

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees
District Office Boardroom/Live Stream
September 20, 2021

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, Section 30-4-80-(E), as amended, 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 Policy JKE, AR JKE R and Policy JICI, be moved to Executive Session for discussion and brought back to the Regular Session for action. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the agenda with the changes as requested by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the minutes of August 20, 2021, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)
5. **Public Participation:** None
6. **Chairperson's Report:** None
7. **Financial Report:** Mrs. Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the July 2021 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in July 2021, the District received 3% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 4% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 74% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 77%. Mrs. Strickland told the Board that the Current Tax Report shows a negative \$26,419.45. She said this negative is due to a refund that was given to CSX Transportation and this total is the amount the District had to give back in the refund. Mrs. Strickland said the delinquent taxes collected for July 2021 was \$110,000.00, which is 27% of the delinquent tax budget. Mrs. Strickland added that the current taxes last year in the month of July was, \$124,623.00 compared to what the current balance is now. She said hopefully, the difference will be made up throughout the year.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for July 2021. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented the August 2021 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in August 2021, the District received 6% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 11% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 67% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 58% of the

General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. Mrs. Strickland said the current taxes collected for August 2021 was approximately \$110,000.00, which is 10% of the budget and delinquent taxes collected for August 2021 was approximately \$133,000.00, which is 33% of the delinquent tax budget.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for August 2021. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland spoke to the Board about the District's Audit for 2020-2021. She said that J.W. Hunt Company has started the District's preliminary audit on July 25, 2021 and the official audit began on August 25, 2021 and the audit is going well.

8. **Superintendent's Report:** Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, shared with the Board the last six weeks of the COVID-19 Activity in Calhoun County. He said that Calhoun County's COVID-19 Activity for August 11, 18, 25 and September 1 and 8, 2021 was reported as high and September 15, 2021 was reported as medium.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said the Fresh Air Make Up System at Sandy Run School is complete. Mr. Kiernan said projects are already in the plans for the summer of 2022 as well as the school year.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy GBK – Staff Concerns/Complaints/Grievances for 2nd Reading/Amendment and approval.

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve Policy GBK – Staff Concerns/Complaints/Grievances for 2nd Reading/Amendment and approval. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Melissa Mack, Lead Nurse, updated the Board on the Start of Fourth Week: District's COVID-19 Status & New DHEC Guidelines. Mrs. Mack presented a PowerPoint and talked in detail about the current changes.

Mr. Mark Parker, Technology Director, updated the Board on the 2021 Refresh Year & Technology Update. He said 1,200 Chromebooks have already been distributed to the K-8 Schools. The Lenovo ThinkPad's Laptops arrived last week. The devices are now being processed by the company staff from Greenville. Mr. Parker said after the devices have been processed, the District Technology Staff will begin programing the devices. He said the later part of September - October, the teachers' devices should arrive. Mr. Parker said the desk top monitors have arrived and he is now waiting on the CPU towers to arrive in October – November. He told the Board the information for the time clocks will be completed this coming Wednesday and at that time, security badges will need to be programed for the time clocks. Mr. Parker told the Board that surplus devices will not be for sale this year. He said the devices will be used for inventory in the event something happens to the current devices. Mr. Parker added that Network Assessment is scheduled to take place the first part of October. This is an audit for our devices in the District.

Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, shared with the Board the After School Tutoring & Closing the Achievement Gap. She shared with the Board the schedule and times for the after school programs as well as the funding source.

Dr. Cinthia Wolfe, Chief of Accountability and Administration, shared with the Board the 2021 School Year & Student Recovery. She reported to the Board that currently there are 1,561, students enrolled in Calhoun County Public Schools. She said that last year there were 1,590 which is a loss of 29 students. Dr. Wolfe said the loss of some students is due to COVID and she is hopeful that the District will regain these students back.

Dr. Steve Wilson talked to the Board about School Facility Suspension of Community requested activities. He said as of today, due to the pandemic, all requests for community activities in the District have been suspended. Dr. Wilson said based on Policy KF Community Use of School Facilities, we are in our rights to suspend community activities due to safety issues.

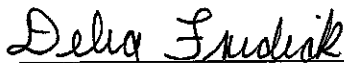
9. **Executive Session:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel, Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s), Appeal Hearing, Research and Policies TBD, Legal: MOU Calhoun County Recreation Department Athletics' Proposal and Superintendent's Departure & Replacement Considerations 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.

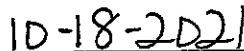
10. **Board Action(s):** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve Policy JKE – Expulsion of Students, AR JKE R – Expulsion of Students and Policy JICI – Weapons in School for 1st Reading/Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment and resignations. Passed unanimously.

11. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Passed unanimously.



Board of Trustees Secretary



Date of Approval

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