**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**Calhoun County High School**

**December 18, 2017**

***A reception honoring the Calhoun County Schools District Teachers of the Year and Support Employees of the Year was held prior to the regular Board meeting at 6:30 p.m., in the Calhoun County High School Cafeteria. The teachers selected by their respective schools are Ms. Emily Dyches, Sandy Run K-8 School, Mrs. Priscilla Carter, St. Matthews K-8 School and Ms. Tracy Watson, Calhoun County High School and District Teacher of the Year. The support staff selected by their respective schools are Mrs. Amy Williams, District Office, Mrs. Cassandra Lytch-Colter, Sandy Run K-8 School, Mrs. Fairey Bell Walker, Calhoun County High School and Mr. Charles Green, St. Matthews K-8 School. Also recognized were Ms. Shayla Jenkins and Mr. Isaiah Holman, who served on the Teacher of the Year selection committee.***

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

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. **Election of Officers**: Mr. Porth turned the meeting over to Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, who opened the floor for nominations for Board Chairperson. Mrs. Fredrick moved to nominate Mr. Gary Porth as Board Chairperson. Mr. Nelson moved to close the nominations and elect Mr. Porth by acclamation. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Porth opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Nelson moved, to nominate Mr. Jenkins as Board Vice Chairperson. Mrs. Fredrick moved to close the nominations and elect Mr. Jenkins by acclamation. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Porth opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary. Mrs. Tucker moved to nominate Mrs. Fredrick, as Board Secretary. Mr. Nelson moved to close the nominations and elect Mrs. Fredrick by acclamation. Passed unanimously.

1. **Approval of Agenda**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to amend the Agenda to include Personnel, Extended Leave Request under Executive Session. Passed unanimously.

5. **Approval of Minutes**: Mrs. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of November 27, 2017, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached)

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6**. Student Recognitions:** Ms. Cynthia Johnson, Chief Accountability and Administrative Officer, asked Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, and Board Members to come forward to assist with the recognition of Logan Mina, CCHS, Josie Hodson, SRK-8 and Jessica Westbury, SMK-8 School who were the winners of the District’s Holiday Season Greeting Card’s Design Contest.

7. **Employee Recognitions**: Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked the following teachers to come forward and be recognized for their recent achievements: Mr. Brian Day, elected for Board of Directors with the South Carolina Council for Social Studies and Middle Schools and Representative for the Executive Council on African American Studies. Mrs. Lavetra Sullivan, Author of *Can I Borrow Some Trust.* Mrs. Tamika Fordham, Author of *Teach Me the Solar System* and *Teach Me the Earth’s Atmosphere.* Ms. Audrey Patterson, Author of *My Teacher is More than My Teacher.* Mrs. Susan Morris received the Peggy Parish Literacy Leaders Award and Mrs. Beth Howell recipient of Francis Marion University’s 2017 Professional Psychology Award and she is currently the President for the South Carolina Association of School Psychologist.

8. **Public Participation**: Mrs. Lauren Nickells and Mrs. Patti Roland, both teachers in the District, thanked Dr. Steve Wilson and the Board for the recent step increase/bonus.

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

10. **Finance**: No Report.

11. **Superintendent’s Report**: Ms. Cynthia Johnson and Mrs. Christia Murdaugh conducted a presentation on the five year District Strategic Plan to inform the community and Board of the 2018 data updates. They explained that this documentation is a living document that governs the longitudinal goals of the District.

Dr. Wilson presented for Board consideration, the Board Meeting Schedule for 2018.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the Board Meeting Schedule for 2018 as presented. Passed unanimously. (Copy Attached)

Dr. Wilson highlighted two critical areas within SCASA’s 2018 Legislative Platform and Position Statement, Funding the Base Student Cost and Educator Retention. He added the Teri program will end in June 2018 and involves a $10,000.00 cap in earnings.

Dr. Wilson presented to the Board, Calhoun County’s School District Resolution. Dr. Wilson said the Midland’s Superintendents developed a resolution that cites/explains the changes that the EOC should make without calling for their removal. Dr. Wilson asked Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, to come forward to read the resolution. Dr. Wilson said a signed copy will be sent to the Calhoun County Legislative Delegation, SCSBA, EOC, SCASA and the State Superintendent.

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Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to adopt the Calhoun County Resolution concerning EOC Accountability System as presented. Passed unanimously. (Copy Attached)

Dr. Wilson presented the Board a framed new District Organizational Chart. Dr. Wilson said the charts will be placed in strategic locations in the schools and the District Office, so the public will have the opportunity to see the district’s organizational structure. Dr. Wilson said this organizational structure should aid the district with continuous improvement.

Dr. Wilson informed the Board that on January 22, 2018, the Board will have a Work Session to discuss the District’s Core Values. Dr. Wilson said that Core Values are critical for guiding our work in all areas of the district.

Mr. George Kiernan, Compliance Officer, updated the Board on the Facilities and said that both SMK-8 and SRK-8 have been inspected by OSF and the final inspection will be done after the holidays.

Mr. Kiernan informed the Board that the District will have early release on December 19, 2017. He said the 2 K-8 schools will dismiss at 12:30 P.M. and CCHS will dismiss at 1:00 P.M.

12. **Executive Session:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to go into executive session to consider the Superintendent’s Evaluation, Personnel, Extended Leave Request and to return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to uphold the recommendation for employee extended leave as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

13**. Adjournment:** Mr. Porth moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to adjourn at 10:18 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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 Board Secretary

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