**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**Sandy Run School**

**March 21, 2016**

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

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. Fredrick, to approve the minutes of January 25, 2016 and February 2, 2016, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

6. **Public Participation**: No one signed up to speak to the Board.

7. **Chairperson's Report**: No report. Mr. Porth shared that on Thursday, March 17, 2016, he attended the Transform SC Conference along with Dr. Wilson, Mr. Nelson and the principals. Mr. Porth felt it was a very informative conference.

8. **Finance:** Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the February 2016 Monthly Financial Report and the February 2016 Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

 Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that we have received 67% of General Fund Revenue and spent or encumbered 88% of the General Fund Revenue. Also, current taxes collected are approximately 4.8 million.

 Mrs. Strickland said county delinquent taxes collected to date are approximately $261,000.00.

 Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the Monthly Report for February

 2016. Passed unanimously.

 Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the February 2016 Budget Adjustments. Passed unanimously.

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9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director, presented Policy ILBA – Use of Data for Monitoring Student Success and Achievement for first reading. (Copy attached) Mrs. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve Policy ILBA – Use of Data for Monitoring Student Success and Achievement. Passed unanimously.

Mr. George Kiernan, Compliance Officer, presented to the Board two HVAC bids for 12 air units to be placed at Sandy Run School. After discussion by the Board, Mrs. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to accept the lowest bid from Airport Heating and Cooling. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Wilson presented the 2016 – 2017 Academic Calendar. Dr. Wilson informed the board that Calendar A received 369 votes and Calendar B received 193 votes. The calendar was available for vote on our website for parents, stakeholders, teachers and staff. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the 2016-2017 Academic Calendar. (Copy attached)

Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, shared the State Department of Education’s new ten point grading system. Earlier this year, the State Department of Education put together a committee to compare the current seven point grading system compared to the ten point grading system. Mrs. Murdaugh said the committee voted for the ten point grading system. This is still in the planning stages and is yet to be approved by the State Department of Education and they do not have a projected date of when the ten point grading system will begin.

Mrs. Murdaugh presented to the Board information from the State Department of Education regarding the ACT. ACT is for all eleventh graders and all our eleventh grade students will be offered the test. Mrs. Murdaugh said the law does not allow us to use opt-in or opt-out forms.

Mrs. Murdaugh said ELA Testing, part one and two, will be paper based testing. This decision was made by the Superintendent’s Cabinet along with the Principals. Mrs. Murdaugh said that all testing will be on-line next year. She also gave an update on ACCESS, SC Alt, SCNCSC, SCPASS, SC Ready, and End-of-Course.

Mrs. Jennifer Sexton, District Instructional Technology Coach, presented information concerning Chromebook status and usage to the Board.  Mrs. Sexton stated that professional development continues to focus on meeting the learning objectives of students by engaging them in collaborative work and projects, as well as personalizing and individualizing instruction.  Each month, there is a school wide professional development at each school that focuses on different ways that teachers and students can use their Chromebooks in an effective and engaging way to meet student needs with online professional development. Teachers learn and practice using different apps and web tools.  This PD is voluntary and teachers receive professional development hours for it.  The presentation also included interviews from teachers, in which the teachers spoke about how the Chromebooks and blended learning have made a positive impact in their classroom environment.   Now, students use them for research papers, to conduct mock interviews, and create slide shows and image videos. Teachers are now observing more enthusiasm in the learning process.

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Dr. Wilson thanked Mrs. Sexton for all the training she has provided the teachers in the District.

10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to go into executive session to consider Personnel Vacancies and financial issues. Passed unanimously.

Upon returning from executive session, Mr. Porth announced that no action was taken.

11. **Adjournment**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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 Board Secretary

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