

**Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
District Office
August 15, 2022
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: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of July 18, 2022, as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Chairperson's Report: none

Financial Report: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the May 2022 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments. Mrs. Strickland said as of May 31, 2022, we have collected \$16,149,437 which is 89% of the budget. She said the district expended \$14,305,927 and encumbered \$1,989,376 which totals 90% of the General Fund Budget. Mrs. Strickland said as of May 31, 2022, the district has collected \$5,533,365 in current taxes which is 99% of the Budget and collected \$485,475 in delinquent taxes. She said the budget for delinquent taxes is \$400,000. Mrs. Strickland reported to the Board that as of June 30, 2022, the district has collected \$6,196,814. She said the district met the budget in current and delinquent taxes. Mrs. Strickland added the June Financial Statements will be the audit report at the next board meeting.

Mr. Nelson approved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget adjustments for May 2022. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland shared with the Board the pay-off date for District Obligation Bond Series B that was used for the building additions for the schools. She said the maturity date is March 1, 2025 and the Installment Purchase Refunding Revenue Bond maturity date is December 1, 2031.

Mrs. Strickland presented the Audit Engagement Letter for J.W. Hunt & Company, to perform the audit for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Audit Engagement Letter from J.W. Hunt & Company for the 2021-2022 school year. Passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Cinthia Wolfe, Deputy Superintendent, shared with the Board the First Day of School Report. She said the Superintendent and the Superintendent's Cabinet were at each school to assist the students and parents and to ensure there was a smooth and safe opening and dismissal. She said overall, it was an excellent opening day. Dr. Wolfe reported that there were 515 students in seat at St. Matthews K8 School, 553 students in seat at Sandy Run K8 School and 356 in students in seat at Calhoun County High School. She added that it appears that the enrollment is up for our district this school year.

Dr. Wolfe shared with the Board that the Back-to-School Bash that was held on Saturday, August 13th was a success. She thanked the vendors, donors and partners for the role they played in the success. She also thanked Ms. Harriett Haigler and Ms. Lovier Walker for the awesome job they did in organizing the event.

Mr. Whittaker Williams, Food Service Director, reported to the Board Food Services Updates. He said as of today, USDA approved the State of South Carolina for the P-EBT. Mr. Williams said the Borden Milk Vendor is no longer in business and will be replaced with PET milk. He said beginning this year, the students will be offered plain 1% milk and fat-free chocolate and strawberry milk.

Mr. Williams said beginning this year, the high school will have a choice of entrees and in the K8 schools, the students will not have the same items repeated on the menu for a three-week cycle. He cautioned that due to food supply chains, this could possibly be an issue.

Mr. Williams said the two K8 schools have applied for a fresh fruit and vegetable grant. He added that as of today, USDA has not awarded the grants.

Mr. Williams said the District's Food Services Department is trying out some new recipes within the USDA guidelines to update the menu.

Mr. George Kiernan, Chief of Human Resources and Operations, shared with the Board the following Facility Updates.

- The RFP's for the sound system at Calhoun County High School Gym, Football field, both gyms at the K8 Schools are closed.
- The bid for the digital sign at Calhoun County High School has been closed. Mr. Kiernan said the bid went to Signorama.
- Active bids are out for HVAC replacements for both K8 gyms, SMK8 cafeteria and nine split units between both K8 schools.
- The bid closed today for the playground resurfacing.
- Additional hand railings at Calhoun County High School should be installed within the next three to four weeks.
- Josh Edwards from Edcon is still trying to schedule us to replace the broken windows in the Sandy Run K8 gym.
- The stained wall at Sandy Run School has been cleaned and looks better. He added the white film is efflorescence.
- New desks and chairs should arrive in September for grades 1-3.
- 2022-2023 future projects include: St. Matthews K8 will be completely retro-fitted with new HVAC units, painting of classrooms across the district and continuing the furniture updates.

Mr. Mark Parker, Director of Technology, presented a Technology Update to the Board. He said this year, teachers have new laptops. He said he had seventy-three teachers to pick up their laptops prior to the first day of school. He said this allowed the teachers to become familiar with the new laptops before the first day of school. Mr. Parker told the Board that this year, there will be a new website for the district.

Mr. Parker asked Mr. Zambolist Fredrick, Bus Director, to come up and speak to the Board about bus updates and the Traversa Program. He said the State Department has applied for funding to replace buses with clean buses or electric buses in the State. He said we will possibly receive four buses in our district. He said the district should know by the middle of October if the State Department has been awarded the opportunity to purchase the buses. Mr. Fredrick said he hopes there will be funding for the charging stations for the buses in our District.

Mr. Fredrick shared with the Board the Traversa Software that will be implemented in our District in the future to assist with transportation. He said this software is designed to make transportation more efficient. He said it is a great GPS system that will allow buses to be tracked, set up routes for students and will link to our PowerSchool Software.

Mr. Fredrick also shared with the Board the MyRide 360 app that will allow parents to be able to track their children on the bus and see when their children get on and off of the bus. He said there will be safety guidelines that will allow parents to see only their children's information. Mr. Parker said the State Department will be using 4 of our busses in a Pilot Program. He added that the State Department has already sent the district four laptops for the drivers. The laptops will be the link that will allow parents to track their children arriving and leaving on the bus. The students will be using student ID badges to scan through the laptops as they arrive and depart the bus.

Dr. Tullock shared with the Board the following Important Dates:

- August 16 – Early Release Day for Staff Development
- August 19 – First Home Football Game
- August 20 – Saturday with the Superintendent
- August 23 – First Home Volleyball Match vs. Wagener -Salley at 5:30 p.m.
- September 5 – No School, Labor Day Holiday

Dr. Tullock shared with the Board a poster that will be posted at athletic events regarding the clear bag policy.

Dr. Tullock thanked everyone that participated in the Back-to-School Bash last Saturday. He said the event was well attended by our students, parents and supported by many sponsors and donors. He said a list of donors and pictures will be posted on our website.

Dr. Tullock reported that it was very good to see students and parents return to school today. He said things ran very well at each site he visited.

Dr. Tullock asked Dr. Treda Nelson, Principal at St. Matthews K8 School, to come forward to be recognized for being named the South Carolina Elementary Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Alliance for Black School Educators (SCABSE).

Public Participation: Mrs. Racheal Swartz spoke to the Board concerning Communication within the District.

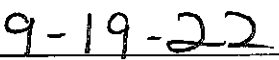
Executive Session: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel, Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s), and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

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 Personnel, Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s) as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. Passed unanimously.


Board of Trustees Secretary


Date of Approval

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