

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALLED MEETING

MARCH 21, 2013

5:00 PM

MINUTES

The Sumter County Board of Education met for the purpose of conducting a hearing in accordance with the Fair Dismissal Act of Georgia concerning the proposed termination of the contract of employment of Custodio Fernandes.

The following members of the Board were present: Edith Ann Green, Willa Fitzpatrick, Meda Krenson, Michael Lewis, Kelvin Pless, and Carolyn Whitehead.

Members absent: Michael Busman, Alice Green, and Michael Mock

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Ms. Edith Green. A moment of silence was observed.

Mr. William H. Gregory, II served as hearing officer and legal advisor to the Board.

The Superintendent was present and represented by Mr. Maurice L. King, Jr. Dr. Fernandes was present and represented by Mr. Howard Stiller at the hearing. The entire hearing was recorded by a court reporter.

The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick; second by Mr. Pless.

The Board heard testimony from the witnesses presented by the Superintendent and Dr. Fernandes, and carefully considered the evidence and argument of the parties. Upon motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick; second by Mr. Lewis, the Board of Education went into executive session to deliberate.


A motion was made by Mrs. Krenson to return to open session; second by Mr. Pless; motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick; second by Mr. Lewis, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation to terminate Dr. Fernandes' employment.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned on motion by Mr. Pless; second by Mrs. Fitzpatrick.



Chairperson



Superintendent