Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees
District Office
July 20, 2026
7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mr. Gary Porth, Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Mr. Ned Nelson, Ms. Debra Fredrick, Mr. Michael Diaz

Call to Order/Moment of Silence: Mr. Kevin Jenkins 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. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Debra Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Michael Diaz, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting, as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Finance: Mr. Stanley Brunson presented the May and June 2026 financial reports and budget adjustments. He reported that the district received 16% of projected revenue during the two-month period and 99% year-to-date. Expenditures totaled 21% for the period and 100% year-to-date, with no remaining encumbrances.

SCAGO GO Resolution: Mr. Brunson presented the annual bond resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds not exceeding $3.2 million for the School District of Calhoun County. The bond sale is expected to take place in mid-September and will provide funding for the district's annual debt obligations.

Mr. Ned Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Debra Fredrick, to adopt the SCAGO GO Resolution as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report - First Reading of Policies

Dr. Tullock presented Policy JFAB, Admission of Non-Resident Students.

Ms. Frances Keller presented:

- Policy CCA – Organizational Chart
- Policy EF – Food Services
- Policy ADF – School Awareness

Mr. Kevin Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Debra Fredrick, to accept the first reading of the mentioned policies. Passed unanimously.

Technology Updates: Mr. Mark Parker, Director of Technology, reported that online registration began at Sandy Run K-8. Duo multi-factor authentication is being piloted and will be expanded to all teachers and staff. The district has also narrowed its selection to one vendor for a new intercom system, with additional information to be presented later.

Mr. Parker announced a partnership with Sharp for multifunction devices. Sharp agreed to provide a technology/STEM scholarship for a graduating senior and financial assistance toward laptops for seniors. Scholarship applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA, demonstrate good character and involvement, have no major disciplinary infractions, and plan to attend an accredited college, technical college, university, or trade school. Financial need, first-generation college status, and plans to pursue technology or STEM will receive additional consideration.

Facilities/Operations Update: Mr. George Kiernan provided the Facilities/Operations update. He commended the custodial and maintenance staff for preparing all buildings for the return of faculty and students. All schools will open to teachers tomorrow for classroom setup. At Sandy Run K-8, the pressure-reducing and pressure-safety valves were repaired, and a damaged fire hydrant line was addressed. Phase one of the football stadium restroom renovations includes replacing the home-side sinks and countertops and replacing the trough-style fixture with two individual urinals. Visitor-side restroom improvements are planned for phase two. The current renovations are expected to be completed in August.

Alternative School Update: Mr. Fred Mack provided an update on the State Department of Education's May 7, 2026, monitoring visit of the district's alternative program. The program was evaluated on 15 indicators related to compliance, disciplinary disruptions, student support, and successful transitions. The district met 14 of the 15 indicators. The only deficiency involved instructional time, as the submitted schedule reflected five hours and 50 minutes rather than the required six hours.

The alternative program schedule was revised by reducing non-instructional time and adding instructional minutes to English language arts, mathematics, and the closing period. The revised schedule now provides 375 instructional minutes, exceeding the state requirement by 15 minutes.

First Steps Appointee: The Board considered the District's appointment to the Calhoun County First Steps Board. Mr. Floyd Dinkins, Principal of Sandy Run K-8 School, requested to relinquish the position. Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Kevin Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Michael Diaz to appoint Ms. Seline Stephens, Literacy Coach at Sandy Run K-8 School, as the district's representative. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Tullock thanked the sponsors, donors, schools, and community partners who participated in the Back-to-School Bash held on July 11, 2026. He stated that families received school supplies and valuable information to help students prepare for a successful school year. Letters of appreciation will be sent to the participating sponsors, donors, and organizations.

Dr. Tullock announced that employees would return on Monday, July 27, 2026, with the staff Back-to-School event being held at Calhoun County High School. Students would return for the 2026–2027 school year on Monday, August 3, 2026. Board members were invited to attend the staff and student welcome-back activities and were asked to notify the district if they planned to participate.

Public Participation: None

Executive Session: Mr. Kevin Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Debra Fredrick, to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters, with the understanding that the Board would return to open session upon completion of the discussion.

Return to Regular Session: Mr. Kevin Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Debra Fredrick, to return to regular session. Passed unanimously.

Board Action(s): Mr. Kevin Jenkins made a motion, with a second by Ms. Debra Fredrick, to accept the personnel recommendations presented by the Superintendent.

Adjourn: Mr. Ned Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Michael Diaz, to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Debra Fredrick

Board of Trustees Secretary

8-17-26

Date of Approval

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Jenkins
Executive Administrative Assistant