

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees
District Office/Live Stream
September 21, 2020
7:30 P.M.

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, as amended, Section 30-4-80-(E), 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:** Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, asked that the last two items under the Superintendent's Report - Heading Partnership: Property Transfer to Calhoun County and Instructional Proposal: An Academic Re-opening Plan be moved to the Executive Session. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the agenda with the changes requested by Dr. Wilson. Passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2020, Regular Board Meeting, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)
5. **Chairperson's Report:** No Report
6. **Finance Report:** Mr. Frank Rainwater, Executive Director, Department of SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, updated the Board and presented a PowerPoint of the Revenue Update for the State.

Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the July 2020 Monthly Financial Report and the July 2020 Budget Adjustments. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in July 2020, the District received 3% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 4% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 76% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures with a total of 80% that is expended and encumbered. She added that the current taxes collected for July 2020 was \$124,624.00 and delinquent taxes collected was \$16,000.00.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and the Budget Adjustments for July 2020. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the August 2020 Monthly Financial Report and the August 2020 Budget Adjustments. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in August 2020, the District received 7% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 11% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 70% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures with a total of 81% that is expended and encumbered. She added that the current

taxes collected for August 2020 was \$117,000.00 and delinquent taxes collected was \$14,000.00.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and the Budget Adjustments for August 2020. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland updated the Board on the State's Budget. She said The Senate passed the budget and sent it back to the House on Wednesday. She said the budget includes a step for teachers and to hire school nurses. She added that if the House does not approve the budget this week, they will operate under the continuing resolution until the 2021/2022 budget is approved.

7. **Superintendent's Report:** Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, shared with the Board the Recent COVID-19 Activity in Calhoun County. He said as of September 14, 2020, that Calhoun County is in the medium category.

Mr. Kiernan informed the Board of the Facility Updates. He said handrails at the football stadium are currently being installed and that more rails are in the future plans to be added. He said the rails and the bleacher repairs will be completed by October 12, 2020. Mr. Kiernan said there were some leaks in the roof at Sandy Run K-8 School. He said the roof is still under warranty and the repairs have been completed. Mr. Keirnan told the Board that the District has received a safety grant and the money was used to purchase non slip shoes for the cafeteria workers, custodians and bus drivers. He told the Board that the district is in the process of installing LED lights in the schools. Mr. Nelson asked Mr. Kiernan if he has checked with Dominion Energy regarding the LED lights compensation for businesses. Mr. Keirnan responded by saying that Dominion Energy does offer rebates and he will be contacting the company regarding the possibility of compensation.

Mr. Kiernan updated the Board on the District's current Procedures and Protocols for COVID-19 and Test Positive Employees by presenting a PowerPoint presentation. (Copy of PowerPoint Attached)

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board, Calhoun County School's Action Plan for hosting athletic events in the District. He said that the plan is for Volleyball and Football events. Mr. Kiernan said the SC High School League has issued some guidelines. He said one of their most important guidelines is only 250 people in a building or only 50 percent capacity. He shared with the Board Calhoun County Schools plans. (Copy of Plan Attached)

Dr. Wilson thanked Mr. Keirnan for his work on the Safety procedures for the students and staff due to COVID-19. He said Mr. Kiernan has worked extremely hard getting all of the supplies in the schools and working with the staff to make sure the buildings are clean. He also thanked Mrs. Murdaugh for ordering the air purifiers for all classrooms and offices.

Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, spoke to the Board about the Student Counts for the District. He reported that on August 17, 2020, 1,344 students logged in for instruction and on September 14, 2020, 1,585 students were logged in for attendance.

8. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to go into Executive Session to consider Property Transfer to Calhoun County, Instructional Proposal: An Academic Re-opening Plan, Personnel Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s), and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

Upon return from Executive Session, Mr. Porth announced that the Board was back in open session.

9. **Board Actions**: No Board Actions
10. **Adjournment**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to adjourn at 9:53 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Board Secretary

Date of Approval