

**Calhoun County Public Schools**  
**Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**District Office/Live Stream**  
**January 25, 2021**  
**7:30 P.M.**

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

1. **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".
2. **Notice to the Media:** In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, Section 30-4-80-(E), the following have been notified of this meeting: The Calhoun Times; The Times and Democrat; notices placed on the bulletin boards in all schools and the District Office.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Mrs. Tucker moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the minutes of December 14, 2020, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)
5. **Board Recognition:** Dr. Wilson informed the Board that January is "School Board Appreciation Month" and he would like to recognize the Board for the role they play in providing a better future for the students in the District and the service they render. Dr. Wilson thanked the Board for all that they do for the students. Each Board Member was presented a gift of appreciation.

Mr. Porth read aloud the South Carolina School Board Member's Ethical Principles and asked fellow Board members to sign a poster that included the Principles. The signed poster will be displayed in the Board Room.

6. **Chairperson's Report:** No Formal Report
7. **Financial Report:** Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the November 2020 Monthly Financial Report. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in November 2020, the District received 20% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 34% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 51% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures with a total of 86% that is expended and encumbered. She added that the current taxes collected for November 2020 was \$1,090,099.77 and delinquent taxes collected was \$193,083.00.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report for November 2020. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sky Strickland presented the November 2020 Budget Adjustments.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Budget Adjustments for November 2020. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sky Strickland presented the December 2020 Monthly Financial Report. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in December 2020, the District received 31% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 42% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 44% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures with a total of 86% that is expended and encumbered. She added that taxes for December are not included in the December report and will be presented at the February Board Meeting.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report for December 2020. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the December 2020 Budget Adjustments.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Budget Adjustments for December 2020. Passed unanimously.

8. **Superintendent's Report:** Mr. George Kiernan, Director of Human Resources and Compliance Officer, presented Policy GCC – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading/amendment and approval.

Mr. George Kiernan presented AR GCC –R – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading/amendment and approval.

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy GCC – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences and AR GCC–R – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading/amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. George Kiernan presented Policy GDC – Support Staff Leaves and Absences for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading/amendment and approval.

Mr. George Kiernan presented AR GDC –R – Support Staff Leaves and Absences for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading/amendment and approval.

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy GDC – Support Staff Leaves and Absences and AR GDC –R – Support Staff Leaves and Absences for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading/amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the last five weeks of the COVID-19 Activity in Calhoun County. He said that Calhoun County's COVID-19 Activity for December 16, 30, 2020 and January 6, 13, 20, 2021 was high.

Mr. George Kiernan, shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said all generators have been inspected at each of the schools. He added that recommended repairs are in the process of being done. Mr. Kiernan said the geotechnical survey of the proposed parking lot at Sandy Run K-8 School has been completed. He said the results are not available at this time, but Mr. Bruce Todd from ADC will attend the February meeting to go over the results with the Board.

Dr. Wilson spoke to the Board about the tough decision and when should students return. He said that with the COVID-19 Pandemic, when to bring the students back to school is a tough decision. He said the students have been out due to the high numbers of COVID-19, but at the same time he realized that some students are missing their academic learning through face-to-face instruction. Dr. Wilson said he recently was a part of a SCASA meeting where a DHEC Epidemiologist attended, and they reported that they believe the schools are safe with all the PPE that the schools have in place. He said he wants to discuss with the Board regarding bringing the students back. He said that he wants to give praise to the parents for being so patient at this time. He said the decisions made are centered on what is best for the students.

Dr. Wilson spoke to the Board about the Proposed Modified Calendar. He passed out copies of the revised proposed calendar to the Board. He said the intersession days are intended for students to work with their teachers and is in the best interest of the students to remediate some of the academic loss. He said he is willing to listen to feedback from teachers, parents or anyone about the calendar. Dr. Wilson said planning the calendar is a process. He said the calendar was presented to the Board, then he shared the calendar with the Teacher Forum and the Principals. He asked the Principals and Teacher Forum to go back into the schools and talk through the calendar with the teachers and parents. He plans to bring the calendar back to the Board in February after receiving feedback from all involved and the Board will make the final decision. Dr. Wilson said he realizes there are pros and cons about the calendar. Dr. Wilson told the Board that teachers will receive a month's salary for working the additional 20 intersession days. Dr. Wilson added that a lot of thought has been put into the calendar.

Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, shared with the Board the proposed 2021- 2022 Academic Calendar for information and review.

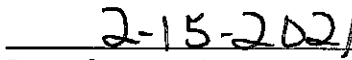
9. **Executive Session:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s) and Legal: Parking Lot Project at Sandy Run K-8 and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

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

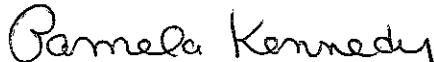
10. **Board Actions:** No Board Actions

11. **Adjournment:** Mrs. Tucker moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:33 p.m.  
Passed unanimously.

  
Board of Trustees Secretary

  
Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Pamela Kennedy, Executive Administrative Assistant  
To the Superintendent