**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office**

**August 27, 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 amend the agenda to include Calhoun County Public School’s Accreditation and 2018-19 School Openings under the Superintendent’s Report. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the minutes of July 24, 2018, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

5. **Public Participation**: Ms. Aleen Floyd, spoke to the Board regarding breakfast menus for the students and eating in the classrooms.

Mr. Porth thanked Ms. Floyd for concerns and informed her that the Superintendent would respond to her concerns in writing.

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

7. **Finance**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Engagement Letter from J.W. Hunt and Company. She added that the audit process is scheduled to begin in September.

 Mr. Porth asked if this was a yearly audit or the three year contract the district has done in the past and if this is cost effective. Mrs. Strickland replied that she feels more comfortable with the yearly contract and the cost will not change from last year.

 Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Engagement Letter from J.W. Hunt and Company to begin the audit for the 2017 – 2018 year. Passed unanimously.

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8. **Superintendent's Report**: Dr. Wilson asked Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, to come forward and read the District’s Accreditation Certificate. Dr. Wilson said the District is accredited for the next five years. Dr. Wilson thanked the staff for their hard work. Mr. Porth congratulated Dr. Wilson and the entire staff for the hard work and preparation that went into earning the accreditation. Mr. Porth said this is a testament to the hard work that is done every day in the District.

 Mrs. Brenda Goodwin, Principal, Ms. Tredia Keith, Principal, and Mr. Barry Charley, Principal, shared with the Board the 2018-2019 School Opening at each of the schools. Dr. Wilson said he appreciates the principals and the hard work that was put into the first day of school. Dr. Wilson added he can’t remember a year where the District had such a smooth opening with no problems.

 Mrs. Tucker asked if the classrooms at the K-8 schools are locked during the school day. Dr. Wilson responded that classrooms are locked during the school day.

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

all schools are having some painting done. He said at Calhoun County High School, eleven HVAC units were installed, the student parking lot is being completed at this time and the track is in the process of being upgraded. He added that a new defibrillator was added to the athletic department. Mr. Kiernan said that the softball field’s fence is being moved in closer at this time and plans are in place to replace the wind screen. Also, there are some issues with the HVAC units at both of the K-8 Schools in the newly renovated wings and work is in process to get this corrected.

Dr. Wilson asked Mr. Kiernan to talk about the PARD playground at Sandy Run K-8 near the Old Swamp Road. Mr. Kiernan said that the playground was recently inspected, wood chips have been added and the grant will end in 2019. Dr. Wilson said the playground was given to the School District and the District is to maintain it and is responsible for the upkeep. He also added the location of the playground is not close enough to the school for the students to use. Mr. Nelson said the playground was designed for the younger children and was placed where it is now because, in the past, there were mobile classrooms nearby.

Mr. Mark Parker, Technology Director, updated the Board on Technology and reported that the new storage/charging carts have been delivered to both K-8 schools for grades 3-6 and carts for grades 7-8 later in the week. He said that he is verifying that all insurance fees are paid and the AUP forms are signed. He added that there were a few issues such as the cases were not delivered on time and some hardware issues, but all are resolved at this time. Mr. Parker presented to the Board the laptop and covers that will be issued to the high school students have a Windows operating system that is beneficial to college. Dr. Wilson said he would like to thank Mr. Parker for his hard work and the time spent on getting the laptops out. Dr. Wilson added thanks to the administrative team and the Board for their assistance.

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Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, shared with the Board the Early Release Scheduled vs. Extra Help for Students. She said that during the 17-18 school term, Dr. Wilson along with cabinet and building level admin met to consider how we could assist struggling students meet their maximum potential and students who were progressive in their studies during the 18-19 school term. She said although after school is a proven effective model to

assist students, it does not capture all students in a timely proactive frame to assist them with meeting the standards. Therefore, it was decided to extend the first through the third Tuesdays to regular days. This will allow all students to be provided academic assistance from certified teachers in the areas that they need assistance or enrichment for the last hour of the day. She added the Academic Remediation and Enrichment will begin in September. On the 4th

Tuesday, we will have early release Tuesday for professional development for faculty and staff

With the focus this year on Rigor in the Classroom. Also, parents were notified during the summer and Ms. Johnson has posted the dates to the web.

Dr. Wilson presented to the Board the Breakfast and Lunch Menus for the District. He said that the menus will be issued monthly to the Board for review. Dr. Wilson said that we have to plan the menus based on the State guidelines and the budget. He added that the menus will continue to be worked on in order to be more appealing to the students.

Dr. Wilson spoke to the Board with concerns regarding the Charter School at Erskine. He said the State is now allowing the use of tax dollars to fund a private institution for sponsorship/authorization of public charter schools. Several of the public charter schools that were in a ‘breach’ status from the SC Public Charter School District which means that the charter school is one level from being revoked. These Public Charter schools can now be authorized by Erskine College. Dr. Wilson informed the Board that he has written a letter to select Senators and Representatives to voice his concern in this matter.

9. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to go to executive session to consider Legal: Infrastructure Contract and Personnel: 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.

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10. **Adjournment**: Mr. Nelson, moved with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to adjourn at 10:07 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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