

**Calhoun County Public Schools  
Minutes of the Board of Trustees  
July 21, 2025  
Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Superintendent**

**Members Present:** Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson; Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Debra Fredrick, Secretary; Mr. Ned Nelson. Absent Mr. Michael Diaz.

**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 Ms. Fredrick, 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 June 9, 2025 and June 23, 2025 as submitted. Passed unanimously.

**Chairperson's Report:** None

**Finance:** Mr. Rusty Brunson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the May/June 2025 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. Mr. Brunson informed the Board that the District received 17% of the Projected Revenue and Year-to Date, 103% of the projected General Fund Budgeted Revenue, expended 22% for the month and 101% for the Year-to-Date for General Fund Expenditures. He said Year-to-Date Encumbrances was 0% for the twelve-month Fiscal Period.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for May/June 2025. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Brunson presented the SCAGO Bond Resolution for approval. He added the Bond is not to exceed \$3,200,000.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the SCAGO GO Bond Resolution not to exceed \$3,200,000. Passed unanimously.

**Superintendent's Report:** Ms. Frances Keller, Human Resources Director, presented a Personnel Update to the Board. She said the District had thirty-nine vacancies for the upcoming school year. Ms. Keller said thirty-three of the vacancies have been filled. She said seventeen of the filled vacancies were certified positions and seven were non-certified positions. Ms. Keller said as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, there were three non-certified vacancies.

Mr. Fred Mack, Director of Federal Grants, presented the Alternative School Update to the Board. He said the goal of the Alternative School Program is to successfully transition the student back to home school. He said through that transition, the goals are to help the student by promoting a healthy social well-being, by improving their academic skills, and by providing a safe, structured and nurturing environment. Mr. Mack shared with the Board a break down of students enrolled, semesters, grade level, gender, ethnicity, IEP distribution and assigned vs. expelled.

Mr. Mack shared plans for the next school year in the program. He concluded by saying the Alternative Program Audit will be done this upcoming school year.

Mr. Mark Parker, Director of Technology, shared Technology Updates with the Board. He said Sandy Run K-8 School had pre-registration on July 16-17, 2025. He said the school had one hundred forty-seven financial transactions online for school fees, and eighty-eight Chromebooks were distributed. He reminded the Board that for grades K5-3, Chromebooks will remain at the school. Mr. Parker said pre-registration will be this week for Calhoun County High School and St. Matthews K-8 School. Mr. Parker shared with the Board the new laptops that will be issued to the high school students. He reminded the Board that all twelfth graders will take their devices home with them at the end of the year.

Mr. Parker shared the updated District Logo with the Board. He said the new Logo has a higher resolution.

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

- The gym floors at St. Matthews K-8 School will be completed this week.
- Three HVAC units were installed at each of the IDF rooms at each school.
- New teacher desks have been placed in each teacher's classroom.
- 16 teacher desks were given to the community members. He said the other remaining desks are categorized as junk and will be disposed of.
- All carpet in the K-8 Schools were professionally cleaned last week.

Mr. Kiernan thanked the custodial and maintenance staff for working hard this summer to get the District ready to open.

Dr. Tullock shared the 2025-26 School Calendar update with the Board. He said the calendar had already been approved by the Board at a previous meeting. He said he wanted to point out some reminders on the calendar. He said the red print added marks Labor Day, Fall Break, Thanksgiving Break, MLK Holiday, Mid-Winter Break, and Spring Break. Dr. Tullock said the calendar is also marked that shows there will be no early release on Tuesdays during the months of April and May. He said the last early release Tuesday will be March 31, 2026.

Dr. Tullock presented Policy CCA – Organization Chart for Second Reading and Amendment. He said this Policy takes into consideration the positions that were not included in the chart for the last amendment.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy CCA – Organizational Chart for amendment and second and final reading. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Tullock shared Superintendent Updates to the Board. He reminded the community that summer break is nearing its end. He said staff will return on Wednesday, July 30, 2025. He said the District will hold the annual back-to-school gathering for staff at the high school. Dr. Tullock said the day will begin with breakfast and a welcome of all staff. He said certified and classified staff will be recognized at the gathering.

Dr. Tullock reminded everyone that students return to the classroom on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. He said the day will be a regular school day for all students and staff. Dr. Tullock said breakfast and lunch will be served and bus service will also begin on that day. Dr. Tullock asked all parents to please make contact with your child's school to ensure they have the correct address on file. He said this will help to make sure their child is on the correct bus. Dr. Tullock asked everyone to please exercise patience as the first few days, and even weeks of school. He said these times will be challenging as the District will be learning new routines. He also asked everyone to please exercise patience, and use extreme caution as they travel in and around school zones and near school buses.

**Public Participation:** None

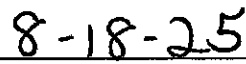
**Executive Session:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel Recommendation(s), a Legal Matter, and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

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 Mr. Nelson, to approve the Personnel Recommendations and Resignations as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Passed unanimously.

  
Board of Trustees Secretary

  
Date of Approval

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