

**Calhoun County Public Schools  
Minutes of the Board of Trustees  
District Office  
October 17, 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.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Mrs. Tucker moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the minutes of September 19, 2022, as submitted. Passed unanimously.

**Chairperson's Report:** None

**Financial Report:** None

**Superintendent's Report:** Mrs. Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, and Dr. Cinthia Wolfe, Deputy Superintendent, reported to the Board of Trustees the Academic Assessment Data and Report Card College and Career Assessment Data. In their presentations, they covered the SC Ready, SC PASS, End of Course, College and Career Readiness, and Multilingual Progress. Additionally, they shared how each school is working toward improving the instructional practices in the classroom to increase student achievement and continuous improvement.

Dr. Wolfe shared with the Board the District's Vision, Mission and Belief Statement. (Copy Attached)

Mr. George Kiernan, Chief of Human Resources and Operations, presented Policy DJ Purchasing and AR DJE-R Purchasing for Second Reading and Amendment.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy DJ Purchasing and AR DJE-R Purchasing for Second Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. George Kiernan presented Policy IHAE – Physical Education for First Reading and Amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy IHAE – Physical Education for First Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. George Kiernan presented Policy JJ – Student Activities, File JJ-E1 and File JJ-E2 – Student Activities for First Reading and Amendment.

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy JJ – Student Activities, File JJ-E1 and File JJ-E2 – Student Activities for First Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. George Kiernan presented Policy JJI Student Athletics for First Reading and Amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve Policy JJI Student Athletics for First Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

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

- The new furniture for grades 1-3 has been placed in classrooms at both K8 schools. The plans are now beginning for the next phase of the furniture upgrade.
- The new playground surface is set to begin in 2-3 weeks at both K8 schools.
- The new digital sign at Calhoun County High School will be installed near the end of November.
- Pest control bids are out and will close November 1, 2022.
- Mr. Kiernan is preparing an RFP for a salary schedule.

Mr. Mark Parker, Director of Technology, updated the Board with Technology Updates. He said the Sound System bid was finalized today. Mr. Parker said the sound system will first be installed at the football field, high school gymnasium and then will move to the other locations. Mr. Parker said the District will start using Canvas which is a Learning Management System tomorrow. Mr. Parker told the board that the District will be moving to a new website on approximately November 1, 2022. He said this new website will greatly improve the page display of data. Mr. Parker reported that the District has received swivel robots and I Pads from the LIFE2, a TSL grant for the teachers. He said, if possible, he will plan to demonstrate the robots at the next Board Meeting. Mr. Parker concluded by informing the Board that new student ID badges are on the way to the District.

Dr. Tullock shared with the Board that today, October 17<sup>th</sup> marks the end of the First Quarter. He said parent/teacher conferences and report card pick-up will take place Thursday and Friday October 27 and 28.

Dr. Tullock recognized Mrs. Amanda Dukes for being selected as the District's Teacher of the Year. He said Mrs. Dukes is a teacher at Sandy Run K8 School. Dr. Tullock said that Mrs. Dukes along with the other finalists, Mrs. Tara King of Calhoun County High School and Mrs. Phermella Tullock of St. Matthews K8 School, will be formally recognized in December at a reception in the Board meeting. Dr. Tullock thanked Mrs. Linda Archie Simmons, Mrs. Tammi Green, and Mr. Chase

Donaldson for serving on the committee that conducted the classroom observations and teacher interviews.

Dr. Tullock reported that through the District Partnership with DHEC, each school will hold a flu vaccine clinic on Thursday, October 27, 2022. Information about signup will come from your child's school.

Dr. Tullock recognized Mr. Yogi Patel and his family for their donation of fifty bookbags to the District. He said the bags have been divided among the schools and will be distributed to students in need. He concluded by thanking all of the many partners who assist the District and its students.

Dr. Tullock said with the upcoming festivities associated with Halloween, he would like everyone to use precautions while out trick or treating. He said to please wear costumes that can be easily seen by motorists and only consume candy and treats that have been inspected by parents.

Dr. Tullock reminded the Board that there will be no school on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 for Election Day. He reminded everyone to exercise your Constitutional right and fulfill your civic duty by casting your vote.

Dr. Tullock shared with the Board the following upcoming District Events:

- October 17                      End of First Quarter
- October 27                      Report Card Conferences
- October 28                      Report Card Conferences, No school for students.
- November 8                      No School for Students, Election Day
- November 12                      Saturday with the Superintendent
- November 15                      District's Health and Wellness Council Meeting at District Office
- November 21                      School Board Meeting
- November 23-25                      No School in Observance of Thanksgiving Break

**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), a Contractual Engineer – HVAC and a Student Expulsion Appeal 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 Mrs. Tucker, to approve Personnel Recommendations and Resignations as presented by the Superintendent.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve a Student Expulsion Appeal as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to adjourn at 10:01 p.m. Passed unanimously.

  
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Board of Trustees Secretary

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11-21-22  
Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Kennedy  
Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent