

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Calhoun County High School/Live Stream
December 13, 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. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the amended agenda with the changes as requested by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of November 15, 2021 as submitted. Passed unanimously.
5. **Public Participation:** Ms. Dawn Gressette, presented gifts and words of appreciation to Dr. Wilson from the Calhoun County High Schools DECA students.
6. **Chairperson's Report:** Mr. Porth and the Board of Trustees offered words of appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Wilson on his last ten years as the Superintendent of Calhoun County Public Schools.

Dr. Steve Aaron Wilson was honored for his retirement by the Board of Trustees, Congressman James Clyburn, House of Representatives Russell Ott, Mayor Helen Carson-Peterson, Dr. Walt Tobin, Jr., Mrs. Beth Phibbs, his Superintendent's Cabinet and Principals of Calhoun County Public Schools. The night was filled with the years of dynamic service, accomplishments, and philanthropy that Dr. Wilson has acquired over the years. Mrs. Teresa Wilson, wife of Dr. Wilson, and their beautiful family surprised him with their presence to celebrate his retirement. With many gifts and well wishes, Dr. Wilson thanked everyone for a moment to remember and it was sealed with a rose given to everyone by Mrs. Wilson for their untiring support of Dr. Wilson.

7. **Financial Report:** Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the October 2021 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in October 2021, the District received 14% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 27% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 57% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 83% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. She added the current taxes collected for October 2021 was approximately \$286,000.00, which is 5% of the budget and delinquent taxes collected for October 2021 was approximately \$322,000.00 which is 81% of the budget.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for October 2021. Passed unanimously.

8. **Superintendent's Report:** Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, presented Policy GCQE – Retirement of Professional Staff for 2nd reading and amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve Policy GCQE – Retirement of Professional Staff for 2nd reading/amendment. Passed unanimously.

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

After Board discussion, Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick to approve Policy GCD – Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays for 1st reading/amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy GCC – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences for 2nd reading and amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy GCC – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences for 2nd reading/amendment. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Wilson introduced to the Board the Be SMART Memorandum of Understanding Strategic Partnership Agreement. Dr. Wilson said the Be SMART MOU is designed to help parents and adults normalize conversations about gun safety and take responsible actions that can prevent child gun deaths and injuries. Dr. Wilson said on December 9, 2021, he along with Mr. Nelson and Officer Graham traveled to Columbia to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. Dr. Wilson shared with the Board a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding. (Copy Attached)

9. **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 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.

10. **Board Action(s):** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Personnel, Recommendation(s) as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.
11. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Debra Siskind
Board of Trustees Secretary

1-24-2022
Date of Approval

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