**Calhoun County Public Schools**

**Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**District Office**

**January 29, 2018**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Members Present**: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson; Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairperson; Mrs. Debra Fredrick, Secretary; Mrs. Sandra Tucker, 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, 1985, Section 30-4-80-(e), as amended, 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**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Mrs. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of December 18, 2017, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

**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 quality education for the students in Calhoun County. Each Board Member was presented a gift of appreciation.

Mr. Porth thanked Dr. Wilson for the recognition and expressed that he feels it’s an honor to serve. He added that Calhoun County Schools have great teachers and staff to work with.

Mr. Gary Porth read the SCSBA 2018 Ethical Principles and each Board Member signed the Statement. The signed statement will be on display in the Board Room.

5. **Student Recognition:** Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, along with Board Members, Principals and Assistant Principals to come forward to assist with the recognition of students receiving the 1st Quarter Highest GPA Awards. Mrs. Murdaugh asked that the parents of students receiving awards stand and be recognized while their child received an award. (List of students attached.)

Mrs. Murdaugh recognized Je’Torian Williams for placing third at the National JAG Conference in math on November 9, 2017 in Washington, DC.

Ms. Cynthia Johnson, Chief of Accountability and Administrative Officer, recognized the District’s 2018 Student Advisory Council. Ms. Johnson said the Student Advisory Council will act as a liaison between the students and the District’s Faculty and Administrators in order to create a

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better learning environment within the District. Students recognized were: Luther Alsup, Emerald Sullivan, Jacob Dukes, Chelsea Jacobs, Quadarius Rivers, Gabriel Bennett, Josh Ott, Fatima Kenly, Tanner Hill, Ethan Tullock and Yamileth Tavar-Kler.

6. **Public Participation**: Ms. Keisha Watson spoke to the Board with concerns regarding the condition of the track and softball fields at Calhoun County High School, and the possibility of filming district athletic events.

Mr. Porth thanked Ms. Watson for expressing her concerns and informed her that the Superintendent would respond to her concerns in writing.

**Chairperson's Report**: No Report

**Finance**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the November 2017 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in November 2017, we received 20% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 34% of General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 50% of the remaining General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 84%. She added that we have collected $733,000.00 in current taxes and $165,000.00 in delinquent taxes.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for November 2017. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the December 2017 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in December 2017, we received 44% of General Fund Budgeted Revenues and expended 42% of General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 43% of the remaining General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 85%. She added that we have collected 2.4 million dollars in current taxes and $173,000.00 in delinquent taxes.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for December 2017. Passed unanimously.

9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director, presented the following policies for discussion and/or amendment:

* AR IKE-R Promotion, Retention & Acceleration of Students - (Discussion)
* Policy GBEB Staff Conduct – (Amended)
* Policy JKE Expulsion of Students – (Amended)
* Policy JICI Weapons in School – (Amended)
* Policy JICDA Code of Conduct – (Amended)
* AR JICDA-R Code of Conduct – (Amended)

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* Policy KLG Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities – (Amended)
* Policy JIH Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests – (Amended)
* AR JIH-R Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests – (Amended)
* AR ADA-R School District Goals and Objectives – (Amended)
* Policy ADB Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free Schools – (Amended)
* Policy AE Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment – (Amended)
* Policy BA School Board Operational Goals – (Amended)
* Policy EBBA Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission – (Amended)
* Policy EEAEC Student Conduct on Buses – (Amended)
* AR EEAEC-R Student Conduct on Buses – (Amended)
* Policy JE Student Attendance – (Amended)
* Policy JFAB Admission of Nonresident Students – (Amended)
* Policy JIB Student Involvement in Decision-Making – (Amended)

Mr. George Kiernan, Compliance Officer, updated the Board on the K-8 Schools renovations. He said the two K-8 School renovations are almost complete and he is waiting on the Office of School Facilities (OSF) to approve the work. He also added that digital signs will be placed at both K-8 Schools by the end of February.

Dr. Wilson informed the Board that the AdvancED Team will be in the District beginning on February 11, 2018.

Dr. Wilson informed the Board that the Academic Make-up day for inclement weather is scheduled for February 19, 2018.

10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to go into executive session to consider a Financial Issue concerning Dangerfield Engineering, Personnel Issue on Employee Intent Results – TERI Retirees, Financial Issue on Meals per Diem and the Superintendent’s Evaluation and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

11. **Action on Executive Session Item:** Mrs. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Meal Per Diem rates as recommended by the State as submitted by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Nelson moved with a second by Mrs. Fredrick to extend the Superintendent’s Contract for one additional year that will end in the year 2021. Passed unanimously.

12. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to adjourn at 10:31 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Board Secretary

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