**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office Boardroom**

**April 15, 2019**

**Members Present**: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson; Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Debra Fredrick, Secretary; Mrs. Sandra Tucker, Mr. Ned Nelson

1. **Call to Order/Invocation**: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson, called the meeting to order, welcomed visitors and staff and asked everyone present to stand for the invocation and the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

2. **Notice to the Media**: In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, 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 Ms. Fredrick, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of March 18, 2019, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

5. **Art Presentation:** Ms. Cynthia Johnson asked Mr. John Sawvell, Visual Arts Teacher at Calhoun County High School, to come forward along with two art students, to present each Board Member and Dr. Wilson with an abstract sculpture that was made by the students. Mr. Sawvell said over 95 students participated in the project. He added that each student produced their own expressive imagination on their design.

Mr. Porth thanked the students on behalf of the Board for the presentation and said he will cherish his sculpture. Mr. Nelson added that he is proud of the achievements of the students, the hard working staff in the district, as well as the support from the parents.

6. **Student Recognition**: Mrs. Amy Roland, Assistant Principal and Ms. Peggy Whittenburg, Guidance Counselor, recognized the Sandy Run Choir that recently performed at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Roland said this was a very special honor for the choir. She added special thanks to Ms. Jang, the choir conductor. Mrs. Roland asked several students that were a part of the choir to come forward and be recognized. Ms. Whittenburg said that the students worked very hard and added that she is very proud of them. Dr. Wilson asked the parents to stand and be recognized.

Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resource Director and Compliance Officer, and Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, asked Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, along with Board Members, Principals, Assistant Principals and Guidance Counselors to come forward to assist with the recognition of students receiving awards for the SC Junior Scholar Award of Merit. Mr. Kiernan asked that parents of students receiving awards to stand and be recognized while their child received an award.

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Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resource Director and Compliance Officer, and Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, asked Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, along with Board Members, Principals, Assistant Principals and Guidance Counselor to come forward to assist with the recognition of students receiving awards for 3rd Quarter Highest GPA. Mr. Kiernan asked that parents of students receiving awards stand and be recognized while their child received an award.

7. **School Recognitions**: Mr. Whittaker Williams, Food Services Director, asked each principal to come forward and receive the Silver Certification USDA Healthier U.S. School Award. This award was given for healthier school cafeterias. Mr. Williams thanked the principals and the food service staff for all the hard work that was put into receiving the awards. Mr. Williams added that along with the award, each school cafeteria will receive $1,000.00.

8. **Public Participation:**  None

9. **Chairperson's Report**: Mr. Gary Porth spoke to the Board about the District’s Risk Assessment Rating. He said that the District received the report from Melissa Myers, Director of Office Auditing Services. He said that 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, emphasize the requirements for the SCDE as the pass through entity for specific federal programs to judiciously award, administer, and monitor each sub award. The South Carolina Department of Education conducted the annual risk assessment and assigned a risk score to each of its sub recipients based upon overall financial and programmatic performance as demonstrated through 10 criterias. He added that he is happy to announce that Calhoun County School District’s overall risk score is 13, which is considered low risk.

10. **Financial Report**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the March 2019 Monthly Financial Report for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in March 2019, the District received 73% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 66% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 26% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 92%. She said that as of the 135th day report, the district has lost 78 students since last year’s report and will affect our funding by approximately $215,000.00. She added that the current taxes collected for March 2019 was 5.2 million, which is 94%. She said that at this time last year, the district had collected approximately $20,000.00 more. Mrs. Strickland is waiting to see if the numbers will increase from now until June. She reported that in delinquent taxes $199,000 have been received, which is approximately 50% of the budget.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report for March 2019. Passed unanimously.

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Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the March 2019 Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Budget Adjustments for March 2019. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented the FY 2019-2020 Calhoun County Public Schools Budget for First Reading consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that the House did not include any additional funds for base student cost and the Senate added 15 million dollars which equates to approximately $17.00 per student and these numbers are not included in the budget. The EFA projection is based on the 45th day so this will include the loss of students. The beginning teacher salary increased to $35,000.00 and the district pays 8% above so it will be $37,800.00 and an average of 9 – 11% salary increase for teachers with 0-4 years of experience, 4-6% increase for teachers with 5 – 23 years of experience. She said the reason 0-4 years have higher percentages is to make sure the salaries on those cells are higher than the new beginning teacher salary of $35,000 or $37,800 in our district. Mrs. Strickland said retirees are frozen and classified and administrators are treated the same as teachers in this reading, and the health insurance for employers did not increase. The retirement went up at least 1% for employers and she is waiting for a final percentage. She said that allocations to the schools were adjusted based on the decrease in student count. She added that non salary and fringes increased by approximately $1,500.00. Mrs. Strickland said the budget is out of balance by $562,000.00. She added she has not gone through the Federal and State Grants so the numbers could change.

After Board discussion Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the **First Reading** of the Calhoun County Public Schools FY 2019-2020 Budget, **in title only**. Passed unanimously.

11. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said hot water heaters are being replaced in the schools and bid packages are out for both tankless and traditional hot water heaters. He reported that the parking lot at Calhoun County High School was repaired on March 24th and that the yearly inspection will be done on July 8, 2019. He said that bleacher inspections will be done next month. Dr. Wilson said he is pleased with the security camera installation that has been done at Sandy Run School. He added that this will also be done at the St. Matthews K-8 School.

Mr. Kiernan presented the following amended Policies for Board consideration:

* Policy JKE – Expulsion of Students
* AR JKE-R – Expulsion of Students
* Policy JICJ Possession/Use of Smart Devices in School
* Policy AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
* Policy CCB – Line and Staff Relations
* Policy GCK – Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers
* AR GCK-R – Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers
* Policy GDJ – Support Staff Assignments and Transfers
* Board Action on Amended Policies

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Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve amended polices: Policy JKE – Expulsion of Students, AR JKE-R – Expulsion of Students, Policy JICJ Possession/Use of Smart

Devices in School, Policy AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity, Policy CCB – Line and Staff Relations, Policy GCK – Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers, AR GCK-R – Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers and Policy GDJ – Support Staff Assignments and Transfers. Passed unanimously.

12. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to go into Executive Session to consider Legal, Fiscal Autonomy, Personnel, Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s), and Personnel, Employee Catastrophic Leave and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Jenkins announced that the Board was back in open session.

13. **Executive Session Actions**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Superintendent’s recommendations for employment and resignations. Passed unanimously.

14. **Adjournment**: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Board Secretary

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