skipper of 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. Krenson nominated Harben, Hartley and Hawkins. The nomination was approved five in favor; two opposed (Ms. Alice Green & Ms. Edith Green).

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

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

The consent agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Barnes; second by Ms. Alice Green including minutes of meeting held on December 8, 2016; motion carried unanimously.

The following school use requests and overnight/out-of-state field trip requests on the consent agenda were unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Alice Green; second by Mr. Reid.

SCHOOL USE REQUESTS

1. Chad Ledger to use gymnasium at SCIS January-February 2017 for Americus-Sumter Recreation Department basketball practice. (Fees waived)
2. Reggie Jones to use gymnasium at SCIS January-February 2017 for Americus-Sumter Recreation Department basketball practice. (Fees waived)
3. Kabreshia Rumph to use a classroom at SCIS one Saturday per month from January-May, 2017 for Girls' Academy. (Fees waived)

OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

1. Thirty-five students (ASNGA) to Savannah, Georgia, January 18-20, 2017 to participate in the Beta Club Convention.
2. Five students (ASHS Band) to Athens, Georgia, January 26-28, 2017 to perform at the GMEA In-service Conference.

3. Ten students (ASHS Band) to Troy Alabama, February 2-4, 2017 to perform at SEUS Honor Band.
4. Three students (ASHS Band) to Tifton, Georgia, February 16-18, 2017 to perform at District Honor Band.
5. Ten students (ASHS) to Atlanta, Georgia, February 16-18, 2017 to participate in the DECA State Competition.
6. Thirty students (ASHS) to Atlanta, Georgia, February 24-25, 2017 to participate in the Atlanta Hawks Sports Marketing Speaker Series and College Fair for DECA.
7. Fifteen students (ASNGA) to Athens, Georgia, March 12-14, 2017 to participate in the FBLA State Leadership Conference.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial reports and accounts payables for December 2016 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	Citizens Bank – Construction 2011	GA Fund 1 2011 Bond Proceed
November 30, 2016 Beginning Cash	\$2,975,536.67	\$26,564.86	\$328,027.75	\$2,261,146.81
Incoming	\$9,884,715.62	\$9.18	\$0.00	\$781.14
Outgoing	\$6,245,060.95	\$0.00	\$6,807.38	\$0.00
December 31, 2016	\$6,615,191.34	\$26,574.04	\$321,220.37	2,261,927.95

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The committee recommended approval to declare a compressor as surplus and place it on GovDeals.com for sell; motion carried unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Connections for Classrooms Grant was unanimously approved as recommended by the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

No action was taken on the Ombudsman Alternative Program Contract.

NEW BUSINESS

The SCBOE Meetings Calendar for 2017 was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Mrs. Krenson.

The United States-Japan Foundation Grant was unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Edith Green; second by Mrs. Roland.

A motion was made at 7:46 p.m. by Mrs. Roland; second by Ms. Edith Green to go into executive session for the following reasons as read by the chairman: 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) or 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

The board returned to open session at 8:24 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Ms. Edith Green.

In Closed (Executive) Session, a Student Disciplinary Tribunal Appeal was held. After discussion, Mr. Barnes offered a motion to uphold the recommendation of the Superintendent; to suspend the student from the bus for the remainder of the school term and to serve an additional eight (8) days in out-of-school suspension; second by Ms. Edith Green; motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The following personnel matters were unanimously approved upon the recommendation of the committee:

Retirement
Greg Aplin

Resignations
Teneca Eaddy
Regina Jefferson
Stephanie Price

Termination
Triteasha Jones

Employment
Sharon Jackson
Sophronia Thompkins
Sierra Harvey

Family Medical Leaves
Calandra Parker
Lorrie McDowell
Gregory Walker

Long Term Substitute
Nealia Coley

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Barnes; second by Ms. Edith Green; motion carried unanimously.



Chairman



Secretary