

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2012

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, Michael Mock, and Kelvin Pless.

A moment of silence was observed.

The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Alice Green; second by Mr. Pless.

A motion was made by Ms. Whitehead; second by Ms. Alice Green to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of July 12, 16 & 30, 2012 along with the following fund raisers, and overnight field trip requests. The motion carried unanimously.

FUND RAISERS

1. Americus-Sumter County High-South Campus to sell discount cards, candles, jewelry, clothing items, food items, hand-made items, sheet sets, spirit items, school supplies, and to sponsor car washes, yard sales, dances, and a fashion show, August 1, 2012 – May 23, 2013.
2. Americus-Sumter County High-North Campus to sell t-shirts, doughnuts, candy, drinks, lemonade, ice cream, juice, chips and concession stand items, August 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.
3. Sumter County Elementary School to sell candy, ice cream, pencils, school supplies, pictures, etc., August 13, 2013 – May 21, 2013.
4. FCCLA (ASCHS-N) to sell doughnuts, August 15-24, 2012.
5. FCCLA (ASCHS-N) to sell cupcakes, cookies and brownies, September 4, 2012 – March 15, 2013.
6. FBLA (SCMS) to sell doughnuts, water bottles and to sponsor yard sale and school store, September 1, 2012 – May 13, 2013.
7. FCCLA (ASCHS-N) to sell candy, September 4, 2012 – December 14, 2012.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Fifty students (9th Grade/Social Studies/History Club) to Washington, DC, February 14-18, 2013 to allow students to experience one of the most powerful cities in the world—Washington, DC.

BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

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

1. Memorandum of Understanding between Learning for Everyone, Inc. (LEAP) and Sumter County Board of Education
2. Alternative Education Seat-time Waiver
3. Partnership Agreement for Clinical Experience with Georgia Southwestern State University
4. Memorandum of Agreement with Southwest Georgia Community Action Council (Head Start)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial report and accounts payables for July 2012 along with the following preliminary cash flow report were unanimously approved as recommended by the committee:

Preliminary Cash Flow Report

	Citizens Bank – General Fund	Citizens Bank – Construction 2007	Citizens Bank Construction 2011	Office of the State Treasury General Funds
June 30, 2012 Beginning Cash	\$2,888,147.99	\$77,682.23	\$2,700.00	\$5,004,372.55
Incoming	\$7,910,175.53	\$300,004.05	\$100,000.00	\$1,257.73
Outgoing	\$8,755,132.94	\$245,209.87	\$99,393.50	\$1,500,000.00
July 31, 2012 Ending Cash	\$2,036,190.58	\$132,476.41	\$3,306.50	\$3,505,630.28

POLICY COMMITTEE

The committee recommended keeping Policy BCBI- Public Participation at Board Meetings as it is, without any changes; motion carried unanimously.

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

- Policy GAKA/GBKA – Professional Personnel Lay-off
- Policy JGCD – Medication
- Policy AC~E (exhibit) – School District Organization Plan

The following job descriptions were unanimously approved on the recommendation of the committee:

- Administrative Assistant for School Food Nutrition
- Job Description for Director of Elementary Education & Professional Learning
- Job Description for Director of Secondary Education & Assessment

Revisions in the School Food Nutrition Handbook were unanimously approved as recommended by the committee.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The property committee recommended approval of additional property insurance in the amount of \$9.00 per year for humidity damage coverage; motion carried unanimously.

The committee recommended acceptance of the bid from Williams Scotsman for replacement of mobile unit at Sarah Cobb Elementary School; motion carried unanimously.

The Board unanimously approved the recommendation to allow the administration to request bids for three school buses; motion carried unanimously.

A bid from Turners House of Carpets was unanimously approved in the amount of \$10,763.12 to replace carpet in the band room at Americus Sumter High School-South Campus.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Dr. Busman; second by Mrs. Krenson to approve a Technology Use Agreement, as modified, to allow anyone in the system who has a technology devise to sign the agreement when using a school issued devise; motion carried six in favor (Dr. Busman, Mrs. Krenson, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Pless, Ms. Whitehead & Mr. Mock); three opposed (Ms. Edith Green, Ms. Alice Green & Mr. Lewis).

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Busman made a motion to no longer accept ACLU intervention in the Bird suit; second by Mrs. Krenson; motion failed on the following vote: three in favor (Dr. Busman, Mrs. Krenson & Mr. Mock); six opposed (Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Pless, Ms. Edith Green, Ms. Whitehead, Mr. Lewis & Ms. Alice Green).

A motion was made by Ms. Edith Green; second by Dr. Busman to commit to Fanning Institute for conflict resolution; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Edith Green; second by Ms. Alice Green to pursue full accreditation with the Georgia Accrediting Commission; motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Alice Green made a motion to accept the Local Board Training Plan; second Mr. Mock; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Busman; second by Mr. Mock to record all open session meetings; motion failed on the following vote: three in favor (Dr. Busman, Mr. Mock & Mrs. Krenson); six opposed (Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Pless, Ms. Edith Green, Ms. Whitehead, Mr. Lewis, & Ms. Alice Green).

Dr. Busman made an amended motion to record executive sessions and keep those recordings under lock and key, and only available to the Board as a whole or under a court order; second by Mrs. Krenson; motion failed on the following vote: three in favor (Dr. Busman, Mr. Mock & Mrs. Krenson); six opposed (Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Pless, Ms. Edith Green, Ms. Whitehead, Mr. Lewis, & Ms. Alice Green).

A motion was made by Ms. Edith Green; second by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to submit the August 10th two-week report to the State Board of Education; motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Edith Green made a motion to host a reception for the new superintendent, and to ask vendors/partners in education to assist with the funding; second by Ms. Alice Green; motion carried unanimously. (Mr. Mock was absent for the vote.)

The Board Chair read the purposes for executive session which may include the discussion or deliberation 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 and/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; and/or to review an appeal from a Student Disciplinary Tribunal [Hearing Officer, Panel]; and/or to consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's education records; and/or to discuss records that are otherwise protected from disclosure under the Open Records Act and there is no reasonable means to consider the records without closing the meeting; and/or to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to go into executive session; second by Mrs. Fitzpatrick; motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After discussion in executive session, a motion was made by Mrs. Fitzpatrick; second by Dr. Busman to re-enter open session; motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

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

Retirements:

Linda Marshall

Resignations:

Gina Scott

Edward Tookes

Employment:

Sylvia Hoke
Jacqueline Hawkins
Keith Carter
George Monts

Transfers:

Wanda Wilson
Phyllis Dowdell
Lashana Green
Irma Davis

Salary Adjustment:

Walter Knighton

Extended Day:

Courtney Fricks

Ms. Whitehead made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 Athletic Supplements with the exception of Alicia Green; second by Ms. Edith Green; motion carried unanimously.


A motion was made by Ms. Whitehead; second by Ms. Edith Green to approve the athletic supplement for Alicia Green; motion carried eight in favor; one abstention (Ms. Alice Green).

Ms. Whitehead offered a motion to approve the 2012-2013 Academic Supplement roster as listed with the exception of Alicia Green; second by Ms. Edith Green; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Whitehead; second by Ms. Edith Green to approve the academic supplement for Alicia Green; motion carried eight in favor; one abstention (Ms. Alice Green).

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:12 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Pless; second by Mrs. Fitzpatrick.


Chairman


Secretary