**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office**

**April 16, 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**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of March 19, 2018, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

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 awards. Mrs. Murdaugh asked that parents of students receiving awards stand and be recognized while their child receives an award.

Calhoun County High School Student Council

Calhoun County High School DECA Club

Calhoun County High School Robotics Team

Gifted & Talented Scholarship Winner

SC Junior Duke Tip Scholar Awards

SC Junior Scholar Award of Merit

Science Fair Winners

6. **Public Participation**: No one signed up.

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

8. **Finance**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the March 2018 Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in February 2018, we received 76% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 65% of General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered

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25% of the remaining General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 90%. She added that we have collected 5.2 million dollars in current taxes and $187,000.00 in delinquent taxes, and the budget for delinquent taxes is $400,000.00.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for March 2018. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sky Strickland presented the FY 2018-2019 Calhoun County Public Schools Budget for First Reading consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that the Budget presented for first reading is out of balance by approximately $500,000.00 and is based on the House Version.

After discussion, Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the **First Reading** of the Calhoun County Public Schools FY 2018-2019 Budget, **in title only**. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland reported to the Board the State House of Representatives voted to increase teachers’ salaries by 2% with 1% coming from EIA and that health insurance premiums will go up by 8.1%. She added teachers’ minimum salaries will go from $30,000.00 to $32,000.00 per year. She said the Senate approved on April 12, 2018 to increase student base cost by $60.00. She concluded by saying, employer contribution rates for retirement will increase 1% each fiscal year until the year 2022-2023. This rate will cap at 18.56 percent.

9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director/Compliance Officer, presented amended AR IKE-R Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students for information.

Mr. George Kiernan, Compliance Officer, presented to the Board a PowerPoint presentation regarding playground renovations at the K-8 schools. He said both playgrounds are completed. He said that shade and rubberized mulch have been added. He added the new sign at SMK8 is working and the sign at SRK8 is waiting for electric hook-up, which should be completed by April 23rd. He further added that OSF will visit the district on April 19th to inspect both K8 expansions. He said the parking lot project at Calhoun County High School is moving forward and will be completed in three phases, with final completion around August 1, 2018.

Dr. Wilson presented a request by Ms. Dawn Gressette, DECA Instructor, to attend the 2018 International DECA Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA. along with six students on April 21 – 25, 2018, in Atlanta, GA.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the request by Ms. Dawn Gressette, to attend the 2018 International DECA Leadership Conference along with six students on April 21 – 25, 2018, in Atlanta, GA. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Wilson informed the Board that each of the schools in the District received the HealthierUS School Challenge Silver Award. This award is presented to schools that have created healthier school environments through the promotion of nutrition and physical activity.

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Ms. Cynthia Johnson, Chief of Accountability and Administration Office, updated the Board on the District’s School Emergency Responses. She said that on March 6, 2018, Dr. Wilson facilitated a Student Safety Forum. During that meeting, there was great dialog between the community and district in regards to student safety. The District had an opportunity to share with the parents and the community the safety measures that are currently in place, as well as future plans. She said the development *of The School Emergency Responses: A Message to Parents* was prepared and the four components addressed in this message were, Prevention, Preparation, Response and Recovery. She added that each school has placed a copy of this plan on their website and hard copies were available for the parents and community members attending the Board Meeting.

Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, updated the Board on the District’s Standardized Testing Schedule. She said this year is the baseline year for the new ESSA Accountability System. She informed the Board that in preparation for testing this year and to promote a strong testing environment, the professional development days that are on Tuesdays, will be moved to Friday for the three weeks of testing.

Ms. Cynthia Johnson presented to the Board a video presentation from Mr. Harvey Elwood with WOCS 93.7, The People’s Station. The video was created to showcase the wonderful things that are happening in Calhoun County Public School District. The video will be uploaded to the individual school websites.

Dr. Wilson added that Mr. Elwood is willing to come and showcase special events and occasions occurring in the District.

Dr. Wilson presented to the Board a draft visual presentation on the District’s Core Values which were developed during a Board Workshop on February 19, 2018. He added the District’s Core Values are fundamental beliefs that the Board has decided the District should adhere to. Dr. Wilson said that Commitment, Leadership, Teamwork, Accountability and Achievement were the values that were chosen which centers around the District’s Mission. He finalized by saying he is very proud the Board has taken the leadership to decide the Core Values for the District.

10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to go into executive session to consider Personnel Recommendations/Resignations, an Expulsion Appeal Request and then return to open session at the completion of discussions.

11. **Action on Executive Session Item:** Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to accept the recommendations and resignation as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

12. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:59 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Board Secretary

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