

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 13, 2021

7:00 PM

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Rick Barnes with the following other members present: Carolyn Hamilton, Abbis Bivins, Patricia Harris, Vincent Kearse, Jim Reid and Sylvia Roland.

A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Torrance Choates, Superintendent, provided the superintendent’s report.

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

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the meeting held on April 8, 2021 by Mrs. Roland; second by Mrs. Harris; motion carried unanimously.

The following fund raisers were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Hamilton; second by Mrs. Roland:

FUND RAISERS

1. Americus Sumter High School to conduct various fund raisers including car washes, food sales, spirit items, candles, school paraphernalia, yard sales, 3K-5K runs, clothing items, discount cards, game tickets, concert tickets, yearbooks, holiday items, magazines, homecoming tailgate, and other specialty items, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.
2. Americus Sumter High School Athletic Programs to sell athletic apparel paraphernalia, banners, car washes, carnival items, candles, food and drink sales, season tickets, game tickets, photos, game day tailgates, discount cards, tumblers, 3K-5K fun runs, holiday items, yard sales, specialty items, sports program books, advertising sales, team camps/clinics, sponsorships, etc. July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial reports for April 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	Regions Bank 2015 Bond Proceeds
March 31, 2021	\$14,856.50	\$5,500,500.00	\$10,150,000.00	\$853.15	\$767,711.60	\$18,069.73
Incoming	\$0.00	\$99,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$340,970.02	\$41.02
Outgoing	\$0.00	\$750,000.00	\$354,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,110.75
April 30, 2021	\$14,856.50	\$4,850,000.00	\$9,805,000.00	\$853.15	\$1,108,681.62	\$0.00

The FY 2021-2022 tentative budget was unanimously approved as recommended by the committee.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The personnel recommendations were deferred until after discussions in executive session.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Policy GBIA – Teacher Evaluation Appeals was unanimously approved as recommended by the committee.

The request for temporary waivers for Policy IHE (Attendance Section); and Policy JBD (Absences & Excuses Sections) were unanimously approved upon recommendation of the committee.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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

1. Purchase of one Blue Bird bus (\$107,000)
2. Purchase of three support vehicles (\$148,000)
3. Renovation Project for CTAE classrooms at SCMS (\$145,630)
4. Security and Card Access System for New High School (from contingency fund)
5. Network electronics for New High School (\$178,429) 85% reimbursement from ERATE
6. Resurfacing of Tennis Courts (\$51,435)
7. Greenhouse & Pad Prep Work for New High School (\$92,000)

OLD BUSINESS

The selection of an alternative education program was tabled.

A motion was made by Mr. Reid; second by Mrs. Roland to approve the ESPLOST Elections Results Resolution; motion carried unanimously.

An Intergovernmental Agreement between Sumter County and the Sumter County Board of Education for the Mutual Use of Recreation Facilities was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Harris.

A motion was made by Mr. Kearse; second by Mrs. Hamilton to approve Change Order 001 (add landscape and irrigation into contract); and increase the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the New High School from \$53,805,031.00 to \$54,219,951.37 (as a result of Change Order 001). The motion carried on the following vote: six in favor (Mr. Kearse, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Roland, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Barnes & Mr. Reid); and one opposed (Ms. Bivins).

A motion was made at 8:37 p.m. by Mrs. Roland; second by Mr. Kearse 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

A motion was made at 10:51 p.m. by Mrs. Roland to go back into open session; second by Mr. Kearse; motion carried unanimously.

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

Retirements

Diane Furlow
Annie Barthell

Resignations

Cynthia Johnson
Isaac Ballarapu
Sandra Cobb
Maigan Yarber
Javonda Robinson
Denise Myers
Makinsey Rosser
Mitzi Shufflebarger
Jennifer Peek
Kelvin Coley

Resignations (Con't)

Ashley Woodson
Trisha Cooper
Molly George
Jadedra Gilmore

Rescindment of Job Offer

Petrocelli Wilder

Transfers

Kimberly Davis
Elizabeth Campbell
Krista Hudson
Pamela Harvey
Eric Harvey
Rodney Shelton

Employments

Shalnica French
Amy Lewis
Chasity King
Joyce Carter
Lavonda Samuels
Krystal Willis
Mary Frances Thomas
Erika Morales

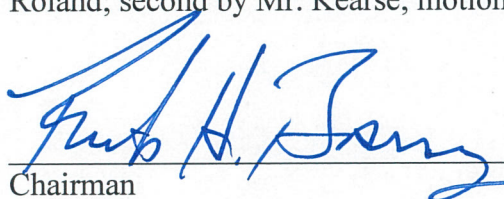
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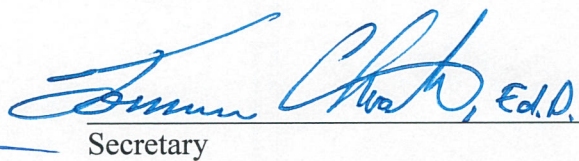
Joshua Coleman
Pearline Jackson

The 2021-2022 Administrative & District Level recommendations were unanimously approved upon the recommendation of the committee; motion carried unanimously.

One additional teacher recommendation (SCHS) for 2021-2022 was unanimously approved as presented by the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Roland; second by Mr. Kears; motion carried unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary