

MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.

Colleton County Council
Council Chambers, Old Jail Building
109 Benson Street
Walterboro, SC 29488

Present: Chairman Steven D. Murdaugh called the meeting to order with Council Members Dr. Joseph Flowers, Phillip Taylor, Bubba Trippe, and Scott Biering in attendance.

Others Included: Meagan Utsey, Sean Thornton, Jon Carpenter, Barry McRoy, David Greene, Mayor Crawford Moore, Jessica Williams, Sharon Witkin, Lynn Stroble, Johnny Frank, and Felicia Johnson.

Councilman Phillip Taylor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting October 1, 2024— Councilman Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering and the motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognitions

- A. Colleton County High School Band of Blue – 5th Place finish in the 2024 SCBDA 4A State Marching Band Championship with 2nd Place in lower state, led by Tom Finigan.

Please see the link below to hear the full presentation on the accomplishments of the Band of Blue. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JMpIHpE_Mw&t=3740s

Appearances and Public Presentations

- A. Colleton County School District Report, Superintendent Jessica Williams

The data Superintendent Jessica Williams reviewed with council is attached. Please see the link below to view the full presentation.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JMpIHpE_Mw&t=3740s

Administrator's Briefing

Please see the link below to listen to the briefing and comments made by council.

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Public Hearing

Councilman Taylor made a motion to open Public Hearing. Councilman Biering seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Ordinance 24-O-12, To Ratify FY24 Grant and Budget Resolutions and Related Appropriations for All Funds; To Ratify Transfer and Other Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council; And Other Matters Related Thereto.**

- B. Ordinance 24-O-13, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement by and Between Colleton County and a Company Known to the County as Wayne Brothers, Inc., Including any Related or Affiliated Entities and any Sponsor Affiliates, Whereby Colleton County Will Enter into a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement with Wayne Brothers, Inc.; Providing For Payment by Wayne Brothers, Inc. of Certain Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing For Certain Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure Credits; To Further Amend the Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial Park Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, So as to Include Additional Property in Colleton County as Part of the Park; Providing for the Allocation of Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Paid by Wayne Brothers, Inc., Under the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.**

- C. Ordinance 24-O-14, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 12.1 Acre Parcel Located on Oswald Court, Identified as T.M.S. No. 131-16-00-114, from Residential Suburban (RS) to Urban Development – 1 (UD-1).**

Councilman Taylor made a motion to close Public Hearing. Councilman Trippe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- A. 3rd Reading Ordinance 24-O-12, To Ratify FY24 Grant and Budget Resolutions and Related Appropriations For All Funds; To Ratify Transfer And Other Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council; And Other Matters Related Thereto**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve 3rd Reading Ordinance 24-O-12, To Ratify FY24 Grant and Budget Resolutions And Related Appropriations For All Funds; To Ratify Transfer And Other Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council; And Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. 3rd Reading Ordinance 24-O-13, Authorizing The Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement by and Between Colleton County and a Company Known to the County as Project Ironsides, Including any Related or Affiliated Entities and any Sponsor Affiliates, Whereby Colleton County Will Enter into a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement with Project Ironsides; Providing for Payment by Project Ironsides of Certain Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing for Certain Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure Credits; To Further Amend the Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial Park Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, So as to Include Additional Property in Colleton County as Part of the Park; Providing for the Allocation of Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Paid by Wayne Brothers, Inc., Under the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; And Other Matters Relating Thereto**

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New Business

- A. 1st Reading Ordinance 24-O-16, To Establish Chapter 2.77 – Community Center Boards Generally of the Colleton County Code of Laws**

Councilman Biering moved to approve 1st Reading Ordinance 24-O-16, To Establish Chapter 2.77 – Community Center Boards Generally of the Colleton County Code of Laws. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 24-R-57, To Declare Surplus Various Equipment and to Authorize Its Sale in Accordance with County Policy

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 24-R-57, To Declare Surplus Various Equipment and to Authorize Its Sale in Accordance with County Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 24-R-58, To Authorize the Expenditure of Funds Related to Special Projects as Recommended by the Colleton County Accommodations Tax Committee from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 During the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, and Other Matters Related Thereto

Councilman Trippe moved to approve Resolution 24-R-58, To Authorize the Expenditure of Funds Related to Special Projects as Recommended by the Colleton County Accommodations Tax Committee from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 During the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, and Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering and the motion was carried unanimously.

