**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office**

**December 17, 2018**

**7:30 P.M**

**Members Present**: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson; Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairperson; Ms. 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 Ms. Fredrick, to approve the December 17, 2018 amended agenda to include Exit 125 Transportation and Land Use Study and the Superintendent’s Evaluation under the Chairperson’s Report and the Superintendent’s Report. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the minutes of November 26, 2018 and December 10, 2018 as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copies attached.)

5. **Public Participation:** No public participation.

6. **Chairperson's Report**: Mr. Ted Felder, Calhoun County Deputy Administrator, spoke to the Board regarding Exit 125 Transportation and Land Use Study. He said the county has hired a company that will be sending out surveys to the Sandy Run community regarding the expected rapid growth in the community.

 Mr. Porth reported that Dr. Steve Wilson’s annual evaluation is complete. He said Dr. Wilson was given a letter of completion from the Board. He added the Board is very pleased with Dr. Wilson’s performance and they are looking forward to continuing to work with him.

7. **Finance**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the November 2018 Monthly Financial Report for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in November 2018, we received 20% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 34% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 51% of the remaining General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. She added that we have collected $676,000.00 in current taxes which is 12% of the current tax budget and collected $159,000.00 in delinquent taxes which is 40% of the Budgeted Revenue for delinquent taxes.

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

Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the November 2018 Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Budget Adjustments for November 2018. Passed unanimously.

8. **Superintendent's Report**: Dr. Jon Pedersen, Dean of the University of South Carolina College of Education and Dr. Tommy Hodges, Associate Dean, spoke to the Board regarding the State’s teacher shortage. Dr. Pedersen said that last year, about 6,500 teachers left the classroom with approximately 2,400 retiring or leaving the profession. He said that fewer students are going into the field of education. He told the Board that in 2015, USC started the Teacher Induction Program which coaches and supports teachers to stay in the classroom.

 Associate Dean Hodges told the Board that the program is about three years old. He added they had 15 teachers the first year and they all returned to the classroom. He said that one of the reasons teachers leave the profession is they feel a lack of support.

 Mr. Porth commended Dr. Pedersen and the program for the great job they are doing.

Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director, presented amended Policy JB – Equal Educational Opportunity/Nondiscrimination for Board consideration

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve amended Policy JB – Equal Educational Opportunity/Nondiscrimination. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Wilson presented the Board Meeting Schedule for 2019 for Board consideration.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Board Meeting Schedule for 2019 as presented. Passed unanimously. (Copy Attached)

Mr. Kiernan updated the Board with Facility Updates. He said that the resurfacing of the Calhoun County High School Track is still moving forward and the rubberized coating was in the process of being applied. He added that the tarp and fence are in place at the softball field.

Dr. Wilson asked Ms. Cynthia Johnson, Chief of Accountability and Administration and Mr. Mark Parker, Technology Director, to share with the Board a draft of the proposed District Seals. Dr. Wilson added the District continues to work on the value statements and seal.

9. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to go into executive session to consider a Legal Matter: County/District – Halligan, Mahoney and Williams Law Firm and Personnel: Recommendation(s) & Resignation(s) and then to return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

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

10. **Executive Session Actions**: No actions were taken.

11. **Adjournment**: Mrs. Tucker moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to adjourn at 10:14 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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