

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees
District Office
March 15, 2021
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 Financial Report be removed from the agenda due to a copying error issue. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the agenda with the change as requested by Dr. Wilson. Passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the minutes of February 15, 2021, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)
5. **Public Participation:**
 - Dr. Peggy Whittenburg, Guidance Counselor, addressed the Board regarding the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar.
 - Mr. John Sawvell, Art Teacher, addressed the Board regarding the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar.
 - Ms. Tiffany Jones addressed the Board regarding the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar, Face-to-Face and eLearning for next year, and concerns regarding communication and safety precautions.
 - Mrs. Racheal Swartz addressed the Board about various concerns as a parent.
 - Mrs. Susan Rucker address the Board regarding the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar.

Mr. Porth thanked everyone that spoke and said that each person would receive a letter from the Superintendent addressing their concerns.

6. **Chairperson's Report:** No Report
7. **Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the last four weeks of the COVID-19 Activity in Calhoun County. He said that Calhoun County's COVID-19 Activity for February 17, was reported as medium, February 24 was reported as medium, March 3 was reported as low and March 10 was reported as medium.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said the bid for LED lights for all schools are beginning to come in. He said the bid will close on March 24, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. Mr. Keirnan said he is working on the parking lot bid package for SRS. He added that warranty information for the roof leaks at CCHS has been sent to the company for review and he is waiting on the response.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board a Teacher and Staff Vaccine Update. He said last Wednesday, March 10, 2021, the Calhoun County School District and Calhoun County, teamed up to provide COVID-19 vaccines at Calhoun County High School. He said local community members as well as some of the district's faculty and staff were vaccinated. Mr. Kiennan said that Friday, March 12, 2021 the District Office was used as the location to administer COVID-19 vaccines to faculty and staff. He added that the follow-up vaccine will be offered on April 7 and 12, 2021.

Mr. Kiernan updated the Board regarding the COVID-19 Status by School. He gave each board member a copy of the current COVID-19 activity within the schools. He said that this information is now on the District's Website and will be updated daily.

Mr. Mark Parker shared with the Board Technology Updates. He said that the band width for the District has been upgraded and tested. Mr. Parker updated the Board on the current COVID-19 Safety Periodicals in the Technology Department. He said students will no longer go to the Media Center in the schools for assistance with their devices. He said the students will put their request in and leave the device in the boxes that will be provided on the halls. He added the devices will be cleaned and sanitized. Mr. Parker talked to the Board about the 2021-2022 Device Refresh. He said he is planning to update the student's devices for the next school term. He said he is receiving quotes from Dell, HP and Lenovo. Mr. Parker told the Board that he is starting the search early because there is a nationwide shortage of devices. Mr. Parker informed the Board he is looking into starting some virtual classroom/distant learning classrooms for the students. He added that Orangeburg County School District gave one distance learning device to the District. Mr. Parker informed the Board that the District is looking at a Time Clock project and badges for staff employees. He added this will assist the work-flow and efficiency with Human Resources and Finance. Mr. Parker said security measures are being updated such as additional cameras in the schools and changing the front and side doors at the District Office for security reasons. Mr. Parker concluded by informing the Board that electronics have been updated in the Board Room.

Mr. M. Howard, Mrs. M. Vickers and Dr. T. Keith, Principals, spoke to the Board about 2021 – 2022 Calendar, Principal's Perspective. Each Principal shared their personal thoughts and shared the responses they received from faculty/staff as well as parents from each school.

Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent and Dr. Cinthia Wolfe, Chief of Accountability and Administration, spoke to the Board about the 2021 – 2022 Calendar. Mr. Tullock shared an overview of the calendar and Dr. Wolfe gave a re-cap of the intercession days for students.

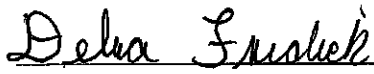
Dr. Wilson presented the 2021 – 2022 Calendar for Adoption. After Board discussion, Mr. Jenkins moved with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to accept the 2021 – 2022 Calendar for Adoption as presented by the Superintendent. Mr. Porth, no, Mrs. Tucker, no and Mr. Nelson, no. Motion Failed with 2 - Yes, 3 - No.

8. **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 Legal: Parking Lot Project at Sandy Run K-8, Personnel: Financial 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:** Mrs. Tucker moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 10:24 P.M. Passed unanimously.

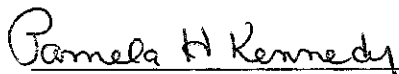


Board of Trustees Secretary



Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,



Pamela Kennedy, Executive Administrative Assistant
To the Superintendent