

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
District Office
February 27, 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 Ms. Fredrick, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of January 23, 2023 as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Student Recognition: Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Superintendent, Dr. Cinthia Wolfe, Deputy Superintendent, along with Board Members and Principals to come forward and recognize the students receiving the Second Quarter Highest GPA Awards for the 2022-2023 school year. Each student received a certificate and a Calhoun County Public School Honor Student yard sign to be placed at their residence.

Employee Recognition: Mrs. Murdaugh presented the District's Shining Star Awards to Mrs. Priscilla Carter, Mrs. Amy Knapp, Mr. Travis Lawton and Ms. Annie Brown. This award is given through the district's partnership with Tri-County Electric Co-Op. Each employee received a gift card.

Chairperson's Report: none

Financial Report: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the January 2023 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in January 2023, the District received \$8,200,000.00 which is 43% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended \$9,515,830.55 and encumbered \$6,901,022.38 with a total of 86% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. Mrs. Strickland added that the County did not have the January tax information when the reports were prepared. She said she will include the January Taxes in the report next month.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for January 2023. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented Policy GBEA Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest for First Reading and Amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy GBEA Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest for First Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Tullock asked Dr. Wolfe to come forward and assist with the introductions of the District's Expulsion Committee. Dr. Tullock said the three-member team has the task of hearing student expulsions referrals and rendering a decision. He said the committee has been comprised of citizens who work or live in the community and have knowledge of student school relations. Dr. Tullock said the functions of the committee are handled through the Deputy Superintendent's office. Dr. Wolfe introduced, in his absence, Rev. Michael Charley, Mrs. Genevieve Jones and Mrs. Brenda Goodwin.

Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, presented Policy GBGA Staff Health for Second Reading and Amendment.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy GBGA Staff Health for Second Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy IMDB Flag/Motto Displays for First Reading and Amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve Policy IMDB Flag/Motto Displays for First Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the following Facility Updates for the month of February:

- New desks and chairs have been ordered for all 4th and 5th grade classes at both K8 schools.
- Special Education teachers have met with Dr. Wolfe and compiled a list of furniture for the Special Services Classrooms. He added the furniture has been ordered.
- HVAC replacement of A hall at St. Matthews K8 school has closed and will be awarded this week.
- HVAC replacement with ESSER III funds, was approved last week by OSF. The bid for this project is schedule for this week.
- The bids for the painting of all of the schools and district office closed today.
- Water fountain upgrades RFP's will close this week

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the recent 2022-2023 Alternative School Audit Report. He told the Board that the Alternative School received an excellent grade. Mr. Kiernan added that the audit is performed every three years.

Dr. Tullock thanked all of the stakeholders that participated in the last Food Service's taste testing event. He said several students, parents, community members, a town councilman, and board members had the opportunity to sample a variety of proteins, fruits, and vegetables. Dr. Tullock invited everyone to the next tasting event that will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Training Room.

Dr. Tullock recognized several groups of students for their recent accomplishments and their adult sponsors.

- The Marching Band for their pre-game performance at the NBA's Atlanta Hawks basketball game.
- Members of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) for their performance and awards at their Annual State Competition and Banquet in North Charleston.
- The Boys and Girls Basketball Teams for their perseverance and determination shown during this past season. Both teams have completed the season and their subsequent playoff run.
- Band members who traveled to Charleston and auditioned for college bands from Florida A&M, North Carolina A&T, Benedict, and Allen. Participating students received tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships to further their education pursuits.

Dr. Tullock said there are several sports teams, Baseball, Softball, Track and Field and Soccer teams, now in season and he asked that everyone support these students. He said schedules can be found on the district's website.

Dr. Tullock asked parents and guardians to look for two pieces of information that will come from the schools and District Office this week. He said parents will receive an ID kit to complete, courtesy of the Attorney General's Office, that will remain with the parent that will assist in the identification of their children should the need arise. He added the kit and an accompanying letter will be sent home Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

Dr. Tullock said he has had several conversations with stakeholders regarding how to handle instances of bullying and other noncompliant behaviors. He said he is preparing a letter that will be sent to all parents. Dr. Tullock said he is hopeful that the letter will be distributed by week's end. He asked parents and guardians to contact the school if they do not receive the information.

Dr. Tullock told the Board that he has talked several times about the upcoming Cognia virtual visit. He said this visit will take place on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Dr. Tullock thanked Dr. Wolfe and Dr. Peeples for their leadership through this process that evaluated the District's continuous improvement. Dr. Tullock thanked all of the stakeholders who were involved in the process from the school and District levels. He said that when the final report has been delivered, he will report the information at the ensuing Board meeting.

Dr. Tullock shared that Saturday with the Superintendent, will be held on March 25th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. He said those wanting to secure a time may sign up on the District's website or by calling Mrs. Kennedy at the District Office. He added that this time is for those who are unable to schedule a meeting during the week. Dr. Tullock said at any time, stakeholders can contact Mrs. Kennedy to schedule a time to meet with him.

Dr. Tullock concluded by saying the March Board Meeting will take place on Monday, March 20, 2023 at the District Office at 7:30 p.m.

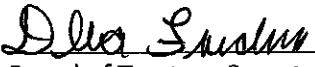
Public Participation: None

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 an Employee Catastrophic Leave, 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 Mr. Nelson, to approve the Employee Catastrophic Leave request as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Passed unanimously.



Board of Trustees Secretary

3-20-23

Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Kennedy
Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent