

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees
District Office Boardroom/Live Stream
December 9, 2021

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, Section 30-4-80-(E), as amended, 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. **Election of Officers:** Mr. Porth turned the meeting over to Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, who opened the floor for nominations for Board Chairperson. Ms. Fredrick moved to nominate Mr. Gary Porth as Board Chairperson. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to close the nominations and elect Mr. Porth by acclamation. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Porth opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Nelson moved to nominate Mr. Kevin Jenkins as Board Vice Chairperson. Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to close the nominations and elect Mr. Jenkins by acclamation. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Porth opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary. Mrs. Tucker moved to nominate Ms. Fredrick as Board Secretary. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to close the nominations and elect Ms. Fredrick by acclamation. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.
9. **Superintendent's Report:** Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, shared with the Board the last four weeks of the COVID-19 Activity in Calhoun County. He said Calhoun County's COVID-19 Activity for November 17 and 24, 2021 was reported as low and December 1 and 8, 2021 was reported as medium. Mr. Kiernan added that currently, there are seven positive students, forty-seven quarantined students, 1 positive and one quarantined staff member.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said heaters have been added to both visitors men's restrooms at Calhoun County High School athletic field area. He added that the yearly generator inspection for each of the K-8 schools have been completed.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy JKE – Expulsion of Students and AR JKE-R – Expulsion of Students for 3rd reading and amendment.

After Board discussion, Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, that Policy JKE – Expulsion of Students and AR JKE-R – Expulsion of Students be tabled and brought back to the January Board Meeting for amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy JICI – Weapons in School for 2nd reading and amendment.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy JICI – Weapons in School for 2nd Reading/Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy GCQE – Retirement of Professional Staff for 1st reading and amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy GCQE – Retirement of Professional Staff for 1st Reading/Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy GCD – Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays for 1st reading and amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker to table and bring back to the next Board Meeting Policy GCD – Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays in order to clarify some questions the Board has with the District’s Chief Financial Officer. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy GCC – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences for 1st reading and amendment.

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve Policy GCC – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences for 1st Reading/Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, presented draft copies of the proposed A and B, 2022-2023 Academic Calendars to the Board for information and review. He said both calendars are on the District’s website from December 1st – 15th. Dr. Tullock said the calendars are available for public vote.

Dr. Wilson presented to the Board the Meeting Schedule for 2022 for Board approval.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Board Meeting Schedule for 2022 as presented. Passed unanimously. (Copy Attached.)

10. **Executive Session:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel, Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s) and the Superintendent’s Contract 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.

11. **Board Action(s):** None

12. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to adjourn at 11:05 p.m. Passed unanimously.


Board of Trustees Secretary

1-24-2022
Date of Approval

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