

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees
District Office Boardroom/Live Stream
July 19, 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/Invocation:** Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson, called the meeting to order, welcomed visitors and staff and asked everyone present to stand for the invocation 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:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the minutes of June 28, 2021, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)
5. **Public Participation:** None
6. **Chairperson's Report:** None
7. **Financial Report:** Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented to the Board the Audit Engagement Letter from J.W. Hunt & Company, to perform the audit for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Audit Engagement Letter from J. W. Hunt & Company for the 2020-2021 school year. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented to the Board the SCAGO GO Bond Resolution not to exceed \$2,700,000 for approval.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson to approve the SCAGO GO Bond Resolution not to exceed \$2,700,000.
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 June 30, 2021 and July 7, 2021 was reported as low, and July 14, 2021, was reported as medium.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said the repairs to the roof at Calhoun County High School have been completed. Mr. Kiernan said the LED light project in the

District is almost complete. He said the parking lot at Sandy Run School is moving forward with a completion date of August 2, 2021.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy GBAA – Sexual Discrimination and Harassment for 2nd Reading/Amendment and approval.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy GBAA – Sexual Discrimination and Harassment for 2nd Reading/Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy GA – Personnel Goals/Priority Objectives for 2nd Reading/Amendment and approval.

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve Policy GA – Personnel Goals/Priority Objectives for 2nd Reading/Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, updated the Board on ESSER Funds. She said with the ESSER I Fund, the district received an allocation of \$506,478.00, expended \$484,549.15, with a balance of \$21,928.85. Mrs. Murdaugh said this fund has to be used by September 22, 2022. Mrs. Murdaugh said with the ESSER II Fund, the district received an allocation of \$2,317,268.00, expended \$239,988.66, with a balance of \$2,077,279.34. Mrs. Murdaugh said this fund has to be used by September 23, 2023. Mrs. Murdaugh said with the ESSER III Fund, the district received an allocation of \$5,207,988.00. She said the district is waiting on approval for the ESSER III funds. She said once the district has approval, the spending plan will be placed on the district's website. Mrs. Murdaugh added that in November 2020, the district received the (CRF) Corona Virus Relief Funds. She said the amount allocated was \$197,810.09, expended was \$197,810.09, leaving a zero balance. She added that the CRF Funds had to be used by September 21, 2021.

Mrs. Brenda Goodwin, Curriculum Coordinator/District Ombudsmen, shared with the Board a schedule of upcoming registration, Open House dates and Basketball Camps for the schools.

Dr. Wilson, Superintendent, shared with the Board the 2020-2021 School District's Narrative. He said the narrative is required by the S.C. State Department of Education each year. He added that the narrative is also on the district's website.

Dr. Wilson talked to the Board about the 2021-2022 Back to School Focus. He said that he and the Cabinet are working on district safety protocols for the next school year.

9. **Executive Session:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel, Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s); Legal: JUUL Lawsuit; 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 Mrs. Tucker, 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 9:14 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Dolores E. Smith
Board of Trustees Secretary

8-9-2021
Date of Approval

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