**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office**

**May 21, 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. Tucker, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the minutes of April 16, 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 the 3rd Quarter Highest GPA Awards. Mrs. Murdaugh asked that parents of students receiving awards stand and be recognized while their child receives an award.

Mrs. Murdaugh asked Mr. Barry Charley, Principal, and Mr. Chris Mack, Assistant Principal, to come forward and recognize Mrs. Jamie Stephens for receiving the award of Lower Savannah Regional School Counselor of the Year for Career and Technology Education.

Mrs. Murdaugh asked Ms. Dawn Gressette, teacher, along with Mr. Barry Charley, Principal, and Mr. Chris Mack, Assistant Principal, to come forward and assist in recognizing Corey Smith for receiving the Lower Savannah Regional Work Base Learning CATE Student of the Year. Ms. Dawn Gressette said that Corey Smith received a paid apprenticeship in Tool Die Making with Husqvarna in Orangeburg, which is a first for a student in Calhoun County Public Schools.

Mr. Porth said he is very proud of the students and staff that received awards.

6. **Public Participation**: Mrs. Everleen McFadden spoke to the Board with concerns regarding teacher retention and school safety.

Mr. Porth thanked Mrs. McFadden for expressing her concerns and informed her that the Superintendent would respond to her concerns in writing.

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

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

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in February 2018, we received 84% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 72% of General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered

19% of the remaining General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 91%. She added that we have collected 5.3 million dollars in current taxes and $243,500.00 in delinquent taxes.

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

Mrs. Strickland presented the 2018 Equipment Acquisition Bond Resolution not to exceed $850,000.00 for approval. The purpose of the resolution is for the refreshing of student Chromebooks, laptops for teachers and all desktop computers in the district.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the 2018 Equipment Acquisition Bond Resolution not to exceed $850,000.00. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sky Strickland presented the FY 2018-2019 Calhoun County Public Schools Budget for Second Reading consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that the Budget presented for Second Reading is out of balance by approximately $373,000.00 and is based on the House Version. She said that this reading includes the minimum teacher salary to $32,000.00 per year and gives a 2% increase on the teacher salary schedule. The proposal for funding is 1% coming from EIA Funds and 1% from EFA Funds. She said there is no increase to student base cost in the House Version. She added the poverty rating is based on the FY-14 Poverty Rating, which means the District will receive more money than what the Senate passed that was based on the FY-17 version. She further added the House Version also suspends the $10,000.00 earning limitations for retirees that retired on or before December 31, 2017. Mrs. Strickland reported that the Conference Committee should have answers for both House Committees by June 27th.

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

9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Compliance Officer, shared with the Board Facility Updates for the District. He said things are moving forward on the Calhoun County High School parking lot and there are two HVAC bids out for the school. He said digital signs are up and operating at both K-8 schools. He added that he is working with OSF regarding the expansions on both schools.

Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director/Compliance Officer, presented amended Policy BEDB – Agenda, AR JKE and AR IKD for information.

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Dr. Wilson shared with the Board the South Carolina teacher turnover rates based on school years 2012-13 to 2016-17. The rates show Calhoun County as having the lowest teacher turnover rate in South Carolina.

Dr. Wilson shared with the Board the AdvancED Engagement Review Report for the District that was performed February 11- 14, 2018. He asked Mrs. Janet Gilchrist, Curriculum Specialist to come forward and share with the Board some of the highlights of the report. Dr. Wilson added that Mrs. Gilchrist and Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, were very instrumental in leading the charge with the AdvancED Engagement Review visit. He further added that he would like to also thank the principals, staff, cabinet, community members and the Board for the team effort for the excellent results that were received. (Copy Attached)

Dr. Wilson shared with the Board the 2017-2018 Accreditation Classifications for the District. (Copy Attached) Dr. Wilson said in 2010, the District decided to pursue District Accreditation with AdvancED. He added that Calhoun County School District was not cited for any deficiencies this year. He thanked the teachers, Board and Administration saying it was a team effort.

Dr. Wilson shared with the Board the possibility of the District writing a Continuing Resolution if the Legislature does not pass the budget items by the July 1st deadline. He added the District may have to change the June School Board meeting to the last week of June.

10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to go into executive session to consider:

* Personnel Matter: Recommendation(s)/Resignation(s)
* Legal Matter: Contractual/Infrastructure
* Legal Matter: Contractual/School Safety
* Contractual: County Negotiations
* Legal Matter: Expulsion Appeal Notice

and 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 for employment as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to accept the employee resignation as presented by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

12. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Board Secretary

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