

**Calhoun County Public Schools**  
**Minutes of the Board of Trustees**  
**May 15, 2023**  
**St. Matthews K-8 School**  
**Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Superintendent**

**Members Present:** Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson; Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Debra Fredrick, Secretary; Mrs. Sandra Tucker; and Mr. Ned Nelson.

**Call to Order/Moment of Silence:** Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson, called the meeting to order, welcomed visitors and staff and asked everyone present to stand for a Moment of Silence and the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

**Notice to the Media:** In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80-(E), as amended, the following have been notified of this meeting: The Calhoun Times; The Times and Democrat; The District Website and notices placed on the bulletin boards in all schools and the District Office.

**Approval of Agenda:** Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Superintendent, asked that Employee Recognition be removed from the agenda and said under the Superintendent's Report, he would be presenting the Summer Feeding Program. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the agenda with the changes as requested by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the minutes of April 17, 2023, as submitted. Passed unanimously.

**Student Recognition:** Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief of Academics, asked Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Dr. Cinthia Wolfe, Deputy Superintendent, along with Board Members and Principals to come forward and recognize the students' receiving awards for the following:

- Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College Graduates
- DECA Students
- National Career Development Association Poetry and Art Contest Winners
- Share Table Child Nutrition Program
- 4H STEM Contest Winners
- SC Governor's School for the Arts

**Chairperson's Report:** none

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Tullock presented the Summer Feeding Program to the Board for information. He said beginning June 5 – 29, the District will be offering to all students a Summer Enrichment Program. He said all students will receive breakfast and lunch. Meals will be served Monday through Thursday. He said children can consume a balanced breakfast and lunch at any of the three school sites and take home on Thursday, a breakfast meal for the following day.

Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief of Academics, shared Summer Bridge Backpacks with the Board. She said the bags will be for the Pre-K through the eighth grade. She said every student will receive a bag to take home this summer that will allow parents to work with them in order to continue their learning throughout the summer. Mrs. Murdaugh said June 5 – 29, every student will have the opportunity to attend the District's Summer Enrichment Program. Dr. Tullock added that the book bags and a letter of information regarding the Summer Enrichment Program will go out on May 22, 2023.

Dr. Wolfe and Dr. Melissa Peeples, Curriculum Coordinator, shared the Cognia Accreditation Report with the Board. Dr. Wolfe said the District's Index of Education Quality Score was 309. She explained that above a 300 score indicated the institution meets Cognia expectations for accreditation that included one or more Areas of Improvement as well as one or more Noteworthy Practices. Dr. Peeples shared with the Board the District's areas of improvement and the steps the District will perform to assist with improvement. Each Board member was given a PowerPoint handout. (Copy attached)

Mr. George Kiernan, HR Director, presented Policy GBB Staff Involvement in Decision Making and AR-GBB R Staff Involvement in Decision Making for First Reading and Amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve Policy GBB Staff Involvement in Decision Making and AR-GBB R Staff Involvement in Decision Making for First Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the following Facility Updates for the month of April:

- New desks and chairs have arrived at both K-8 Schools.
- New furniture for the Special Education Department will arrive Friday, May 19th.
- MECA will review the Water Fountain project for OSF. The paperwork is in and waiting on approval.
- The HVAC project for both K-8 School gyms and the cafeteria at SMK-8 has been awarded to Airport Heating and Air. Both gyms should be completed this summer.
- The paint color surveys have been completed.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board information regarding the I-26 Widening Project appraisal of the District's property. He said the SCDOT must pay just compensation for the property which is based on an appraisal made by a qualified real estate appraiser using comparable sales in the area. He said the District has received an offer of \$47,010.00.

Mr. Mark Parker, Technology Director, shared Technology Update with the Board. Mr. Parker said that the sound system project for the football field at the high school has been completed. Mr. Parker shared that the students and the teachers old Dell devices will be available for purchase. He said the devices will be sold as is and offer no technical support.

Dr. Tullock shared with the Board the Consolidated State Monitoring Protocol for the District. He said that the Office of Federal and State Accountability within the South Carolina Department of Education, conducted an audit of the District including all the schools within its jurisdiction. Dr. Tullock said that Calhoun County Public School District is meeting the required elements of the Consolidated State Monitoring Protocol and received an "all Clear" rating with no instances of non-compliance.

Dr. Tullock shared the following Superintendent Updates with the Board.

- Saturday, May 20 - Last Saturday to participate in Saturday with the Superintendent for the school year.
- Monday, May 22 - Community Communicators' Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- May 25-26 are half days for students. K-8 Schools will dismiss at 12:15 and CCHS will dismiss at 12:30.
- Saturday, May 27 – Graduation at 9:00 a.m. in the football stadium.
- Monday, May 29 – District Closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- Friday, June 2 – Will be the first Friday that the District Offices will be closed. The last Friday will be August 4.
- Tuesday, July 4 – All offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day.
- Monday, June 5 – Regular Board Meeting at CCHS. The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Superlatives will be recognized.

Dr. Tullock reminded everyone to be aware of the various promotion programs and the end of year celebrations occurring over the next two weeks.

**Financial Report:** Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the April 2023 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in April 2023, the District received 81% of the General Fund Budgeted Revenue, expended 73% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 17% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 90% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. Mrs. Strickland reported that the current taxes collected for April 2023 is 102% of the budget, and delinquent taxes collected for April 2023 was 43% of the budget. She added the District has collected 97% of the total tax budget.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for April 2023. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented the FY 2023-2024 Calhoun County Public School's Budget for second reading. Mrs. Strickland said the changes for the second reading are projections from the State. She said the revenue has increased approximately \$100,000.00 since the first reading. Mrs. Strickland said the budget is out approximately \$700,000.00.

Mrs. Strickland asked the board for approval for the second reading of the FY 2023-2024 budget in **title only**.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the Second Reading of the Calhoun County Public Schools FY 2023-2024 Budget in **title only**. Passed unanimously.

**Public Participation:** None

**Executive Session:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s), Student Expulsion Appeals and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

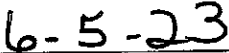
Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Porth announced that the Board was back in open session.

**Board Action(s):** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Personnel Recommendations and Resignations as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins moved with a second by Ms. Fredrick to uphold the expulsions that were presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 11:19 p.m. Passed unanimously.

  
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Board of Trustees Secretary

  
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Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Kennedy  
Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent