

**MINUTES – BOARD MEETING  
CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

The Calhoun County Board of Education met on February 24, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., in the Administrative Building of the Calhoun County Board of Education, 4400 McClellan Boulevard, Anniston, Alabama. Notice of this meeting was properly posted and provided to those who had requested direct notification.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by President Burt. Mr. Mike Almaroad opened in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members present were: Mr. Almaroad, Mrs. Amerson, Mr. Burt, Mrs. Hood, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Winn, establishing a quorum.

Also present was Mr. Whit Colvin, Attorney for the Board of Education.

Under Discussion, Mr. Burt welcomed everyone and thanked Mr. Whit Colvin for attending the meeting.

The board members, along with Superintendent Turner, had several recognitions to make prior to the regular board agenda beginning.

Ms. Kellie Ledbetter from American Fidelity, along with Mr. Burt and Mr. Turner, presented the Teacher of the Year Certificates to the following:

The Elementary Teacher of the Year was presented to Ms. Kay Adams from Weaver Elementary School. WES Principal, Mrs. Laura Knighton, was also present.

The High School Teacher of the Year was presented to Ms. Stacy Land from Alexandria High School. AHS Principal, Mr. Jason Deason, was also present.

Ms. Sheila Pruitt was presented a certificate of recognition for Safety and Security Best Practices while Operating a School Bus for her efforts in keeping the students safe when a reckless driver passed her bus while she was stopped to let a student off.

Mrs. Mary Stonebraker, Director of the Child Nutrition Program, gave an update on the challenges associated with shortages and delivery issues of food for the schools. She spoke about some of the solutions they had come up with, and how other departments such as Maintenance had been assisting the schools in this area. She gave updates on the amounts that they are reimbursed for both the breakfast and lunch during these challenging times.

Mrs. Lesa Cotton, Director of Health Services, introduced Mr. John Stone of Children's Hospital of Alabama who presented certificates and banners to all of the Calhoun County Schools, and the Central Office, for their participation in, and implementation of, Project Adam. This program is for schools who have trained and been certified as "Heart Safe" for the use of AED's in the schools.

Mr. Kevin Lockridge presented an update on the Calhoun County Career Academy programs. He also invited several guests to speak about the specific ways they were partnering with the Career Academy. He passed out the new course catalogs, and updated the board on the new forklift training that is being provided by a local company, Kronospan.

Mr. Tim Ross, Appalachian Digital Media, showed three promotional videos he had filmed for the Career Academy and spoke about the potential for more marketing videos to promote the other programs at the Academy.

Mr. Alan Smith, Gadsden State Community College, gave an update on the scholarships they awarded to Calhoun County Career Academy students for Dual Enrollment classes. For the fall of 2021 they awarded \$47,724 among 55 students, and for the Spring of 2022, they awarded \$39,360 among 47 students.

Chief Training Officer, Johnnie Phelps, spoke about the Fire Training Center in Anniston, Their program is for high school seniors interested in becoming a fireman or an EMT. At the training center, students can

become a certified EMT. They also have a Dual Enrollment program in conjunction with Gadsden State to become an Advanced EMT. This is a two semester program. Throughout Calhoun County there are currently 16 employees who are graduates of the Fire Training Program.

Ms. Lisa Morales of East Alabama Works presented information on the World of Works program for eighth graders. They put on a Career Expo every year that originated in Calhoun County. The expo allows students to have a hands on experience in many fields of study such as Auto Repair, Healthcare, and Engineering. The areas of focus are Business and Industry.

Mr. Godwin presented Monthly Budget Percent Analysis Comparison, Local Revenue Collections Analysis, *Helping Schools Tag Sales*, Financial Statements, Expenditure Report, and Bank Reconciliations for Board and public view.

On a motion by Mrs. Amerson and seconded by Mr. Webb, the minutes of the January 20, 2022, board meetings were approved.

On a motion by Mrs. Amerson and seconded by Mrs. Hood, the Declaration of Surplus Items were approved.

On a motion by Mr. Almaroad and seconded by Mrs. Amerson, the 2022 – 2023 proposed school calendar was approved.

On a motion by Mr. Webb and seconded by Mrs. Amerson, the FY22 Budget Amendment #1 was approved.

On a motion by Mrs. Hood and seconded by Mrs. Amerson, the Fundraising Platform Services Bid was approved to the lowest bidder, LeanStream Resource Partners.

On a motion by Mr. Almaroad and seconded by Mrs. Amerson, the Personnel items were approved.

There being a need for an Executive Session to discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, mental health, or job performance of certain Board Employees, a motion was made by Mrs. Amerson and seconded by Mr. Webb to enter into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. Attorney, Whit Colvin, also entered into Executive Session.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Webb and seconded by Mrs. Almaroad. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Date Adopted

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Tobi Burt, President

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Donald A. Turner, Jr., Superintendent