

**Calhoun County Public Schools  
Minutes of the Board of Trustees  
District Office  
January 23, 2023  
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. 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; The District Website and 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 agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022, as submitted. Passed unanimously.

**Board Recognition:** Dr. Tullock recognized the Calhoun County Board of Trustees. Dr. Tullock said that school districts across the Country use the month of January to recognize School Board Members and thank them for their civic service to their communities, students and constituents. He said that Board members spend countless hours reviewing policies, listening to concerns and preparing for and attending meetings. Dr. Tullock said Board members often give of their time to attend trainings and conferences to learn to be the best servants. Dr. Tullock thanked the Board members for their time and dedication to Calhoun County Public Schools, the nearly 1,500 students, and the many constituents.

Dr. Tullock asked Dr. Cinthia Wolfe, Deputy Superintendent, and the Superintendent's Cabinet, to come forward and assist in presenting gifts to the Board from the District Staff.

Dr. Tullock asked Mr. Milton Howard, Principal to come forward along with Mrs. Tara King, Teacher and Richard Blacks, student, and present gifts from the staff and students of Calhoun County High School.

Dr. Tullock asked Dr. Treda Nelson, Principal, to come forward along with Janiya Evon, Kathy Nendez Vaca, Dejora Clark, and Brantley Beale, students, and present gifts from the staff and students of St. Matthews K-8 School.

Dr. Tullock asked Mr. Chris Mack, Principal, to come forward and present gifts, a video by Dr. Sermon and a video presentation from the band students of Sandy Run K-8 School.

Dr. Tullock asked Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, to come forward and read aloud the South Carolina School Board Member's Ethical Principles and asked fellow Board members to sign a poster that included the Board Principles. The signed poster will be displayed in the Board Room.

**Chairperson's Report:** None

**Financial Report:** Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the November 2022 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in November 2022, the District received 3.8 million dollars which is 20% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 6.3 million dollars, encumbered 9.7 million dollars with a total of 84% of the General Fund Budgeted Encumbered and Expenditures. She added the current taxes collected for November 2022 was approximately \$862,000.00, which is 15% of the budget and in delinquent taxes collected for November 2022 was approximately \$112,000.00, which is 22% of the budget totaling \$974,000.00, which is 16% of the current and delinquent tax budget.

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

Mrs. Strickland presented the December 2022 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in December 2022, the District received 4.4 million dollars which is 23% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 43%, and encumbered 42% with a total of 85% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. Mrs. Strickland added that the County did not have the December tax information when the reports were prepared. She said she will have the report at the next board meeting.

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

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Wolfe shared with the Board a Band Trip to Atlanta for a Primetime Performance for information. Dr. Wolfe said the District's Marching Thunder and Lightning Band has been honored with an invitation to perform at the opening of the Atlanta Hawks and Cleveland Cavaliers NBA Basketball Game. This game will be held in prime time on February 24, 2023. Dr. Wolfe shared that the students will also have other opportunities the next day to perform and tour institutions of higher learning.

Mr. Whittaker Williams, Director of Food Services, updated the Board on the recent District's School Health Advisory & Wellness Council Food Tasting Event that was held on January 9, 2023 at the District Office. Mr. Williams shared with the Board a video of an interview that WLTX had with him regarding the Tasting Event. Mr. Williams said that the next tasting event will be held on February 6, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Training Room. Mr. Williams shared with the Board that he is in the process of putting a Teacher's Café at Calhoun County High School. This café will include a hot bar and salad bar.

Mr. George Kiernan, Director of Human Resource and Compliance Officer, presented the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar to the Board for Second Reading.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the 2023 -2024 Academic Calendar for second reading. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy GBGA Staff Health for First Reading and Amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy GBGA Staff Health for First Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy EC Buildings/Grounds/Property Management for First Reading and Amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy – EC Buildings/Grounds/Property Management for First Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the following Facility Updates:

- District is working with MECA and OSF to finalize the OSF portion of the HVAC units at both K8 School Gymnasiums and SMK8 School Cafeteria.
- Restrooms/Water fountains retrofit RFP's to close Friday of this week.
- A bid for painting all schools and District Office will go out this week.

Mr. Mark Parker, Director of Technology, shared with the Board recent Technology Updates. He said the sound system project at the football field will begin late February or March. Mr. Parker said the digital sign at Calhoun County High School is already in place but one of the LED boards was damaged in shipping. Mr. Parker said he does not have a definite date of the repair but as soon as he has that information, he will let Dr. Tullock know. Mr. Parker shared with the Board a copy of the student ID badges that will be issued. Mr. Parker shared with the Board that the new District website and the changes that have been made.

Dr. Tullock shared District Updates with the Board:

- January 10 – End of the First Semester
- January 11 – Beginning of the Second Semester
- January 20 – Student Report Cards were issued to students
- January 21 – Saturday with the Superintendent. Dr. Tullock said he will be available again on Saturday, February 4 from 8 :00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. He said anyone that would like to meet with him may do so by contacting the website or contacting Mrs. Kennedy at the District Office.
- January 24 – Faculty Advisory Committee will meet. Dr. Tullock said this group brings concerns and ideas from their respective faculties as well as disseminates information shared at the Committee's meeting.
- February 20 – School and District Office closed in observance of Presidents' Day. Staff and students will return to school Tuesday, February 21, 2023.
- February 4 – Saturday with the Superintendent

Dr. Tullock said there are a number of Middle School and Varsity Basketball games to be played over the next month. He asked that everyone support the student athletes by attending a game. He added that schedules are posted on the District Website.

Dr. Tullock concluded by thanking the Devine9 Greek Letter organizations that serve Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties and the surrounding communities. Dr. Tullock said as a part of their MLK Service Project, the fraternities and sororities collected non-perishable food items and selected Calhoun County Public Schools to receive the items. He said that our students, in need, can now receive a snack pack to help combat food insecurities until they return to school.

**Public Participation:** None

**Executive Session:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s), Student Expulsion Appeals, and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

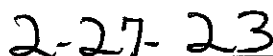
Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Porth announced that the Board was back in open session.

**Board Action(s):** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Student Expulsion Appeal requests as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker to adjourn at 9:31 p.m. Passed unanimously.



Board of Trustees Secretary



Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Kennedy  
Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent