

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
April 15, 2024
District Office
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. 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: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the minutes of March 18, 2024 as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Student Recognition: Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Superintendent, along with Board Members and Principals, to come forward and recognize the students receiving the Third Quarter Highest GPA Awards for the 2023-24 school year. Each student was given a certificate of award and a Calhoun County Public School Honor Student Yard Sign to be placed at their residence.

Employee Recognition: Mrs. Murdaugh presented the 2023-2024 Third Quarter District's Shining Star Awards to Mrs. Lavetra Sullivan, Mrs. Sunita Marapally, Mr. Pravain Kamble, and Mr. Whittaker Williams. Each employee received a certificate of award and a gift card sponsored by Tri-County Electric Co-op.

Chairperson's Report: Mr. Porth gave a shout-out to Mr. Travis Lawton, Band Director, and the Calhoun County High School Band that recently performed at the Music Man Play that was held in Cameron SC. He said the band performed for the curtain call portion of the play. Mr. Porth said the band did a fabulous job and was well received by the audience.

Finance: No Report

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Murdaugh presented to the Board a Curriculum Update of Teaching and Learning. Mrs. Murdaugh shared a PowerPoint presentation that shared the State Assessment Testing dates as well as the Iready Third Window Assessment of Pre and Post Reading and Math Scores.

Mr. George Kiernan, Chief of Operations and Communications, shared with the Board the following Facility Updates:

- RFP's out for custodial supplies and consultant. RFP will close on April 26, 2024.
- RFP for new scoreboards for all of the high school sports facilities. RFP will close on April 26, 2024.
- Three new HVAC Units for Calhoun County High School should arrive within approximately five weeks.
- New sinks and cabinets for the restrooms at Calhoun County High School are in the planning process.
- Continuing to assess the summer needs and projects in the District.

Mr. Mark Parker, Technology Director, shared Technology Updates with the Board. He introduced the new Calhoun County Public School's App with the Board. Mr. Parker said this app can be used by students, parents and staff. He said there will be training and posters will be placed in the schools that will have the App information. Dr. Tullock asked Mr. Parker if this App mirrors what is on the District website. Mr. Parker responded that it does mirror the website to a certain degree.

Dr. Tullock shared the Superintendent's Updates with the Board. Dr. Tullock thanked everyone that came in support of the Unity Day games that was held on Friday, April 12, 2024 at Calhoun County High School. He said there were students from all three schools converge for a day of team building and games among our Special Ed. students while being supported by their General Ed. peers.

Dr. Tullock extended his gratitude to the Student Advisory Council. He said this group of students meets with him once per quarter, and more if needed, to discuss topics such as the developing of the school calendar, meal choices in the cafeterias, and course offerings at the schools. Dr. Tullock said the young people are leaders among their peers and take on the huge task of trying to solve issues presented at their schools. Dr. Tullock read out the names of the Student Advisory Council to the Board.

Dr. Tullock announced that contracts for certified staff and letters of agreement for retirees and classified staff will be issued on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. He said the documents will be issued electronically and must be signed and returned no later than May 10, 2024. He said Administrator Contracts and letters of agreement will be issued electronically through iVisions.

Dr. Tullock reminded the board and community that the last Early Release Tuesday will be April 30, 2024. He said there will be no early release Tuesdays in May to allow for the administration of State Wide Assessments. He said this information will be sent out in a phone blast.

Dr. Tullock said there are a number of events and programs scheduled to take place over the next few weeks. Dr. Tullock read a list of the following events that will occur prior to the next Board Meeting.

- April 30, 2024 - Faculty Advisory Council Meeting
- May 1, 2024 - Student Advisory Meeting
- May 2, 2024 - Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College Graduation
- May 2, 2024 - St. Matthews K-8 School Academic Awards Program at 6:00 p.m.
- May 3, 2024 - Calhoun County High School Prom
- May 6-10, 2024 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8, 2024 - District Fine Arts Night at Calhoun County High School
- May 9, 2024 - Completers' Program at Calhoun County High School
- May 10, 2024 - Athletic Banquet at Calhoun County High School
- May 14, 2024 - Retirees' Dinner at the Golden Hill's Golf Complex
- May 15, 2024 - Calhoun County High School Pageant
- May 17, 2024 - Senior Night at Calhoun County High School
- May 20, 2024 - Board Meeting at St. Matthews K-8 School

Public Participation: None

Executive Session: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to go into Executive Session to consider Legal Matter - Property, Personnel Recommendation(s), 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.

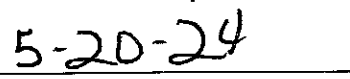
Board Action(s):

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to uphold the Hearing Committee's recommendation for expulsion as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Passed unanimously.


Board of Trustees Secretary


Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Kennedy
Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent