**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office**

**April 24, 2017**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Members Present**: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson; Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairperson; Mrs. Sandra Tucker, Mrs. Debra Fredrick, Secretary; 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 the invocation 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 March 20, 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 2nd Quarter Highest GPA awards. Mrs. Murdaugh asked that parents of students receiving awards stand and be recognized while their child receives an award.

6. **Public Participation**: Ms. Jacqueline Carson, a parent in our District, spoke to the Board with concerns regarding school lunches and summer school/after school programs. Mr. Porth thanked Ms. Carson and informed her that the Superintendent would respond to her concerns.

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

8. **Financial Report**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the March 2017 Monthly Financial Report for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in March 2017, we received 79% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and have expended 66% of General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 24% of the remaining General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. She added we have collected 5.2 million dollars in current taxes, and collected $304,000.00 in delinquent taxes.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report for March, 2017. Passed unanimously.

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Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the March 2017 Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Budget Adjustments for March, 2017. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented the FY 2017-2018 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 $694,000.00 and she is asking for First Reading approval **in title only**.

After discussion, Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the **First Reading** of the Calhoun County Public Schools FY 2017-2018 Budget, **in title only**. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented a SCAGO Bond Resolution (IPRB Payments) not to exceed 3 million dollars. Mrs. Strickland added that this bond is for payment that will be made on the installment purchase revenue bond that was used to build St. Matthews K-8 School and renovate Sandy Run K-8 School and Calhoun County High School.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the SCAGO Bond Resolution - IPRB not to exceed 3 million dollars. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

Mrs. Strickland presented a SCAGO Bond Resolution for the expansion of Sandy Run K-8 and St. Matthews K-8 Schools not to exceed 2.5 million dollars. Mrs. Strickland added the timeline for payment on this resolution is eight years.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the SCAGO Bond Resolution for K-8 School Expansion Projects not to exceed 2.5 million dollars. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

9. **Superintendent's Report**:

Mrs. Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, presented seven new courses developed by the schools to be recognized by the State Department of Education for Board approval. (Copy attached.)

Mrs. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the seven courses recommended to be recognized by the State Department of Education.

Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director/Compliance Officer, informed the Board that three companies submitted bids for the school expansion projects. Mr. Kiernan added that Edcon was the lowest bid submitted at $2,283,875.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the bid from Edcon for the expansion of both K-8 schools in the amount of $2,283,875.

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Mr. Kiernan updated the Board Summer Facility Projects which includes installing HVAC units at the District Office. Mr. Kiernan added that the Calhoun County Student Parking Lot and the back of the building behind the Gym is in need of repair. Mr. Kiernan said an engineering company is coming to look at the parking lot and building and offer suggestions. Mr. Kiernan said that cameras will be installed at Calhoun County High School within the next few weeks.

Mr. Kiernan informed the board that the following policies have been amended.

* + Policy BE – School Board Meetings
  + Policy JC – School Attendance Area
  + Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses
  + Policy AD – School District Mission
  + Policy ADA – School District Goals and Objectives
  + Policy EBCB – Safety Drills
  + Policy EBCD – School Closings and Cancellations
  + Policy GCG-R – Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment
  + Policy IKA – Grading /Assessment Systems
  + Policy IDDD – Gifted and Talented Programs
  + Policy IE – Organization of Instruction
  + Policy IFBD – School Media Centers
  + Policy LH – Relations with Educational Accreditation Agencies
  + Policy KI – Visitors
  + Policy JLF – Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection

Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, informed the Board that Calhoun County School District will host the Special Olympics on May 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. He said schools involved will be Orangeburg 3, 4, 5, Bamberg and Barnwell Counties along with adult athletes from the resident center here in the county and Board of Disabilities in Orangeburg County.

Dr. Steve Wilson reminded the Board that AdvanceED would be coming to the District in the spring of 2018 for external review.

10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to go into executive session to consider employee Recommendations/Terminations and return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

Upon returning from executive session, Mr. Jenkins moved to reschedule the May 15, 2017, Board meeting to Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the District Office. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins moved to accept the employee recommendations as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

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

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Board Secretary

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