

**Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
June 5, 2023
Calhoun County High School
Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Superintendent**

Members Present: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson; Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Debra Fredrick, Secretary; and Mr. Ned Nelson. Absent: Mrs. Sandra Tucker

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 Mr. Jenkins, to approve the minutes of May 15, 2023, as submitted. Passed unanimously.

MUSC Boeing Center Awards: Mr. Whittaker Williams, Food Service Director, asked Mrs. Kerrie Hollifield, MUSC Boeing Center for Children's Wellness, to come forward to make a presentation to the district and schools. Mrs. Hollifield said each of the three schools participated in a Wellness Checklist to earn points by doing various evidence-based wellness strategies. She said each school received over one hundred points and each school will receive \$1,000.00. Mrs. Hollifield said that out of the three schools, Sandy Run K-8 School had the most points and will receive an additional \$1,000.00.

Student Recognition: Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, along with Board Members and Principals to come forward and recognize the students receiving the Fourth Quarter Highest GPA Awards for the 2022-23 school year. Each student was given a certificate of award and a Calhoun County Public School Honor Student Yard Sign to be placed at their residence.

Mrs. Murdaugh asked the recipients of the Superintendent's Award to come forward and receive a certificate of award as well as a monetary gift. Mrs. Murdaugh said the Superintendent's Award is given to the student that has maintained the Highest GPA for all four quarters in the school year.

Employee Recognition: Mr. Williams presented the Food Service Employee of the year award to Ms. Jakelia Cunningham. Mr. Williams said Ms. Cunningham has done an outstanding job this past year. He added she is liked and respected by the faculty and students.

Mrs. Murdaugh presented the District's Shining Star Awards to Ms. Lovier Walker, Mrs. Susan Morris, Mrs. Connie Hart-Jamison and Mrs. Loretta Johnson. Each employee received a certificated of award and a gift card sponsored by Tri-County Electric Co-op.

Chairperson's Report: None

Financial Report: None

Superintendent's Report: Mr. George Kiernan, HR Director, presented Policy GBB Staff Involvement in Decision Making and AR-GBB-R Staff Involvement in Decision Making for Second Reading and Amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve Policy GBB Staff Involvement in Decision Making and AR-GBB-R Staff Involvement in Decision Making for Second Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the following Facility Updates. He said the District Painting Project will begin on June 6, 2023. Mr. Kiernan said that recently, there was a water line break at Sandy Run K-8 School. He said a plumber was called and the leak was repaired. Mr. Kiernan said the water fountain and HVAC projects are still in the planning for sometime in July.

Dr. Tullock presented Teacher Supply Checks to the Board for approval. Dr. Tullock said the checks would be given through direct deposit. He added the checks were issued by direct deposit last year and things went well. He added the amount for the 2023-24 year is \$350.00.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Teacher Supply Check in the amount of \$350.00 be distributed to the teachers by way of direct deposit.

Dr. Tullock shared Superintendent updates with the Board. Dr. Tullock congratulated the graduating class of 2023. He said on Saturday, May 27th, eighty-three students were awarded diplomas. He said the ceremony was held in the gym of the high school due to inclement weather. The ceremony was well planned and attended.

Dr. Tullock said the Summer Enrichment Program began today, June 5, 2023 and will run through June 29th. He said breakfast and lunch will be served to students. He added that students who are not participating in the program may also receive meals by visiting any of the three school cafeterias.

Dr. Tullock introduced Dr. Rashad Anderson, SCSU Associate Professor/MiSTER Magic Academy Director, and several interns from the Call Me MiSTER Program to the Board. He said the interns are students from South Carolina State, Claflin, and Lander Universities. Dr. Tullock said the MiSTERS are assisting the teachers in the classroom with instruction while taking advantage of opportunities to hone their instructional delivery and curricula experiences in becoming classroom teachers.

Public Participation: None

Executive Session: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, 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 Mr. Nelson, to approve Personnel Recommendations and Resignations as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Nelson moved with a second by Ms. Fredrick to uphold the expulsions that were presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 8:57 P.M. Passed unanimously.

Board of Trustees Secretary

Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Kennedy
Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent