

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2013

7:00 PM

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Sumter County Board of Education was called to order by Edith Ann Green, Chairman with the following other members present: Carolyn Whitehead, Michael Busman, Willa Fitzpatrick, Alice Green, Meda Krenson, Michael Lewis, and Kelvin Pless.

Members absent: Michael Mock

The invocation was given by Mr. Pless.

BOARD ELECTIONS

As required by policy, the annual board elections for chairman and vice chairman were conducted. The superintendent, Mr. Donnie Smith, declared all offices open and asked for nominations for chairman. Mrs. Krenson nominated Ms. Whitehead. Mr. Pless nominated Ms. Edith Green. Nominations were closed. Ms. Whitehead received two votes (Mrs. Krenson & Dr. Busman); Ms. E. Green received six votes (Mr. Pless, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Ms. E. Green, Ms. Whitehead, Mr. Lewis & Ms. Alice Green). Ms. Edith Green will serve as board chairman.

Ms. Edith Green assumed the office of chairperson and called for nominations for vice chairman. Dr. Busman nominated Mrs. Krenson. Mr. Lewis nominated Mrs. Fitzpatrick. The chairman declared nominations closed. Mrs. Krenson received two votes (Dr. Busman & Mrs. Krenson). Mrs. Fitzpatrick received six votes (Mr. Lewis, Ms. Alice Green, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Pless, Ms. Edith Green & Ms. Whitehead). Mrs. Fitzpatrick was elected vice chairman.

Mrs. Krenson nominated Harben, Hartley and Hawkins as school board attorneys. Mr. Pless nominated Maurice King as board attorney. Nominations were closed. Harben, Hartley and Hawkins received two votes (Mrs. Krenson & Dr. Busman). Six votes were cast for Mr. King (Mr. Pless, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Edith Green, Ms. Whitehead, Mr. Lewis & Ms. Alice Green).

A motion was made by Mrs. Krenson to appoint Americus-Times Recorder as the legal organ; motion carried seven in favor; one opposed (Ms. Alice Green).

A motion was made by Mrs. Krenson; second by Ms. Whitehead to approve the agenda with two additional items placed under New Business (Energy Education and Reimbursement for the GSBA Advocacy Workshop); motion carried unanimously. Dr. Busman was absent for the vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Alice Green; second by Mr. Michael Lewis to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of December 13, 2013 along with the following fund raisers, and overnight field trip requests. The motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL USE REQUEST

1. Chris Lundy to use gymnasium at SCMS for recreation basketball (dates to be determined).
(Fees waived)
2. Charlene Pennymon (Relay for Life) would like to use football stadium at ASCHS-South for the annual Sumter County Relay for Life Event, April 26, 2013. (Fees waived)

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

1. Five students (high school honor band) to Troy, Alabama, January 31 - February 2, 2013 to participate in the SEUS Honor Band.
2. Four students (high school honor band) to Norman Park, Georgia, February 22-23, 2013 to perform in the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) District 2 Honor Band.
3. Seventy students (SCMS Rhythm & Rhyme Ensemble) to Orlando, April 25-27, 2013 to participate in the "STARS" Performance Program, Main Stage City Walk at Universal Studios. Transportation will be provided by charter buses.

BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial report and accounts payables for December 2012 along with the following preliminary cash flow report were unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Pless, second by Ms. Edith Green:

Preliminary Cash Flow Report

	Citizens Bank – General Fund	Citizens Bank – Construction 2007	Citizens Bank Construction 2011	Office of the State Treasury General Funds
November 30, 2012 Beginning Cash	\$3,062,921.19	\$49,597.30	\$613,371.89	\$507,275.26
Incoming	\$9,345,043.19	\$0.38	\$300,000.00	\$217.99
Outgoing	\$4,658,928.05	\$0.00	\$765,441.20	\$0.00
December 31, 2012 Ending Cash	\$7,749,036.33	\$49,597.68	\$147,930.69	\$507,493.25

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

Resignations

Allison Gaines
Carla Connell

Resignations

Walter Bridges
Denise McKay

Employment

Kimberly Bacon
Alethea Sims
Alicia Dowdell
Kelvin Coley
Rusha Gardner
Carolyn Brown

Family Medical Leave

Virginia Minter
Felicia Smith
Christy Landers
Jessica Summers
Cagney Parker

Rescindment of Job Offer

Ernestina Hayes
Ernestine Carter

A motion was made by Ms. Whitehead; second by Ms. Alice Green to approve the employment of Valarie Grimes; motion carried seven in favor; and one abstention (Mr. Lewis).

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mrs. Fitzpatrick; second by Ms. Alice Green to schedule a property retreat for Monday, January 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.; motion carried seven in favor; one abstention (Dr. Busman).

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Edith Green offered a motion to schedule the Whole Board Training on February 21, 2013 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.; motion failed due to the lack of a second. The Board will explore dates in February and March for the training.

A motion was made by Ms. Edith Green; second by Ms. Alice Green to approve a nine-district Board of Education plan for Sumter County School District; motion carried six in favor (Ms. Edith Green, Ms. Alice Green, Ms. Whitehead, Mr. Pless, Mrs. Fitzpatrick & Mr. Lewis); two opposed (Mrs. Krenson & Dr. Busman).

The Sumter County Board of Education's meeting calendar for 2013 was unanimously approved on a motion by Dr. Busman; second by Mrs. Krenson.

A motion was made to accept the Energy Education Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release by Dr. Busman; second by Ms. Alice Green; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Alice Green; second by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to reimburse the Superintendent and Board for attending the 2013 GSBA Advocacy Workshop; motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick; second by Ms. Alice Green.

Edith Ann Green
Chairman

W. L. Smith
Secretary