

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees
District Office
June 8, 2026
7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mr. Gary Porth, Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Mr. Ned Nelson, Ms. Debra Fredrick Choose an item.

Call to Order/Moment of Silence: Mr. Gary Porth called the meeting to order, welcomed visitors and staff, and asked everyone present to stand for a Moment of Silence and recite 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. Ned Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Debra Fredrick, to approve the agenda as submitted with suggested changes. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Debra Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Kevin Jenkins to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026 meeting as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Student Recognitions

Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Interim Deputy Superintendent, presented Fourth Quarter Highest GPA's awards to the following: Brittany Yeargin, Josiah Richardson, Carolina Middlemiss, Taylor Padgett, Sofia Almaraz, Christopher Tamayo, Kelsey Prezzy, Payton Charles, Nayeli Bergara, Lezly Gutierrez, Kathy Mendez-Vaca, and Kimberly Aguirre.

Superintendent Awards were awarded to students for outstanding achievement. Brittany Yeargin from Sandy Run K-8 School, and Peyton Charles from St. Matthews K-8 School were recognized.

Employee Recognition

Mrs. C. Murdaugh presented Fourth Quarter District's Shining Staff Awards to the following: Ms. Lois Jang, Mr. Brad Davis, Mr. Dalton Cokley, Ms. Frances Keller and Mrs. Amy Williams.

Ms. Frances Keller recognized the following District Retirees: Mr. Terry Adkins, Mrs. Veronica Primus, Ms. Izetta Buckner, Mrs. Susan Morris, Mrs. Marla Fanning, and Dr. Melissa Peebles.

Finance

Mr. Stanley Brunson, Director of Finance presented the 2026-2027 budget for 3rd Reading. Mr. Brunson stated that there was no report for the month of May and that it would be presented at the next meeting. He briefly reviewed the proposed 2026-2027 budget, noting that projected revenues total \$25,221,773 and projected expenditures also total \$25,221,773, resulting in a balanced budget.

The Board Chair commended Mr. Brunson, the finance staff, district staff, and administration for preparing a balanced budget without using fund balance and without increasing taxes.

A motion was made by Mr. Kevin Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Ned Nelson to approve third reading of the 2026-2027 budget. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously, and the 2026-2027 budget was approved.

Superintendent's Report

Policy JFAB Admission of Nonresident Students - Second Reading- Ms. Keller presented information regarding Policy JFAB, Admission of Non-Resident Students. She explained that the policy revisions were based on the model policy sent from the legislature and the State Department of Education. With no questions or discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kevin Jenkins and seconded by Ms. Debra Fredrick to approve second reading of the revisions to Policy JFAB. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Kiernan presented proposed changes to the 2026-2027 Code of Conduct. He stated that last year's revised behavioral conduct plan provided a more progressive and consistent approach to discipline and received positive feedback from school administrators, teachers,

and parents. Two proposed changes were highlighted: tobacco/vape violations would move from ISS to OSS for a first offense, with progressive consequences for additional offenses; and leaving school without permission would be moved to a more serious infraction due to student safety concerns.

Technology Updates- No Report

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Tullock provided several updates. Summer enrichment programs will continue through June 25, operating Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with breakfast served from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. The summer feeding program will also continue at all school sites through June 25, with breakfast from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. From July 6 through July 23, the feeding program will continue at Calhoun County High School only. Meals are available to youth up to age 18.

Dr. Tullock also noted that basketball camps continue at the high school from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with participants receiving breakfast and lunch. He congratulated Dr. Peoples and Mr. Howard for being recognized by the South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators, with Dr. Peoples named Middle School Principal of the Year and Mr. Howard named High School Principal of the Year. He also recognized Dr. Peoples upon the announcement of her retirement and thanked her for her years of service and dedication to the district.

The district will be closed on Monday, July 6, in observance of Independence Day. The Back-to-School Bash will be held on Saturday, July 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Calhoun County High School gymnasium, with a fashion show planned. Staff will return on Monday, July 27th, and students will return on Monday, August 3rd. The next board meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 2026.

Public Participation-None

Executive Session

Mr. Kevin Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Debra Fredrick, to enter executive session for personnel recommendations and resignations, a legal matter concerning the social media lawsuit, and the superintendent's contract, with the board to return to open session upon completion.

Board Action(s)

A motion was made by Mr. Kevin Jenkins and seconded Ms. Debra Fredrick by to accept the Superintendents recommendation of employment. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kevin Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Michael Diaz to proceed with litigation against Social Media Companies. Passed unanimously.

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



Board of Trustees Secretary

July 20, 2026

Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlene Jenkins
Executive Administrative Assistant