

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of Regular Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees
District Office
September 21, 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. 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.

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 August 17, 2026, regular board meeting and September 14, 2026, special called meeting. Passed unanimously.

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Christia Murdaugh recognized two Calhoun County Public Schools students, Jalaya Mack and Anaya Baxter, for their participation in the Tri-County Electric Cooperative Youth Summit.

She also recognized Mrs. Sheila Rivers with a Certificate of Appreciation for her continued support, dedication, and commitment to Calhoun County Public Schools and for helping provide meaningful opportunities for students.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Porth congratulated the students on their accomplishments and commended them for continuing to represent Calhoun County Public Schools with distinction.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Treda Keith-Nelson presented the following policies and administrative rules for second reading:

Policy IJOC – School Volunteers

AR IJOC-R – School Volunteers

Policy IKC – Class Rankings/Grade Point Averages

Policy IKD – Honor Rolls

AR IKD-R – Honor Rolls, Principal's List

Policy IKE – Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students

AR IKE-R – Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students

File IKE-E (1) – Third Grade Notification Letter

File IKE-E (2) – Third Grade Notification Letter to Those Below Standard

Policy ILB – Test Assessment Administration

AR ILB-R – Test Assessment Administration

Policy ILBB – State Program Assessments

AR ILBB-R – State Program Assessments

Mr. Kevin Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Debra Fredrick, to approve six policies and five administrative rules. Mr. Kevin Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Michael Diaz, to approve the deletion of Files IKE-E (1) and IKE-E (2). Both motions passed unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Mr. Mark Parker provided an update regarding the district's E-Rate projects. He reminded the Board that the district had previously exceeded its available E-Rate funding by a combined total of \$42,929, with one project exceeding the allocation by \$21,208 and the second by \$21,711.

Following negotiations and adjustments to the projects, the district was able to reduce costs and fully fund both projects. Mr. Parker reported that approximately \$229,000 was submitted for the projects, with federal E-Rate funding providing approximately \$133,000 for one project and \$95,000 for the second project.

He stated that one project was anticipated to begin during Christmas break, with the second project expected to begin in the spring.

DAKTRONICS PRESENTATION

Mr. Parker introduced Daktronics representatives Ms. Courtney Geiger and Mr. Gale Olson, who presented an overview of the district's proposed video board system. The presentation highlighted student learning opportunities through video production, content creation, and career connections, as well as the board's use for athletics, school events, and community activities. Ms. Geiger also discussed sponsorship opportunities that could help generate revenue for district programs. Daktronics will assist with developing sponsorship packages and marketing materials at no additional cost to the district.

Dr. Tullock reported district enrollment totaling 1,353 students, including 487 students at St. Matthews K-8, 490 students at Sandy Run K-8 School, and 376 students at Calhoun County High School.

Dr. Tullock thanked Board Chair Gary Porth for participating in Constitution Day activities on September 17, 2026. He stated that the presentation was engaging for students enrolled in U.S. History, Government, and World Government classes and emphasized the importance of students understanding that their voices matter within the governmental system. He also thanked Mr. Howard and Dr. Robinson for facilitating the visit. Board members were provided with copies of the pocket Constitution.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Brunson presented the August 2026 Financial Report and budget adjustments. As of August, the district received 3% of projected revenue year to date, with 6% of projected revenue received during the month of August. General Fund expenditures totaled 7.8% for the month and 11% year to date. General Fund encumbrances were 69% for the 12-month fiscal period.

Mr. Brunson explained that state funding received for July and August was based on the prior year's figures. Updated state funding information was expected the following day, and the district will review the new figures once received.

Mr. Brunson also reported that the district was continuing discussions with the audit firm. Financial reports and supporting documentation had been uploaded over the previous month for preliminary audit work. The auditors were scheduled to be onsite the following week to conduct fieldwork.

Mr. Ned Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Kevin Jenkins, to approve the August Financial Report as submitted. Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Athletic Trainer

A parent expressed concern about the district's lack of an athletic trainer, citing several sports-related injuries and emphasizing the importance of student-athlete safety. The athletic trainer position remained advertised, but the district had not yet been able to fill it.

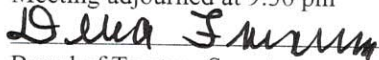
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Kevin Jenkins and seconded by Ms. Debra Fredrick to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters, including recommendations and resignations, and the Superintendent's contract, and to return to open session upon completion of the discussion. Passed unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Upon returning from executive session, Mr. Porth announced that the Board was back in open session. Mr. Michael Diaz moved, with a second by Ms. Debra Fredrick, to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm


Board of Trustees Secretary

10-26-26

Date of Approval
Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Jenkins