**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office**

**July 24, 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 Mr. Jenkins, 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 June 18, 2018, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

6. **Public Participation**: Mr. Jeff Glover, representing VFW Post 10729, St. Matthews, spoke to the Board regarding scholarship opportunities available for students through the Post.

Mr. Porth thanked Mr. Glover for his partnership with Calhoun County Public Schools and his service to the Country.

7. **Chairperson's Report**: Mr. Porth voiced his appreciation to the administration, faculty and staff for their hard work on getting ready for the upcoming school year. He added that it is a pleasure to serve on the Board and to see the achievements of the young people in the District.

8. **Finance**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented two July 2018 Budget Adjustments for Board consideration. The first budget adjustment was approved by the Board during the third reading of the Budget. The second Budget Adjustment is the amendment made per the State Department’s Allocation that is projected and shows adjustments made to administrator’s salaries. She added the rest of the budget did not change from the third reading and shows $373,430.00 of fund balance to balance the budget. By making this adjustment, the budget decreased approximately $22,000.00. Which then resulted in $351,415.00 of fund balance used to balance the budget.

After Board discussion, Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the July 2018 Budget Adjustments. Passed unanimously.

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Mrs. Strickland presented the June 2018 taxes for Board information. She reported that as of June 30, 2018 we have collected 5.479 million in taxes and our budget was for 5.5 million which leaves the budget short of $21,000.00. In delinquent taxes, the budget was $400,000.00 and the district collected $297,000.00 which leaves the district short $124,000.00. She further added that the budget did not change for 2018-2019 on budgeted numbers for the current or delinquent taxes.

9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director, presented amended Policy IKC Class Rankings/Grade Point Averages for information.

Mr. George Kiernan, Compliance Officer, updated the Board with Facility Updates. He said

all schools are being prepared for the opening of school. He said all schools are having some painting done and the final walk-thru on the K-8 schools will be done this week.

He added that installation of eleven HVAC units will begin next week at the high school and that the district is looking into the resurfacing of the track. Dr. Wilson said that we are working on getting the track upgraded so we can use Calhoun County High School for track meets.

Mr. Mark Parker, Technology Director, updated the Board on Technology and reported that all Board approved devices are in and currently being prepared to be issued at the schools. He said this year, the high school students will be issued Dell Window devices which will prepare them for college, desktops for the Labs and Chromebooks for 3rd – 6th graders. He showed the Board new Storage/Charging carts, which will store the Chromebooks that will not be taken home this next year. Dr. Wilson added the cost of insurance will stay at $25.00 and will not be required for students in grades 3-6.

Dr. Steve Wilson and Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, spoke to the Board regarding Student Safety and Security Protocols. He told the Board that he feels student and staff security is a priority. The Board was given a booklet of Board Policies that pertain to students. Dr. Wilson said the District Attorneys were also given the policies for review. Dr. Wilson said he wants to identify early and monitor the students that are misbehaving Dr. Wilson added that he has prepared two letters for the upcoming year dealing with behavior. A letter of Probation will be sent next week to the parents of the students that have been a behavior problem this past year and a behavior warning letter will be sent to students after the start of school to students exhibiting behavior problems as a warning. Dr. Wilson further added a summer letter to parents is being prepared and will re-emphasize good behavior. Dr. Wilson said this year there will be a District Wide Book Study (*Rigor In Your Classroom, by Barbara R. Blackborn*) that Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief of Academics suggested.

Dr. Wilson also spoke about School Security and said that the State requires the District to develop a Security Plan and we are currently in the process of developing this plan that will include active shooting drills and adding additional cameras.

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Mr. Tullock shared with the Board the three tiers of The Student Code of Conduct: Level 1 – Behavior Misconduct, Level 2 – Disruptive Conduct, and Level 3 – Criminal Conduct. Mr. Tullock added that additional counselors will be in the schools to assist with student behavior issues.

10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to go to executive session to consider Legal: Infrastructure Contract and Personnel Matters: Recommendations & Resignations and then to return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Porth announced that the Board was back in open session.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the Superintendent’s recommendations for employment and resignations. Passed unanimously.

11. **Adjournment**: Mr. Nelson, moved with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to adjourn at 10:00p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Board Secretary

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