

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees
District Office/Live Stream
March 21, 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. Porth asked for the agenda to be approved with a change of order under Student Recognition. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the agenda as requested by Mr. Porth. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022 as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Student Recognition: Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Superintendent, Dr. Cinthia Wolfe, Chief of Accountability & Administration, along with Board Members, and Principals to come forward to assist with the recognition of students receiving the 2nd Quarter Highest GPA Awards. (List of students attached.)

Mrs. Murdaugh, asked Aniyah Baxter, a student at St. Matthews K-8 School, to come forward to be recognized for winning First Place in *The Times and Democrat* Black History Month Essay Contest.

Mrs. Murdaugh asked that Coach Zambolist Fredrick come forward along with the Calhoun County High School Boys Basketball Team to be recognized for winning the 2021-2022 SC State Class A Boys Basketball Championship. Mrs. Murdaugh also asked Ms. Iris Larrymore, Cheerleader Coach, to come forward along with the Calhoun County Basketball Cheerleaders to be recognized for cheering on the winning basketball team.

Chairperson's Report: Mr. Porth, Board Chairperson, welcomed Dr. Ferlondo Tullock as Superintendent of Calhoun County Schools.

Financial Report: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the February 2022 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in February 2022, the District received 72% of the General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 57% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 29% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 86% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. She added the current taxes collected for February 2022 was approximately \$5,200,000.00, which is 92% of the budget and delinquent taxes

collected for February 2022 was approximately \$342,000.00, which is 86% of the delinquent tax budget. Mrs. Strickland said the District has collected 92% of the total tax budget.

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

Mrs. Strickland asked for Board approval to distribute teacher supply checks this year via direct deposit instead of paper check delivery that has been done in the past. Mrs. Strickland said that this check will be done separate from their regular pay checks.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the teacher supply checks to be distributed via direct deposit in the amount appropriated by the General Assembly. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland talked to the Board about the newly proposed Education Funding Reform. She said this will replace the EFA Formula which was established in 1976. Mrs. Strickland said this Education Funding Reform is in the Senate at the present time and has been approved by the House Ways and Means. After Board discussion, Mrs. Strickland concluded by saying she hopes to have more information on this by the April Board meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, shared with the Board two weeks of the COVID-19 Activity in Calhoun County. He said Calhoun County's COVID-19 Activity for February 16 and February 23, 2022 was reported as medium. Mr. Kiernan told the Board that DHEC has stopped providing County Activity Data, but if the Covid-19 numbers increase, he will report the numbers to the Board.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said he is focusing on the summer projects and working on a summer work list for the maintenance staff.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy ADF – School Wellness for 2nd reading and amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy ADF – School Wellness for 2nd reading and amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy GCC – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences for 1st reading and amendment.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy GCC – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences for 1st reading and amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy GDC – Support Staff Leaves and Absences for 1st reading and amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy GDC – Support Staff Leaves and Absences for 1st reading and amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy JFAB – Admission of Non-resident Students for 1st reading and amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve Policy JFAB – Admission of Non-resident Students for 1st reading and amendment. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Tullock presented a request by Mr. Justin Farmer, JAG Instructor, to attend the National Student Central Development Conference along with four students on May 4, 2022 – May 8, 2022, in Dallas Texas.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the request by Mr. Farmer to attend the National Student Central Development Conference along with four students on May 4, 2022 – May 8, 2022, in Dallas Texas. Passed unanimously.

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), an Expulsion Expungement, 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 accept the expulsion expungement as requested. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment and resignations. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Passed unanimously.



Board of Trustees Secretary



Date of Approval

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