

Calhoun County Public Schools
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
October 20, 2025
District Office
Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Superintendent

Members Present: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson; Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Debra Fredrick, Secretary; Mr. Ned Nelson; and Mr. Michael Diaz.

Call to Order/Moment of Silence: Mr. Jenkins, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order, welcomed visitors and staff, and asked everyone to stand for a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notice to the Media: In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(E), as amended, the following were notified of this meeting: *The Calhoun Times*, *The Times and Democrat*, the District website, and notices posted on bulletin boards in all schools and the District Office.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the minutes of September 15, 2025, and October 13, 2025, as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Chairperson's Report: No Report.

Finance: Mr. Rusty Brunson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the September 2025 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. Mr. Brunson informed the Board that the District received 3% of the Projected Revenue and Year-to-Date, 9% of the General Fund Budgeted Revenue. Expenditures were 8% for the month and 20% year-to-date, with Encumbrances at 65% for the twelve-month Fiscal Period.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for September 2025. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Brunson reported that the cafeteria furniture for Calhoun County High School had a delay in shipment. He said some furniture came in, but the other part should be delivered tomorrow, on October 21, 2025.

Superintendent's Report: Ms. Frances Keller, Director of Human Resources, presented the following Policies for Second Reading, amendment, and approval:

- Policy BDF Advisory Committees
- AR BDF-R Advisory Committees
- Policy BDG School Attorney/Legal Services
- Policy BDH Board Consultants/Staff Assistants
- Policy BE School Board Meetings
- Policy BEC Executive Sessions/Open Meetings
- Policy BEDA Board Meeting Notification

- Policy BEDB Agenda
- Policy BEDC Quorum
- Policy BEDD Rules of Order
- Policy BEDF Voting at Board Meetings
- Policy BEDG Minutes of Board Meetings
- Policy BEDH Public Participation at Meetings
- AR BEDH-R Public Participation at Meetings
- File BEDH-E Public Participation at Meetings Sign Up Sheet
- Policy EBAB Hazardous Materials
- Policy EDC Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment
- Policy EEAC Bus Scheduling and Routing
- Policy GCLE Unencumbered Time
- AR GCLE-R Unencumbered Time
- Policy GCMD Instructional Staff Extra Duty
- Policy IHBH Homebound Instruction

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to delete Policy EDC Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment for Second Reading. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Second Reading of 17 Policies, 3 Administrative Rules, and 1 File Exhibit as presented by Ms. Keller. Passed unanimously.

Mr. George Kiernan, Chief of Operations and Communications, presented to the Board the 2026-2027 Academic Calendars choices and a timeline that will be used to develop the calendar for information. He shared that the calendars will be available online for the community to cast a vote for the calendar of their choice. Dr. Tullock said he and Mr. Kiernan will be at the District Office on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. and at Sandy Run K-8 School from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. to answer any questions and to meet with the community.

Mr. Kiernan updated the Board on Facilities Updates. He said that an Industrial Hygienist reported a clear report on the recent ventilation fan failure at Sandy Run K-8 School. He said it was recommended by Airport Heating and Air that all fans be replaced. After Board discussion, Mr. Porth and Mr. Nelson recommended that the District also seek the advice of an inspector from the South Carolina Office of School Facilities before moving forward.

Mr. Kiernan said restroom sink upgrades are currently being done at the District Office and the High School. He said the work should be completed by the end of the week. Mr. Kiernan said earthquake drills were conducted at all three schools on October 15, 2025.

Mr. Mark Parker, Director of Technology, reported that the District will be moving to using Two Factor Authentication in the District. He said a notification was sent to staff several weeks ago to inform them of the change.

Mr. Parker reported that all of the computers in the schools have been updated to Windows 11. He said the District Office computers will receive their upgrades this week.

Mr. Parker reported that Calhoun County High School was chosen to participate in the 2025 South Carolina EdTech Rocket League Tournament.

Mr. Parker shared with the Board the new mobile stations that will be used by the teachers in the District.

Dr. Tullock shared Superintendent Updates with the Board. Dr. Tullock shared with the Board that in their packets, they will see a memo from the South Carolina Department of Education, Health and Nutrition Office. He said the memo states that the District received a rebate of \$2,027.50 to offset the delivery cost of food items during the 2024-25 school year.

Dr. Tullock shared a memo from the South Carolina State Department of Education, that was shared with Superintendents and Accountability Coordinators. He said School Report Cards were scheduled to be released on October 14, 2025. He said it was discovered that there were data errors, thus the need to adjust the release date. Dr. Tullock said the release of Report Cards is now scheduled for the first week of November. He said once the release has occurred, there will be a formal presentation to the Board and the public.

Dr. Tullock said on Saturday, October 25, 2025, he will hold a different schedule regarding Saturday with the Superintendent. He said at 9:00 A.M., he will be in the Training Room at the District Office, and at 10:30 he will be at Sandy Run K-8 School in the Cafeteria. He said community members are invited to review the two calendars that were discussed earlier. Dr. Tullock said attendees will have the opportunity to give feedback and ask questions related to the calendars. He said once the presentation has been made, the calendars will be made available electronically for community members to cast their vote beginning October 27, 2025 through November 10, 2025.

Dr. Tullock concluded by saying Homecoming events will take place the week of October 27, 2025. He said the culminating events for Homecoming are the parade and football game vs. Wagener-Salley to be held on October 31, 2025.

Public Participation: None

Executive Session: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel Recommendation(s) and Resignation, and then return to open session after discussions. Passed unanimously.

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

Board Action(s): No Action Taken.

Adjournment: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:13 P.M. Passed unanimously.


Board of Trustees Secretary


Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Kennedy
Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent