

*Columbia County Board of Education  
Regular Session  
October 8, 2024  
5:30 p.m.*

*The Columbia County Board of Education met at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at the Columbia County Board of Education. The following Board of Education members were present:*

*Mr. David Dekle, Chairman  
Mr. David Alalof, Vice-Chairman  
Ms. Kristi Baker, Board Member  
Ms. Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member  
Ms. Judy Teasley, Board Member*

**Call to Order**

*Chairman David Dekle called the meeting to order.*

**Invocation**

*Christ Church Presbyterian Senior Pastor Robbie Hendrick led the Invocation.*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

*Blue Ridge Elementary School 4-H Presidents led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**Approval of the Agenda**

*Vice-Chairman David Alalof made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Board Member Kristi Baker, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, Board Member Lee Ann Meyer, and Board Member Judy Teasley.*

**5. Special Recognition**

- a. Georgia Art Education Association 2025 Art Educator of the Year
- b. National Art Education Association Georgia Youth Art Month Award of Merit
- c. National Merit Scholarship Program Semi-Finalists
- d. Savannah River National Laboratory K-12 Catalyst Grant for STEM Education

**6. Board Comments (Optional)**

**Business Section**

*Superintendent Flynt requested approval of Consent Items 7a-c as presented. Vice-Chairman David Alalof made a motion for approval of Consent Items 7a-c as presented, seconded by Board Member Kristi Baker, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, Board Member Lee Ann Meyer, and Board Member Judy Teasley.*

**7. Approval of Consent Items**

- a. Minutes of September 24, 2024, Work Session Meeting
- b. Employee Travel
- c. Local Board Training Plan

**8. Columbia County School District Hurricane Helene Response**

a. Operations, Facilities and Maintenance Update, Associate Superintendent Penny Jackson  
*Associate Superintendent Penny Jackson provided an update for Operations, Facilities and Maintenance in our school district regarding Hurricane Helene.*

- b. Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction Update, Associate Superintendent Dr. Kellye Bosch

*Associate Superintendent Dr. Kellye Bosch provided an update for Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction in our school district regarding Hurricane Helene.*

c. School Improvement Update, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristen Carroll  
*Assistant Superintendent Kristen Carroll provided an update for School Improvement in our school district regarding Hurricane Helene.*

- d. Business and Finance, Chief Financial Officer Alex Casado

Chief Financial Officer Alex Casado provided an update for Business and Finance in our school district regarding Hurricane Helene.

e. Human Resources Update, Chief Human Resources Officer Tony Wright  
Chief Financial Officer Alex Casado presented an update for staffing and vacancies regarding Hurricane Helene in the absence of Chief Human Resources Officer Tony Wright.

f. Technology Update, Chief Information Officer James Van Meter  
Chief Information Officer James Van Meter provided an update for Technology across our school district in response to Hurricane Helene.

**Building Program**

Superintendent Flynt presented a project update.

**Bid Results**

Superintendent Flynt recommended approval of the bid results for ARUBA ClearPass Network Access Control (NAC) policy management platform and support to Prosys for a five-year contract and covers all related equipment, in the amount of \$261,897.00, as presented. Vice-Chairman David Alalof made a motion to approve the bid results for ARUBA ClearPass Network Access Control (NAC) policy management platform and support to Prosys for a five-year contract and covers all related equipment, in the amount of \$261,897.00, seconded by Board Member Lee Ann Meyer; and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, Board Member Lee Ann Meyer, and Board Member Judy Teasley.



October 3, 2024

To: Dr. Steven Flynt, Superintendent  
From: Alex Casado, Chief Financial Officer

**RE: Recommendation for purchase of ARUBA ClearPass Network Access Control from Prosys.**

Based on Technology Department review, the ARUBA ClearPass Network Access Control (NAC) policy management platform will allow technology to manage individual devices from accessing the network.

The price below was obtained from Prosys using the State of Georgia Enterprise Infrastructure Contract 99999-SPD-SPD0000139-0002. The price below covers all related equipment and 5 years of service:

Item	Price
ARUBA ClearPass Network Access Control (NAC) policy management platform and support	\$261,897.00

The Technology Department has worked with Prosys for many years.

The Technology Department and Business Department are recommending the purchase of the Prosys ARUBA ClearPass Network Access Control (NAC) policy management platform utilizing Contract 99999-SPD-SPD0000139-0002, for an estimated extended value amount of \$261,897.

**10. Superintendent Reports**

Superintendent Flynt presented the following reports and announcements.

- a. School Year Update for 2024-2025
- b. Student Fall Break/District Professional Learning Day, October 11
- c. Columbus Day Holiday, October 14
- d. Report Cards, October 22
- e. Building Program Community Presentations, Lakeside High School, October 15
- f. Columbia County School District Teacher of the Year Celebration, November 4
- g. Progress Reports, November 8
- h. Veterans Day Holiday, November 11
- i. American Education Week, November 18-22

- j. Principal for a Day, November 21
- k. Thanksgiving Holidays, November 25-29

### **Public Participation**

*There was no Public Participation.*

### **Board Discussion**

*There was no board discussion at this time.*

### **Executive Session**

*At this time, a motion for the Board to retire into Executive Session to discuss personnel, legal matters, and real estate was made by Vice-Chairman David Alalof, seconded by Board Member Kristi Baker, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, Board Member Lee Ann Meyer, and Board Member Judy Teasley.*

*Upon returning from Executive Session Vice-Chairman David Alalof made a motion that Chairman David Dekle be directed to execute an affidavit, as called for by Georgia Law, affirming that no subject was discussed during Executive Session, which violated the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Georgia. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lee Ann Meyer, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, Board Member Lee Ann Meyer, and Board Member Judy Teasley.*

### **Personnel Recommendations**

*Vice-Chairman David Alalof made a motion for approval of the personnel list to include the Personnel Recommendations which were discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Board Member Kristi Baker, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, Board Member Lee Ann Meyer, and Board Member Judy Teasley.*

### **Board Items**

*There were no board items for discussion at this time.*

### **Adjourn**

*There being no further business, Vice-Chairman David Alalof made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Kristi Baker, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, Board Member Lee Ann Meyer, and Board Member Judy Teasley.*

*David Dekle, Chairman*

*Dr. Steven Flynt, Secretary*