

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
District Office
September 19, 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 and 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 August 15, 2022, as submitted. Passed unanimously.

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 2021-22 school year. Each student was given a certificate of award and a small token gift.

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.

Chairperson's Report: none

Financial Report: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the July 2022 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments. Mrs. Strickland said as of July 31, 2022, we have received \$485,798.00 which is 3% of the General Fund Budgeted Revenue. She said the district expended \$537,021.54 and encumbered \$13,704,684.00 which totals 75% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. Mrs. Strickland said as of July 31, 2022, the district has collected \$119,428.42 in current taxes which is 2% of the Budget and collected \$6,121.28 in delinquent taxes that is 1% of the Budget. Mrs. Strickland reported the district has received \$125,549.70 of the General Fund Taxes.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget adjustments for July 2022. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented the August 2022 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments. Mrs. Strickland said as of August 31, 2022, we have received \$1,092,858.05 which is 6% of the General Fund Budget Revenue. She said the district expended \$2,061,924.37 and encumbered \$12,673,124.61 which totals 77% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. Mrs. Strickland said the County did not have the August 2022 Taxes ready and the report will be given at the next Board Meeting.

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

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Strickland presented Policy DJ Purchasing for First Reading and Amendment.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy DJ Purchasing for First Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented AR DJE-R Purchasing for First Reading and Amendment.

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve AR DJE-R Purchasing for First Reading and Amendment. Passed unanimously.

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

- Mr. Kiernan said the new desks will arrive this week for grades 1-3.
- New synthetic playground surface will be installed in approximately four to six weeks at both K8 Schools.
- Additional railing for the football stadium should be installed this week.
- Edcon replaced broken windows in the gym at Sandy Run School. They found more cracks in multiple block windows during the inspection.

Dr. Tullock shared with the Board the Superintendent's Updates. He said the five-year accreditation process now called Cognia has begun in the District. Dr. Tullock said Dr. Wolfe and Dr. Peebles will lead the District along with the assistance of Mrs. Gilchrist. He said this process will be different than the past because this experience will be a virtual review of the District's continuous improvement efforts. Dr. Tullock said stakeholders from all levels will review and revise, if necessary, the beliefs, mission and values of the District. He said he will ask stakeholders to complete surveys that will be compiled and analyzed to yield performance reports. Dr. Tullock added that the process will begin in the Winter of 2023.

Dr. Tullock told the Board that September 19-23, Calhoun County High School will celebrate Homecoming Week. He said there is a schedule of events planned throughout the week for the students. He said this week's events culminate with the parade through town on Friday followed by tailgating by the various alumni and school groups and the football game vs. HKT.

Dr. Tullock said Assessment Scores from Spring 2022 have been released to the public. During the October meeting, please expect a presentation to detail scores from the 3-8 SC READY and SC PASS administrations and the End of Course (EOC exams) in English 2, Algebra I, Biology, and US History. Report card information is still embargoed and should be released in October as well.

Dr. Tullock shared with the Board the following upcoming District Events:

- September 19-23 - Homecoming week at Calhoun County High School
- September 20 - Home Volleyball Match
- September 21 - Away Volleyball Match at Eau Claire
- September 22 - Home Football Game vs. HKT
- September 30 - Heyward Park Grand Opening
- October 15 - Saturday with the Superintendent
- October 17 - End of the First Quarter
- October 18 - Miss Calhoun County High School Pageant
- Oct 27-28 - Report Card Conferences – (Thursday, 3:30-7:00 and Friday 8:00 – 12:00)

Dr. Tullock provided the Board with a handout that shows the District’s Enrollment in a Three-Year Comparison. He said as of today, Calhoun County High School has 423 students, St. Matthews K8 School has 549, Sandy Run K8 School has 568, with a total of 1,540 students enrolled.

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), a Contractual Update and an Expulsion Expungement Request 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 an Expulsion Expungement Request. Passed unanimously.

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

Debra Smolick
Board of Trustees Secretary

10-17-22
Date of Approval

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