**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**Calhoun County High School**

**December 12, 2016**

***A reception honoring the Calhoun County Schools District Teachers of the Year and Support Employees of the Year was held prior to the regular Board meeting at 6:30 p.m., in the Calhoun County High School Cafeteria. The teachers selected by their respective schools are Mrs. Juanita Johnson, Sandy Run K-8 School, Mrs. Tara King, Calhoun County High School and Mrs. Tamika Fordham, St. Matthews K-8 School and District Teacher of the Year. The support staff selected by their respective schools are Mrs. Loretta Johnson, District Office, Mrs. Regina Simon, Sandy Run K-8 School, Mr. Walter Brown, Calhoun County High School and Mrs. Rutha Benjamin, St. Matthews K-8 School. Also recognized were Mrs. Linda Archie Simmons, Mrs. Mary Jo Springs and Mrs. Tami Green who served on the Teacher of the Year selection committee.***

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

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. **Election of Officers**: Mr. Porth turned the meeting over to Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, who opened the floor for nominations for Board Chairperson. Mrs. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to nominate Mr. Gary Porth as Board Chairperson. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick to close the nominations and elect Mr. Porth by acclamation. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Porth opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Nelson moved, to nominate Mr. Jenkins as Board Vice Chairperson. Mrs. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to close the nominations and elect Mr. Jenkins by acclamation. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Porth opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary. Mr. Jenkins moved to nominate Mrs. Fredrick, as Board Secretary. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins to close the nominations and elect Mrs. Fredrick by acclamation. Passed unanimously.

1. **Approval of Agenda**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the Agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

6. **Approval of Minutes**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the minutes of November 28, 2016, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

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

8. **Chairperson's Report**: Mr. Porth asked that Mrs. Tucker and her husband who has been ill for several weeks be remembered in prayer.

9. **Finance**: No Report.

10. **Superintendent’s Report**: Dr. Wilson shared with the Board an update on the Technology Readiness Analysis Report. Dr. Wilson said a representative with the Technology Readiness team will attend our January 2017 meeting to review the report with the Board.

Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, shared with the Board calendar changes for the 2016-2017 school year. He said students have missed five days due to inclement weather. Mr. Tullock said the make-up days would be as follows:

* October 25th
* January 9th
* February 20th
* May 30th
* May 31st

Dr. Wilson shared with the Board the 2017 Legislative Platform and Position Statements. Dr. Wilson said that each year the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) adopts platform statements they want to take to the Legislature for support. The EOC (Educational Oversite Committee) is proposing that schools should be graded A-F. SCASA does not approve of this and they are working diligently to have this overturned. Dr. Wilson said he and Mr. Nelson recently attended a meeting with the EOC regarding this issue.

Dr. Wilson shared with the Board the District Governance/Organization. Dr. Wilson said that SCASA has taken the position that Governance of Schools should be a local decision.

Dr. Wilson told the Board that currently we cannot open school until the third week in August. This makes it hard to get a full semester in before the Winter Holidays. Dr. Wilson said he would like to start school at least a week earlier in order to get the full semester in and also test before the holidays.

Dr. Wilson presented the Board Meeting Schedule for 2017 for Board consideration. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins to approve the Board Meeting Schedule for 2017 as presented. Passed unanimously. (Copy Attached)

11. **Executive Session:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to go into executive session to consider a Student Expulsion, Transfer of Property to Calhoun County,

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Superintendent’s Evaluation and to return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Porth announced that no action was taken.

12**. Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to adjourn at 11:15 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Board Secretary

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