**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office**

**August 12, 2019**

**7:30 P.M.**

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

1. **Call to Order/Invocation**: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson, called the meeting to order, welcomed visitors and staff and asked everyone present to stand for the invocation and the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

2. **Notice to the Media**: In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, 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 approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the minutes of July 29, 2019, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

5. **Public Participation:**  None

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

7. **Board Member Recognition**: Dr. Wilson asked Mr. Ned Nelson to come forward to be recognized for completing Level 4 of the South Carolina School Board Association Boardmanship Institute Training Program. Dr. Wilson thanked Mr. Nelson for his service as a board member. He received a pin and certificate for his achievements.

8. **Financial Report:**  No Report

*Mr. Porth said he saw an error on July 29, 2019 minutes that he circled prior to the meeting. He said the Fac./Staff startup date for the new school year is incorrect. The date was verbally reported wrong at the July 29th meeting. He asked that the minutes from the July 29, 2019 meeting be amended to show the correct date. The date on the minutes read August 12, 2019h and the return date for Fac./Staff should be August 13, 2019.*

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the correction of the Faculty/Staff Startup date on the July 29, 2019 minutes, as recommended by the Board Chair. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

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9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said the schools are ready for the start of school and that the trailer behind Calhoun County High School has been removed. He added that all athletic fields have been sprayed with fire ant retardant.

Dr. Wilson presented to the Board the Audit Engagement Letter from J.W. Hunt and Company. Dr. Wilson told the Board that this letter is an action item and if approved, will begin the audit process.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Audit Engagement Letter from J.W. Hunt and Company to perform the audit for 2018-2019 school year.

Dr. Wilson spoke to the Board regarding Property: Purchase/Ernest Money. He said this is for the possible purchase of property in the Sandy Run area. Dr. Wilson read a prepared statement to the Board for clarity. Dr. Wilson added, he is coming to the Board for authority as he plans to be in the negotiations and review of paperwork prior to the Board’s approval of the property for purchase.

Mr. Porth said the earnest money is for the potential purchase of property in the Sandy Run area. He stated that there are no plans for the construction of a high school at this time. The actual purchase of property is contingent on Board approval.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Superintendent’s request to approve the payment of the Ernest Money and thereby allowing the Superintendent to negotiate the potential purchase of property in Sandy Run and return to the Board for final approval prior to the purchase of the property.

Dr. Wilson spoke to the Board about Property Disposal at the Bethlehem site. Dr. Wilson informed the Board that instructions from the State Department regarding property disposal was included in their board packets. Dr. Wilson said he will be working with the Board to place a value on the property. Mr. Porth asked how many acres were involved and Dr. Wilson said approximately eleven acres.

Mr. Mark Parker, Technology Director, spoke to the Board about the Disposal of Technology Equipment and the Security ID Status. He read a statement of information regarding the technology surplus sale that will be held on September 26, 2019.

Dr. Wilson said this was the Technology Surplus Sale announcement the Board requested at the

last Board Meeting.

Mr. Nelson commented that he wants to make sure the public is aware of the sale.

Mr. Parker updated the Board on the Security Project. He said that Sandy Run is fully functioning with cameras. He also shared with the Board a sample of the staff and student Security ID Cards that will be issued this school year.

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Dr. Wilson updated the Board on the Facility Design regarding a potential field house. He said he previously presented the Board with a design for a field house and that at the last Board Meeting the Board asked how long the architect would honor the approved quotes given since the District is not in a position to build at the present time. Dr. Wilson said the architect agreed to extend the administrative portion of the fee for up to seven years, but was reluctant to agree to other components not knowing a final date the District would be ready to begin construction. Dr. Wilson added that the architect wanted the Board to know that there is no way anyone would design a field house for the proposed cost. Dr. Wilson concluded by saying that perhaps at the next Board Meeting the Board can decide if they want to go forward.

10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel, Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s) and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

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

11. **Board Actions**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Superintendent’s recommendations for employment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for an employee resignation. Passed unanimously.

12. **Adjournment**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Board Secretary

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