D. Resolution 24-R-59, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY 2024-2025

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 24-R-59, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Various Grants for FY 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

E. Resolution 24-R-60, To Approve a Change Order for Parking Lot Rehabilitation as Part of the County Plaza ADA Improvements Project

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 24-R-60, To Approve a Change Order for Parking Lot Rehabilitation as Part of the County Plaza ADA Improvements Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Resolution 24-R-61, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

Councilman Taylor moved to table Resolution 24-R-61, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Mrs. Felicia Johnson spoke on the need for streetlights and speed limit reductions on Rivers Street.

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Council Time

No action was taken. Please see the link below to view the full discussion.

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Executive Session

Dr. Flowers moved to go into executive session to discuss the following: Economic Development –Project Sun and Personnel. Councilman Biering seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor moved to exit executive session. Councilman Biering seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor moved to bring Resolution 24-R-61, To appoint members to board vacancies off the table. Councilman Trippe seconded that motion and the motion carries unanimously.

F. Resolution 24-R-61, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 24-R-61, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilman Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Trippe seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

***Watch the video stream available on the County’s website or at the link below to hear the Council’s discussion of a specific topic or the complete meeting.

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This 3rd day of December 2024.


Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

ATTEST:


Kaela Brinson, Clerk to Council

Colleton County
SCHOOL DISTRICT
PREPARE EVERY CHILD TODAY FOR TOMORROW

Colleton County School District

Jessica F. Williams
Superintendent
November 14, 2024

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SCHOOL DISTRICT
PREPARE EVERY CHILD TODAY FOR TOMORROW

Mission: Colleton County School District will prepare every student to graduate with a 21st century education to be globally competitive for their chosen college and/or career path.

Vision: Colleton County School District will be a world-class school system that ensure all students achieve at high levels.

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COLLETON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BAND OF BLUE

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2024 South Carolina State School Report Cards

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SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATINGS

- EXCELLENT**
School performance substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Goals of the SC Graduates.
- GOOD**
School performance exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Goals of the SC Graduates.
- AVERAGE**
School performance meets the criteria to ensure all students meet the Goals of the SC Graduates.
- BELOW AVERAGE**
School performance is in jeopardy of not meeting the criteria to ensure all students meet the Goals of the SC Graduates.
- UNSATISFACTORY**
School performance fails to meet the criteria to ensure all students meet the Goals of the SC Graduates.

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Components of Report Cards

- + Academics
- + Environment

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ACADEMIC INDICATORS

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE INDICATORS

- Academic Achievement
- SC Ready ELA and Math
- SC Alternate ELA and Math
- Preparing for Success
- SC Ready Science - Grade 4 and 6 only
- Multilingual Learners' Progress
- ACCESS Kindergarten - Grade 3
- Student Progress
- Growth on SC Ready for ELA and Math Grades 4-6

HIGH SCHOOL INDICATORS

- Academic Achievement
- End-of-Course English 2 and Algebra 1
- SC Alternate English 2 and Algebra 1
- Preparing for Success
- End-of-Course Biology 1 and US History
- Multilingual Learners' Progress
- ACCESS Grade 9-12
- Graduation Rate
- College and Career Readiness
- High School Student Success

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ENVIRONMENT INDICATORS

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE INDICATORS

- School Climate
- Classroom Environment*
- Student Safety*
- Financial Data*

HIGH SCHOOL INDICATORS

- School Climate
- Classroom Environment*
- Student Safety*
- Financial Data*

*These elements are for reporting information only.

