

**Calhoun County Public Schools**  
**Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**District Office/Live Stream**  
**April 25, 2022**  
**Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Superintendent**

**Members Present:** Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson; Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Debra Fredrick, Secretary; Mrs. Sandra Tucker; and Mr. Ned Nelson.

**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".

**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. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the minutes of March 21, 2022 as submitted. Passed unanimously.

**Student Recognition:** Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Superintendent, Dr. Cinthia Wolfe, Deputy Superintendent, along with Board Members, and Principals to come forward to assist with the recognition of students receiving the Third Quarter Highest GPA Awards. (List of students attached.)

Mrs. Murdaugh asked Joy Johnson to come forward and be recognized for being accepted into the S.C. Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities – Arts Odyssey Program for Drama. Mrs. Murdaugh said that Joy is a seventh grade student at Sandy Run K-8 School. She said this is a one week, overnight program for students interested in concentrating in Creative Writing, Drama, Music or Visual Arts.

**Chairperson's Report:** none

**Financial Report:** Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the March 2022 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in March 2022, the District received \$13,521,510.63 of the General Fund Budgeted Revenue which is 75% of the budget. She said the District has expended 65% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 23% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 88% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. Mrs. Strickland said the taxes for March will be included in next month's financial report.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for March 2022. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented the FY 2022-2023 Calhoun County Public School's Budget for first reading. She said the following are items that are included in the budget. Mrs. Strickland said the revenue of the budget is based on what the House passed.

- \$4,000.00 has been added to the minimum teacher salary schedule.
- Proviso still active stating we have to maintain local salary supplements per teacher to be no less than the prior year.
- All eligible teachers receive a step for a year of experience, up to the max years.
- All eligible staff receive a year of experience up to the max years.
- Bus drivers required 5% raise.
- All classified staff 5% raise.
- Not replacing 8 positions.
- Health insurance, employer side, increases 18.1% for the year, 9.05% for FY 22/23 budget.
- Retirement, employer side, increases 1%.
- Cost of goods increasing.

Mrs. Strickland asked the board for approval in **title only**.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the first Reading of the Calhoun County Public Schools FY 2022-2023 Budget in **title only**. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland shared with the Board about the 2020-2021 Risk Assessment information from the SC Department of Education. She said Calhoun County School District received a score of nine, which is low risk.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Superintendent, asked Dr. Cinithia Wolfe, Deputy Superintendent to come forward before the Board. Dr. Tullock announced Dr. Wolfe will serve in the role of Deputy Superintendent. He said he wanted to formally introduce her in this new role to the community. Dr. Wolfe said that it is a pleasure and a blessing to serve the families and students of Calhoun County, and she is looking forward to working under Dr. Tullock as Superintendent.

Dr. Tullock shared with the Board a comparison of the last three years of the 135<sup>th</sup> Day Report for the district. He said our current average daily membership is 1,464.38 in student count. Dr. Tullock said the average daily membership starts on the first day of school and is the average of all 135 days leading up to the 135<sup>th</sup> day. He added that is how the district receives funding from the State Department.

Dr. Tullock shared with the Board End of Year Information and dates. He said the students' last day for school is May 31<sup>st</sup>. He said May 27<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> will be early release days in the

district. Dr. Tullock said beginning June 10 –August 5, 2022, the District will be closed on Fridays and will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, shared with the Board an Assessment Update for testing and accountability in the District. She said that a rating will not be given to the District this year; however, the District will still have the same accountability with testing. Mrs. Murdaugh shared a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of the District testing dates and testing information.

Mr. Kiernan, Director of Human Resources and Operations, shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said Johnson Controls visited both K-8 schools and tested the fire connection water pressure in each wing and completed a five year sprinkler inspection at Sandy Run K-8 School approximately two weeks ago. He said he is finalizing the playground resurface of both K-8 schools and the purchase of new furniture for first through third grade classrooms.

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

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy GCC – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy GDC – Support Staff Leaves and Absences for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and amendment.

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve Policy GDC – Support Staff Leaves and Absences for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy JFAB – Admission of Non-resident Students for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and amendment.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve Policy JFAB – Admission of Non-resident Students for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and amendment. Passed unanimously.

**Public Participation: None**

**Executive Session:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel, Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s), a Catastrophic Leave Request and Expulsion Appeals, 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.

Dr. Tullock asked Mr. Kiernan to come forward and announced that Mr. Kiernan's title has been changed from Human Resources Director to Chief of Human Resources and Operations.

**Board Action(s):** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment and resignations. Passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:19 p.m.  
Passed unanimously.

Debra Fushnik

Board of Trustees Secretary

may 16, 2022

Date of Approval

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