

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees
District Office Boardroom/Live Stream
June 28, 2021

A Public Hearing for the FY 2021-2022 Third and Final Reading of the Calhoun County Public School Budget was held prior to the regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the minutes of May 17, 2021, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)
5. **Public Participation:** None
6. **Chairperson's Report:** Mr. Gary Porth congratulated Dr. Steve Wilson for receiving the SCASA, Lifetime Achievement Award. He said that he and Mr. Nelson attended the ceremony and watched Dr. Wilson receive the award on June 23, 2021. He added that he and the Board are very proud of Dr. Wilson for receiving the award and said that it was quite an achievement. Dr. Wilson thanked the Board for their words of praise and kindness.
7. **Financial Report:** Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the FY 2021-2022 Calhoun County Public Schools Budget for Third and Final Reading to Include Salary Schedules for consideration. She said the overall general fund budget increased \$199,190.89 totaling \$18,054,275.14. Mrs. Strickland said all eligible teachers and classified employees will receive 1,000.00 increase as well as a step for their years of experience. She added positions were moved to ESSER funds, which have an end date of 9/30/2024.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the **Third Reading** of the Calhoun County Public Schools FY 2021-2022 Budget to Include Salary Schedules. Passed unanimously.

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

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in May 2021, the District received 95% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 80% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 12% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 92%. She added that the current taxes collected for May 2021 was approximately 5.6 million, which is 103% of

the budget and delinquent taxes collected was \$461,479.09, which is 115% of the delinquent tax budget.

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for May 2021. Passed unanimously.

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 May 26 and June 2, 2021 was reported as low, June 9 and 16, 2021 was reported as medium and June 23, 2021, was reported as low.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said the parking lot project at Sandy Run K-8 School has begun. He said the engineer of the project reported that everything is on track. Mr. Kiernan said LED installation has moved to Calhoun County High School. He added both K-8 schools will be completed after they receive a shipment of a few more lights.

Mr. Kiernan updated the Board regarding the COVID-19 Status by School. He said there are no students or faculty that are infected or quarantined because of Covid-19 at this time.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy GBAA – Sexual Discrimination and Harassment for 1st Reading/Amendment and approval.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve Policy GBAA – Sexual Discrimination and Harassment for 1st Reading/Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy GA – Personnel Goals/Priority Objectives for 1st Reading/Amendment and approval.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy GA – Personnel Goals/Priority Objectives for 1st Reading/Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan told the Board that Policy ACG – Resolution of Discrimination Complaints/IX was included in the Board Packet for reference and information.

Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, updated the Board on the District's Literacy Plan. She shared two goals that are in place for the District Literacy Launch Team. Mrs. Murdaugh said the goals are Family Engagement and Professional Development.

Mrs. Murdaugh spoke to the Board about Summer Enrichment and CERDEP. She said Summer Enrichment includes ESY, Summer Reading Camp, Enrichment Credit Recovery, Honors Academy and CERDEP. She said Summer Enrichment was a success. Mrs. Murdaugh told the Board they will be pleasantly surprised to see the gains from Summer Enrichment.

Dr. Cinthia Wolfe, Chief of Accountability & Administration, spoke to the Board about ESSER III Requirements and Spending Plan. She said on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was signed into law. Dr. Wolfe said The US Department of Education is providing an additional \$122 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III Fund). She said there are two requirements of the ARP Act: The return to in-person plan and the ESSER III Application and Budget. She said with the Return to School Plan, the district must publish this plan online for safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services by June 24, 2021 and the district must seek public input. (Faculty/Staff; District-Wide SIC Meeting; and Website). She informed the Board that public input was made in the District.

Dr. Wolfe said with the ESSER III Application and Budget, the ESSER III grant will extend until September 30, 2024. She added the District must reserve at least 20% of their total allocation to address learning loss. Dr. Wolfe shared with the Board the spending plan.

Total Allocation: \$5,204,253

- Learning Loss-\$1,040,851
 1. Summer Enrichment (3 yrs.)-\$775,000
 2. CCHS Afterschool (3 yrs.)-\$265,851
- Reading Initiative (3 yrs.)-\$600,000
- Fine Arts Programs (3 yrs.)-\$100,000
- Teachers for one additional year-\$1,043,351.76
- Technology Infrastructure-\$600,000
- Professional Development-\$150,000
- HVAC Units-300,000
- Mental Health Counselors (3 yrs.) -\$75,500
- Psychologist-51,784
- Computer Refresh - \$1,243,266.24

Mr. Mark Parker, Technology Director, presented to the Board Technology Updates. He said students will be issued Lenovo Think Pads for 2021-2022. He said they are very durable devices. Mr. Parker said Canvas Learning Systems will be implemented for the next school year. He added that the system was purchased by the State Department. Mr. Parker shared that digital menus will be available in the cafeterias for the students. He said when the students enter the cafeteria, they will be able to see the menus. Mr. Parker said that digital signs will be available in the buildings at every school and the district office. He told the Board that a complete network assessment will be performed this summer. Mr. Parker concluded by saying this summer, the SC State Department has terminated Hot Spot Devices for students.

Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, spoke to the Board about Student Vaccinations. He said the Orangeburg Family Health Center has promised to work with the District in providing the vaccines. He said a vaccine clinic is planned for Sandy Run K-8 School on July 7, 2021 and at St. Matthews K-8 School July 8, 2021. Mr. Tullock said the plan is for the second vaccine to be given on August 7, 2021, at the Back to School Bash and Wellness Fair. Mr. Tullock said currently the Orangeburg Family Health Center is only giving the Moderna Vaccine and at the present time, the only vaccine approved for 12 year old and above is the Pfizer Vaccine. He added he hopes that by July 7th, the Moderna Vaccine will receive approval for the younger age group.

Mr. Tullock shared with the Board the updated Student Code of Conduct for information. He said that each spring, he meets with the Assistant Principals to find out if there are any changes that need to be made to the Code of Conduct. Mr. Tullock shared with the Board a couple of the changes.

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); Legal: JUUL Lawsuit; Legal: Bus Lawsuit and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

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

10. **Board Action(s):** 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 10:32 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Debra Fredrick

Board of Trustees Secretary

7-19-2021

Date of Approval

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