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Elementary Overall Ratings

	2022	2023	2024
Dallas Elementary	Good	Below Average	Below Average
Gateville Elementary	Below Average	Below Average	Average
Forest Hills Elementary	Below Average	Below Average	Average
Hendersonville Elementary	Below Average	Unsatisfactory	Average
Northside Elementary	Unsatisfactory	Average	Below Average

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Secondary Overall Ratings

	2022	2023	2024
Colleton County Middle School	Average	Below Average	Below Average
Colleton County High School	Below Average	Unsatisfactory	Below Average

<https://ed.srgisv.databook.com/36>

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Ratings for Districts Compared to Us

DISTRICT	2023	2024
Colleton	1 Average, 4 Below Average, 2 Unsatisfactory	3 Average, 4 Below Average
Durham #1	1 Good, 3 Average, 3 Unsatisfactory	1 Good, 4 Average, 1 Below Average
Jasper	1 Good, 1 Average, 3 Below Average, 1 Unsatisfactory	4 Average, 1 Below Average, 1 Unsatisfactory
McClintock	1 Average, 1 Below Average, 1 Unsatisfactory	3 Average
Abbeville	3 Average, 1 Unsatisfactory	2 Average, 1 Unsatisfactory
Number of Counties or Good Schools	2	

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Noteworthy Points

We have never had more than two schools averages

Two of our schools missed average by less than 0.5 points

There were increases of

- 16 points by Hendersonville
- 8 points by Forest Hills
- 4 points by Colleton County High
- 2 points by Cottageville
- 1 point by Bells

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Underperforming Designation

An underperforming district is defined as a district in which sixty-five percent or more of the schools in the district have an overall rating of unsatisfactory or below average on their annual report card

We have 4 of 7 schools with a below average rating. This equates to 57%. Therefore, upon the release of school designations in December, the District should not receive an underperforming district designation. The requirements of a three year consecutive underperforming designation has been broken therefore we do not meet the criteria for state intervention

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Let's Celebrate

COLLETON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ON THE MOVE!
Celebrating Our Success on South Carolina School Report Cards

Date: November 7, 2024
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Colleton County High School, PAC

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State Superintendent Ellen Weaver and Superintendent Jessica F. Williams

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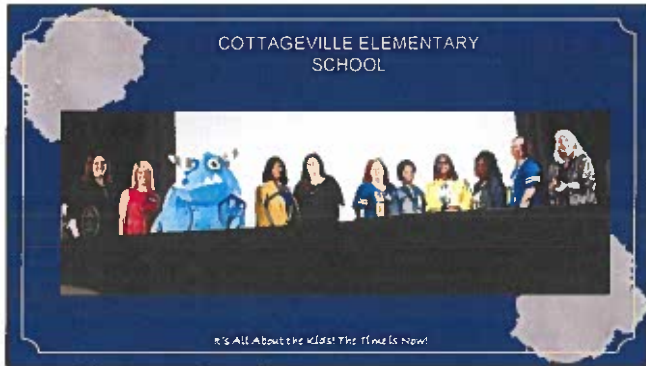
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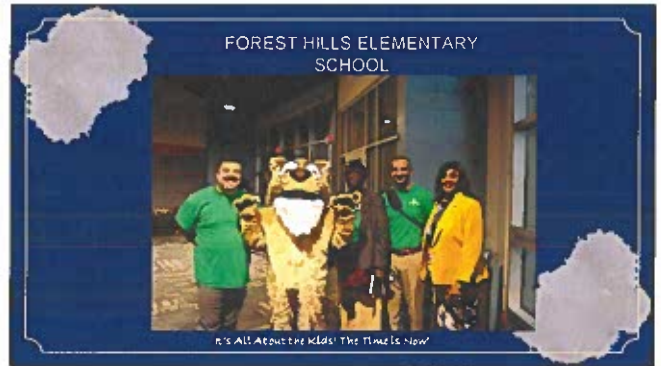
HENDERSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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