

**Calhoun County Public Schools  
Minutes of the Board of Trustees  
Special Called Board Meeting  
June 29, 2023  
Calhoun County High School  
Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Superintendent**

*A Public Hearing for the FY 2023-2024 Third and Final Reading of the Calhoun County Public School Budget was held prior to the regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M.*

**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 Ms. Fredrick, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the May 2023 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in May 2023, the District received \$18,046,178.67 of the General Fund Budgeted Revenue, expended \$15,323,335.88 of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered \$2,226,552.83 of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 92% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. Mrs. Strickland reported that the current taxes collected for May 2023 is \$5,858,524.92 of the budget, and delinquent taxes collected for May 2023 was \$260,415.78 of the budget. She added the District has collected 100% of the total tax budget.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for May 2023. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented to the Board the General Obligation Bond Resolution not to exceed \$3,000,000.00.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the General Obligation Bond Resolution, not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 as presented. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented to the Board the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Resolution. Mrs. Strickland said this is a new resolution that was passed this budget year. Mrs. Strickland said the resolution is to approve the District to participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs for all students.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker to approve the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Resolution as presented by Mrs. Strickland. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker to approve the General Obligation Bond Resolution as presented. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the FY 2023-2024 Calhoun County Public Schools Budget for Third Reading. Mrs. Strickland said the budget is balanced. Mrs. Strickland said the following is included in the budget:

- \$2,500 added to each teacher salary schedule per the State Department of Education's allocation and maintained the 8% local supplement.
- Added a step (24) to the teacher salary schedule
- Bus Drivers received 25% increase per the State Department of Education.
- 5% cost of living increase to all classified salary schedules.
- Created Principal and Assistant Principal salary schedules.
- All employees received 1 step on the salary schedule if eligible.
- Retirement on the employer side increased 1%.
- Health insurance on the employer side increased 3.7% for the calendar year.
- Human Resources Director position added.
- Decreased in FILOT due to the County withholding the solar fees the District received in the past years.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Third Reading of the Calhoun County Public Schools FY 2023-2024 Budget. Passed unanimously.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. George Kiernan, HR Director, presented Policy GCCAC – Paid Parental Leave for School District Employees for First Reading and approval.

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy GCCAC – Paid Parental Leave for School District Employees for First Reading and approval. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Tullock shared with the Board Property Acquisition & Negotiations, (PAN) I-26 Widening Project for information. Dr. Tullock said the District will receive a payment of \$47,610.00 for the disruption of the Bethlehem property. He said in total, the new off ramp is 1.82 acres of the 11-acre site.

Dr. Tullock said the Summer Enrichment and Summer Feeding Program ended today. He said Basketball Camps and workouts for the various sports teams and the student summer jobs programs will continue throughout the summer.

Dr. Tullock shared Superintendent's Updates with the Board. He said The July Board Meeting will take place on Monday, July 17, 2023 at Sandy Run K-8 School.

Dr. Tullock said the Annual Back to School Bash and Health Fair will take place on July 29 from 9 – 1 P.M. on the Football Field at Calhoun County High School.

Dr. Tullock said on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, teachers will return and the following Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, the students will return to school.

Dr. Tullock recognized Dr. Cinthia Wolfe and Mrs. Sky Strickland for their work and dedication to the District. He said the ladies are preparing to close their time with Calhoun County Public Schools. He said Dr. Wolfe is retiring and Mrs. Strickland is going to a new opportunity in another District. He wished them both well in their future endeavors.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, 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. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Personnel Recommendations and Resignations as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Board of Trustees Secretary

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Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Kennedy  
Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent