

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
March 18, 2024
Sandy Run K-8 School
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. 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: Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Superintendent, requested that Homeschool Application Approval, under the Superintendent's Report, be moved to the Executive Session to protect student privacy. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the agenda with the change as requested by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the minutes of February 26, 2024 as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Chairperson's Report: None

Finance: Mr. Rusty Brunson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the February 2024 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. Mr. Brunson informed the Board that in February 2024, the District received 22.5 % for the month and 65% year-to-date of the General Fund Budgeted Revenue. He said for the month of February, 14.6% was expended and year-to-date was 60% of the General Fund Expenditures. Mr. Brunson said Year to Date Encumbered is 26.2% for the first eight months of the fiscal year.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for February 2024. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Brunson told the Board that the Finance Office is continuing the budget process for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. He said the State has sent out its first projection which shows an increase. He reminded the Board this projection could change.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Floyd Dinkins, Sandy Run K-8 School Principal, shared with the Board a video that highlighted all of the recent activities and accomplishments that are taking place at Sandy Run K-8 School with the students and staff.

Mr. George Kiernan, Chief of Operations and Communications, shared with the Board the following Facility Updates for the month of December:

- New bleachers will be installed in the Softball field. The bleachers will be installed before the first game.
- New furniture for the Cafeteria at St. Matthews K-8 School and Sandy Run K-8 School are installed.
- Walk-throughs at the schools to look for projects that need to be done during the summer months.

Mr. Mark Parker, Technology Director, shared Technology Updates with the Board. He said the initiative (Linewize) that was presented at an earlier Board Meeting that will allow the teachers to see what the students are working on while on their screens has been completed at Sandy Run and St. Matthews K-8 Schools. Mr. Parker presented a demonstration of how the program works in the classroom.

Mr. Parker informed the Board that at the next Board Meeting, he will be presenting a new Calhoun County Public School App.

Dr. Tullock presented June Board of Trustees' Meeting to the Board. He said the meeting is currently scheduled for June 17th and he requested that the meeting be moved to June 10, 2024. He said the Board will be recognizing the Highest GPA students for the 4th Quarter at the June meeting. Dr. Tullock said he does not want the students to leave for the summer without receiving their honors.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to move the June Board of Trustees meeting from June 17, 2024 to June 10, 2024. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Tullock spoke to the Board regarding possible 2023-2024 Academic Calendar change. He said on April 8, 2024, parts of the United States is expected to experience a partial to total solar eclipse. He said the eclipse is timed to occur beginning around 2:00 p.m. and lasting until after 4:00 p.m. He said this is during the time of dismissal and sporting activities for students. He said he spoke to Dr. Donald Walter with South Carolina State University, and he does not expect this eclipse to be like the eclipse we experienced several years ago in 2017. Dr. Tullock said Sheriff Thomas Summers said he does not expect to have any increased traffic. He said Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, is researching the purchase of the solar eclipse glasses for the students if they want to look up at the eclipse. Dr. Tullock said the sporting events that were schedule for that day (Monday) will now take place on the next day. Dr. Tullock said at this point, the school will be scheduled as normal on that day. He reminded the Board that there is a possibility of having to alter the schedule if he receives new information.

Dr. Tullock shared the Superintendent's Updates with the Board. He asked Dr. Treda Nelson, Chief Accountability Officer, to come forward and present a flag and decal that will be displayed that marks the District's Accreditation with COGNIA.

Dr. Tullock reminded the Board that Saturday with the Superintendent will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024. He said people can sign-up by calling Mrs. Kennedy or by going to the District's website to schedule a time.

Dr. Tullock reminded the community that the District will observe Spring Break on Friday, March 29 through Friday, April 5. He said students and staff will return to the classroom on Monday, April 8, 2024.

Dr. Tullock said the Community Communicator's Meeting and the School Improvement Council will meet on April 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office.

Dr. Tullock said there are two important dates coming up. He said on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, staff will be trained in seizure recognition. He said this training is being sponsored by the SC Advocates for Epilepsy. Dr. Tullock said upon completion of this training, the District will be the first in the State to have been trained. Dr. Tullock said on Friday, April 12, the Special Education Department will hold its Annual Unity Day Games. He said the games will begin at 9:00 a.m. on the football field at the high school.

Dr. Tullock said the April Board Meeting will take place on April 15, 2024 at the District Office. Dr. Tullock thanked Mr. Dinkins and the Sandy Run K-8 Community for hosting tonight's Board Meeting.

Dr. Tullock thanked the Board for allowing him to take part in the National Center for Educational Research Technology (NCERT) conference last weekend. Dr. Tullock said the event was very informative with think tank discussions. Dr. Tullock said as one of the newest members, he received a gift from Diane's Legacy. Dr. Tullock asked Mr. Dinkins to come forward and accept the books for his hospitality of hosting tonight's Board Meeting.

Public Participation: None

Executive Session: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to go into Executive Session to consider Legal Matter - Property, Personnel Recommendation(s), and the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract, 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.

Board Action(s): Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve Option One of the Homeschooling Request. Passed unanimously.

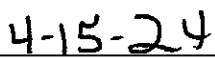
Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve a \$10,000.00 salary increase for the Superintendent effective July 1, 2023. Passed unanimously.

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



Board of Trustees Secretary



Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Kennedy
Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent