

**Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
District Office
December 12, 2022
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.

Election of Officers: Mr. Porth turned the meeting over to Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Superintendent, who opened the floor for nominations for Board Chairperson. Ms. Fredrick moved to nominate Mr. Gary Porth as Board Chairperson. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Porth opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Nelson moved to nominate Mr. Kevin Jenkins as Board Vice Chairperson. Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to close the nominations and elect Mr. Jenkins by acclamation. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Porth opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary. Mrs. Tucker moved to nominate Ms. Debra Fredrick as Board Secretary. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to close the nominations and elect Ms. Fredrick by acclamation. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of November 21, 2022; as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Student Recognition: Dr. Cinthia Wolfe, Deputy Superintendent, asked Dr. Tullock, along with Board Members, Principals and the Art Instructors, to come forward and recognize the winners of the District Winter Greeting Card Contest. Dr. Wolfe said students from each school submitted art work to represent greeting cards sent from our school Board Members and Superintendent. The winners were as follows: Layla Villegas, Calhoun County High School, Kinley Sheetz, Sandy Run K8 School, and Destiny Daff, St. Matthews K8 School.

Chairperson's Report: Mr. Porth congratulated the students and the instructors that were a part of the District Winter Greeting Card Contest.

Financial Report: Mrs. Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented Policy DKC - Expense Authorization/Reimbursement for Second Reading and Amendment.

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve Policy DKC - Expense Authorization/Reimbursement for Second Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Tullock presented to the Board the 2023 School Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar for approval.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the 2023 School Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar as presented. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan, Director of Human Resource and Compliance Officer, presented the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar to the Board for First Reading. Dr. Tullock shared with the Board that during the November 21, 2022 Board Meeting, the Board was presented with Calendar A (Modified Calendar) and Calendar B (Traditional Calendar) as information. He said both calendars were posted to the websites, the schools and District on November 27, 2022 at 8:00 A.M. until December 6, 2022 4:00 P.M. Dr. Tullock added that the Faculty Advisory and Student Advisory Councils were presented the calendars for discussion and input as well as phone messages were sent out to inform stakeholders that the calendars were available for review. Dr. Tullock shared that there were 348 respondents and there were 293 votes for Calendar A and 58 votes for Calendar B.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the 2023 -2024 Academic Calendar for first reading. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy CCA – Organizational Chart for Second Reading and Amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy CCA – Organizational Chart for Second Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the following Facility Updates:

- Specs have been uploaded to the OSF Portal for review for HVAC units.
- An RFP closing is scheduled for this week for the fence at Calhoun County High School.
- An RFP is out for replacement of water fountains at schools and restroom upgrades. He said this will close on January 27, 2023.

Ms. Fredrick asked Mr. Kiernan if the sound system upgrades have been completed. Mr. Kiernan responded that the work has been completed. Mr. Mark Parker, Director of Technology, said that as of last week, all gymnasium sound systems have been completed.

Dr. Tullock shared District Updates with the Board. Dr. Tullock said that prior to the regular scheduled Board meeting, the District recognized the Teachers of the Year, Rookies of the Year, and Support Staff of the Year.

- Teachers of the Year
 - Mrs. Amanda Dukes – Sandy Run K8 School
 - Mrs. Phermella Tullock – St. Matthews K8 School
 - Mrs. Tara King – Calhoun County High School

- Rookies of the Year
 - Mrs. Alicia Dixon – Calhoun County High School
 - Mrs. Sreerashmi Sumesh – St. Matthews K8 School

- Support Staff of the Year
 - Mr. Thomas Wannamaker – District Office
 - Mrs. Kenyatte Colter – Sandy Run K8 School
 - Mrs. Stacey Cokley – Calhoun County High School
 - Ms. Rebecca Ripperdan – St. Matthews K8 School

Dr. Tullock said Saturday with the Superintendent will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022.

Dr. Tullock extended holiday wishes to all students, staff, stakeholders and their family and friends. He said Friday, December 16, 2022 will be early dismissal for students and staff. He said the students at the K8 schools will dismiss at 12:00 and the High School at 12:15. He added the Schools and the District Office will close at 1:00. He concluded by saying staff will return for Staff Development Day on January 2, 2023 and students will return on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Public Participation: None

Executive Session: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s) 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 Mr. Nelson, to approve the hourly increase for bus drivers as recommended by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins moved with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Retention Recommendation as recommended by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Passed unanimously.


Board of Trustees Secretary

1-23-23
Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Kennedy
Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent