

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees
District Office/Live Stream
January 24, 2022

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

1. **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".
2. **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; notices placed on the bulletin boards in all schools and the District Office.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the amended agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the minutes of December 9, 2021 and December 13, 2021 as submitted. Passed unanimously.
5. **Board Recognition:** Dr. Wilson informed the Board that January is "School Board Appreciation Month" and he would like to recognize the Board for the role they play in providing a better future for the students in the District and the service they render. Dr. Wilson thanked the Board for all that they do for the students. Each Board Member was presented a gift of appreciation.

Dr. Wilson asked Mr. Nelson to come forward to be recognized for his ten years of service as a South Carolina School Board member. Mr. Nelson received a pin and certificate for his years of service.

Dr. Wilson asked Ms. Fredrick to come forward to be recognized for her twenty years of service as a South Carolina School Board member. Ms. Fredrick received a pin and certificate for her years of service.

Dr. Wilson asked Mr. Porth to come forward to be recognized for his thirty years of service as a South Carolina School Board member. Mr. Porth received a pin and certificate for his years of service.

Mr. Porth read aloud the South Carolina School Board Member's Ethical Principles and asked fellow Board members to sign a poster that included the Principles. The signed poster will be displayed in the Board Room.

6. **Chairperson's Report:** No Report

7. **Financial Report:** Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the November 2021 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in November 2021, the District received 21% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 36% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 49% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 85% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. She added the current taxes collected for November 2021 was approximately \$471,000.00, which is 14% of the budget and delinquent taxes collected for November 2021 was approximately \$15,000.00, which totals \$337,000.00 for the year. Mrs. Strickland said the total budget of the current tax and delinquent tax is \$6 million. She added the district has collected \$1 million of the \$6 million.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for November 2021. Passed unanimously.

8. **Superintendent's Report:** Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, shared with the Board the last four weeks of the COVID-19 Activity in Calhoun County. He said Calhoun County's COVID-19 Activity for December 29th, January 5th, January 12th, and January 19, 2022 was reported as high.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said there is a low pressure water backflow issue at Sandy Run K-8 School. Mr. Kiernan said that he has had one plumber to come out and inspect it and another plumber will be coming tomorrow. Mr. Kiernan told the Board that he is currently preparing bids for summer projects. He concluded by saying he will bring the bid list to the February board meeting.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy ADF – School Wellness for 1st reading and amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy ADF – School Wellness for 1st reading and amendment.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy JKE – Expulsion of Students and AR JKE-R – Expulsion of Students for 4th reading and amendment.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy JKE – Expulsion of Students and AR JKE-R – Expulsion of Students for 4th reading and amendment.

Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, presented the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar to the Board for approval. He told the Board that 130 votes were received online and Calendar A received 70% (91 votes) and Calendar B received 30% (39 votes).

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Academic Calendar A for the 2022-2023 school year. Passed unanimously. (Copy Attached)

Mrs. Melissa Mack, Head Nurse, updated the Board on the District's Current COVID-19 Status and DHEC Updates. She said the CDC is recommending a five day quarantine and wearing a mask for an additional five days. Mrs. Mack said the district has decided to do the ten day quarantine at this time due to the high positive numbers in the district. She said it is up to the discretion of the school district to increase the number of quarantine days. Mrs. Mack informed the Board that CDC Foundation representatives have been assigned to school districts to help in the schools until July 2022. The representative is allowed to help with anything that is COVID related.

Mr. Mark Parker, Director of Technology, updated the Board on Remote Learning and Technology. He said compared to the last eLearning in the District, this time of eLearning has had great results. He thanked the parents and guardians for their patience, understanding and kindness. Mr. Parker said we do not have enough hotspots in the district due to the State Department of Education being inundated with calls. Mr. Parker thanked his team and teachers for all of their hard work. Mr. Parker said more student devices have arrived last week and he expects the teacher devices to arrive next week.

Dr. Wilson updated the Board on the Senate Voucher Bill S.935. He said last week he attended the sub-committee meeting where Mrs. Beth Phibbs, Director of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators, spoke to the committee members against this Bill. Dr. Wilson provided a copy of the transcript that Mrs. Phibbs presented.


9. **Executive Session:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, 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.

10. **Board Action(s):** None

11. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Passed unanimously.


Board of Trustees Secretary


Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Kennedy, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent