

**Calhoun County Public Schools**  
**Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**District Office/Live Stream**  
**February 14, 2022**

**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; 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 amended agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the minutes of January 24, 2022 as submitted. Passed unanimously.

**Student Recognition:** Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, presented a PowerPoint Presentation recognizing students having the Highest GPA for the first quarter. She said each student would receive a certificate.

**Public Participation:** Ms. DeAlva Wilson, sister of Dr. Steve Wilson, asked to make a presentation from the family, honoring Dr. Wilson on his upcoming retirement.

**Chairperson's Report:** Mr. Gary Porth, Board Chairperson, presented Dr. Wilson with a gift from the Board of Trustees, honoring Dr. Wilson for his time serving as Superintendent of Calhoun County Public Schools for over eleven years and his retirement. Board members shared with Dr. Wilson comments of appreciation, memories and best wishes.

**Financial Report:** Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the December 2021 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in December 2021, the District received 28% of the General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 42% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 43% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 85% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. She added the current taxes collected for December 2021 was approximately \$2,454,000.00, which is 44% of the budget and delinquent taxes collected for December 2021 was approximately \$338,000.00, which is 85% of the delinquent tax budget. Mrs. Strickland said the District has collected 47% of the total tax budget as of December 31, 2021.

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

Mrs. Strickland presented the January 2022 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in January 2022, the District received 34% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 50% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 35% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 86% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. Mrs. Strickland said the County did not have the current taxes collected for January 2022 available for tonight's Board Meeting. Mrs. Strickland said she will have the January tax information available at the next board meeting.

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

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, shared with the Board the last two weeks of the COVID-19 Activity in Calhoun County. He said Calhoun County's COVID-19 Activity for February 2 and February 9, 2022, was reported as medium.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He gave an update regarding the low water pressure/water backflow issue at Sandy Run K-8 School. Mr. Kiernan said that after replacing several parts, hiring a local plumber, and contacting Devro Inc., that was having the same issue, it became apparent that the problem was with the county. He reminded them that originally the county said it was a district issue. Mr. Kiernan told the Board that he would be contacting the county regarding the issue.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the Summer Capital Improvement plans he has for the district.

- HVAC Upgrades at St. Matthews K8, Sandy Run K8
- St. Matthews K8 Parking Lot – Sealcoat, Stripe, Pothole Repairs
- Additional Railings for Football Stadium
- Digital Sign For Calhoun County High School
- Furniture for both K8 Schools in Grades 1-3
- Playground Surface Upgrades at St. Matthews K8 and Sandy Run K8

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy GCD – Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays for 2nd reading and amendment.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy GCD – Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays for 2nd reading and amendment. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, updated the Board on Current Federal Grants Status. He said ESSER I funds will end on September 30, 2022. Dr. Tullock said the District was allocated \$506,478 and as of today, 98% of that fund has been spent. He said the balance left is \$11,393. Dr. Tullock said the ESSER I funds were used for the following:

- Educational Technology
- PPE Supplies
- Extended School Year
- Time Clocks

Dr. Tullock said ESSER II funds will end on September 30, 2023. Dr. Tullock said the District was allocated \$2,317,268 and as of today, 36% of that fund has been spent. He said the balance left is \$1,488,321. Dr. Tullock said the ESSER II funds were used for the following:

- Summer Enrichment
- Staff Salary and Fringes
- Curriculum for K-3
- Food Service Salary and Fringes
- Sanitation Supplies
- Time Clocks

Dr. Tullock said ESSER III funds will end on September 30, 2024. Dr. Tullock said the District was allocated \$5,207,988. He said of this fund we must spend 20% minimum on learning loss. He said the balance left is \$4,061,008. Dr. Tullock said the ESSER III funds will be used for the following:

- Learning Loss
- Educational Technology
- Mental Health Services and Support
- Improve Indoor Air Quality in School Facilities
- Staff Salaries and Fringes

Dr. Wilson gave comments of thanks and appreciation of all that has been done for him and his family while serving as Superintendent of Calhoun County Schools.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel, Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s) 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 Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment and resignations. Passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Debra English  
Board of Trustees Secretary

3-21-22  
Date of Approval

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