

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees
District Office/Live Stream
October 19, 2020
7:30 P.M.

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

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, as amended, Section 30-4-80-(E), 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:** Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, asked that Face-to-Face Instruction under the Superintendent's Report be moved to the Executive Session. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the agenda with the changes requested by Dr. Wilson. Passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2020, Regular Board Meeting, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)
5. **Student Recognition:** Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer asked Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent and Principals to come forward to accept awards on behalf of the students receiving the Highest GPA for the 4th quarter as well as the Superintendent's Awards. She said the Superintendent's Award is given to the student that has maintained the Highest GPA for all four quarters. She said that each student would receive a monetary gift.
6. **Chairperson's Report:** No Report
7. **Finance Report:** Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the September 2020 Monthly Financial Report. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in September 2020, the District received 10% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 19% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 64% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures with a total of 82% that is expended and encumbered. She added that the current taxes collected for September 2020 was \$343,500.00 and delinquent taxes collected was \$68,000.00.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report for September 2020. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the September 2020 Budget Adjustments.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Budget Adjustments for September 2020. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland added that the SC State Department of Education, has extended the deadline for audits until January 15, 2021, but she plans to have the audit completed by the next Board Meeting.

8. **Superintendent's Report:** Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, shared with the Board the recent COVID-19 Activity in Calhoun County. He said that the Report of October 1st had Calhoun County in the medium category and the reports of October 8th and 15th had Calhoun County in the High category. He said DHEC has started sending out reports every Thursday instead of every other week.

Mr. Kiernan informed the Board of the Facility Updates. He said bleacher repairs will be done at all of the schools. He said more railings will be added to assist people with walking up the bleachers. He said the roof at SMK-8 has some leaks, but is still under warranty and the repairs will be completed soon.

Mrs. Cinthia Wolfe, Chief of Accountability and Administration, shared with the Board the Student Apprenticeship Program winners. She told the Board that Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College is offering a new youth apprenticeship program. Mrs. Wolfe said the college is working with Nephron Pharmaceuticals of Lexington and Husqvarna of Orangeburg, to offer a youth apprenticeship where students will be allowed to work and function as employees. She said the students had to submit an application, resume, and participate in an interview. Mrs. Wolfe said the apprenticeship opportunities were offered to students concentrating in the areas of welding, mechatronics, automotive, IT and business. She said this opportunity allows students to get on the job training, develop soft skills, and technical skills while still in high school and receiving a stipend.

Mrs. Wolfe recognized Konnor Whitfield, a second year welding student. She said Konner will start his apprenticeship on October 26, 2020 at Nephron Pharmaceuticals. Mrs. Wolfe also recognized Ericka Carter, a Pre-Engineer student and said Ericka will soon begin her apprenticeship at Husquavarna. She added that she is very proud of these students and the work of the high school staff. She also thanked Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College for their unwavering efforts in providing life-changing opportunities such as this, to students of Calhoun County. Dr. Wilson said Orangeburg Calhoun-Technical College has been a tremendous part of Calhoun County School District through the years. He said they have offered programs that are going to be life changing for the students, such as dual credits and the apprenticeship.

Mr. Mark Parker, Director of Technology, shared with the Board that security cameras are being installed at Calhoun County High School. He said the installation should be completed around October 12th. Mr. Parker said the cables have been pulled, cameras programmed and door hardware is being installed. He shared with the Board some of the camera views at Calhoun County High School.

Mr. Parker updated the Board on Broadband in the District. He thanked Dr. Wilson for the role he played in getting Calhoun County Schools moved up on the list to receive extra Broadband. He said that the equipment in the Sandy Run area has been installed and the St. Matthews area is waiting on equipment to arrive. He added that it will be a week or possibly two weeks for the project to be completed. Mr. Parker thanked his entire technology staff for all of their hard work and dedication on working on all of the updates.

Mr. Tullock shared with the Board the Report Card Schedule and Pick-up. He said Calhoun County High School will mail report cards out on October 29th and virtual parent/teacher conferences will be held on October 29th and 30th. He said that St. Matthews K-8 School will distribute report cards and have Literacy Night on October 29th from 3:30 to 7:00 P.M. and on October 30th the remaining report cards will be distributed through the cafeteria to parents in vehicles from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. He added that Sandy Run School will have a Trunk or Treat event on October 22nd from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. He added report cards will be distributed through car-line on October 29 at 3:30 – 7:00 P.M. and again on the 30th through the cafeteria to parents in vehicles at 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Mr. Tullock shared with the Board that the Farmers' Market will be held at Calhoun County High School. He said BCBS of SC and Harvest Hope will distribute food items to needy members of Calhoun County community on Friday, November 6, 2020 at 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Dr. Wilson spoke to the Board about the Proposed Property Transfer to Calhoun County. He reminded the Board that the County had requested property to be transferred to them for an Athletic Complex. He said originally they asked for the property across the street from the maintenance shop and then they asked for the property across the street from the football field. After contacting the Bonding Attorney, he said the transfer of the property across from the football field would be complex and costly for the District. Dr. Wilson said that we would not proceed with this property and possibly go back to the original requested property.

9. **Executive Session:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to go into Executive Session to consider Face-to-Face Instruction and Personnel Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s), and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

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

10. **Board Actions:** No Board Actions
11. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Delia Fredrick
Board of Trustees Secretary

11-23-2020
Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Kennedy
Pamela Kennedy, Executive Administrative Assistant
To the Superintendent