**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office**

**September 18, 2017**

**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. Tucker, to approve the amended Agenda to include Fiscal Autonomy under Executive Session. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the minutes of August 28, 2017, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

5. **Student Recognition:** Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, Board Members and Principals, to come forward to assist with the recognition of students receiving the Fourth Quarter Highest GPA awards. Mrs. Murdaugh asked that the parents of students receiving awards stand and be recognized while their child received an award.

6. **Public Participation**: Mr. Jeff Glover and Mrs. Karen Buckman, representing VFW Post 10729, St. Matthews, spoke to the Board regarding scholarship opportunities that are available for students and teachers through the Post. Dr. Wilson informed the Board that he will be speaking to Mr. Glover later in the week to discuss this in further detail. Mr. Porth thanked Mr. Glover and Mrs. Buckman for sharing scholarship information with the Board.

7. **Chairperson's Report**: No Report

8. **Finance**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, was unable to attend due to a family emergency. No Financial Report was given.

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9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director/Compliance Officer, updated the Board on the K-8 schools renovations. Due to past weather conditions, St. Matthews K–8 School is a little ahead of Sandy Run K-8 School with the renovations. Mr. Kiernan said that a lower grade playground at St. Matthews K-8 and Sandy Run K-8 will have cedar chips removed and be replaced with a rubberized playground surface. Mr. Kiernan added that he is looking at adding a sail to provide extra shade.

Mr. Kiernan informed the Board that the SC Parks and Recreation Grant (PARD) playground at Sandy Run K-8 will be having cedar chips replaced and some renovation work that will be provided through the SC Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Nelson asked if the playground could be moved in order to be closer to the school. Mr. Kiernan said he would look into having it moved.

 Dr. Wilson informed the Board that students missed September 11 and 12, 2017 due to Hurricane Irma and make-up days will be October 27, 2017 and January 3, 2018.

 Dr. Wilson shared with the Board that he recently attended the SCASA Superintendents’ Symposium in Charleston SC and had the opportunity to watch a demonstration of the Telehealth process at the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Wilson said that he was very impressed with what he saw and would like to go forward with having this program in the District. Dr. Wilson informed the Board that he has a meeting this week and added that the Board is welcome to attend.

10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to go into executive session to consider a Personnel Recommendation, Board Policies for Review, Fiscal Autonomy and to return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

11. Upon returning from executive session, Mr. Porth announced that no action was taken.

12. **Adjournment:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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