**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office Boardroom**

**April 18, 2016**

**Members Present**: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson; Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairperson; Mrs. Sandra Tucker, Secretary; Mrs. Debra Fredrick; 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. Fredrick, 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 March 21, 2016, and April 7, 2016, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

5. **Student Recognition**: Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked Dr. Steve Wilson,

 Superintendent, Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, Board Members, Principals and Assistant Principals to come forward to assist with the recognition of students receiving the 3rd Quarter Highest GPA Awards. Mrs. Murdaugh asked that parents of students receiving awards stand and be recognized while their child receives an award. (List of students attached.)

Ms. Cynthia Johnson, Principal, CCHS, and Ms. Dawn Gressette, DECA Instructor, CCHS, presented marketing students who traveled to competitions and competed against other schools in the State and in the Nation. Ms. Gressette also shared several awards received by students who competed.

Mr. Zam Fredrick, Basketball Coach, CCHS, presented the 2016 Class A Basketball State Champions. Mr. Fredrick said the team represented Calhoun County very well on and off the court and he could not be prouder of the effort they made.

Mr. Porth congratulated all students that received awards tonight. He said this is Calhoun County’s ninth State Basketball Championship and is a State record.

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

7. **Chairperson's Report**: No report.

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8. **Finance**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the March 2016 Monthly Financial Report and March 2016 Budget adjustments for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that we received 72% of General Fund Revenue Budget and spent or encumbered 89% of the General Fund Expenditure Budget. Also, current taxes are up $162,000.00 compared to this time last year. Our delinquent taxes are up $140,000.00 compared to this time last year.

 Mrs. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Monthly Report for March 2016 and the March 2016 Budget Adjustments. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented the FY 2016-2017 Calhoun County Public School Budget for first reading consideration. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that the Budget presented for first reading is out of balance by $288,672.00 and she is asking for First Reading approval, in title only.

Mrs. Strickland informed the board that included in this Budget is a step increase for eligible employees and all employees will receive a 2% cost of living. A twenty-third step has been added to the teacher salary schedule. Mrs. Strickland stated this is based on what is currently going on in the House and Senate. Mrs. Strickland added the employer side of employee dental is subject to increase 15% and health insurance increased .08%. Four additional positions have been added. Based on the Ways and Means projections, our revenue from the State will increase $372,000, which is subject to change as it goes through the State budget process.

Mrs. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the **First Reading** of the Calhoun County Public Schools FY 2016-2017 Budget**, in title only**. Passed unanimously.

9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director, presented Policy

ILBA – Use of Data for Monitoring Student Success and Achievement for second reading. (Copy attached) Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve Policy ILBA – Use of Data for Monitoring Student Success and Achievement. Passed unanimously. (copy attached)

Dr. Wilson presented to the board amended Policy GBEA – Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest for information. The issue date is the only change, to reflect the current date. (copy attached)

Dr. Wilson presented to the board amended Policy BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest for information. The issue date is the only change, to reflect the current date. (copy attached)

Mr. Porth said that if anyone has a question regarding a policy after the meeting, contact Dr. Wilson or Mr. Kiernan.

Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, shared the new ten point grading system. Mrs. Murdaugh informed the board that the ten point grading scale was unanimously voted on by the State Department of Education for implementation in 2016-2017. Professional development will be given to districts to implement the new system along with the conversion chart for the seven point system we currently use.

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Dr. Wilson shared with the board his concern for teacher shortages. This shortage seems to be a national trend in rural school districts. The House has passed an additional $9,000,000.00 they would like to give rural districts to be used for teacher incentives. The Senate has yet to consider the bill.

10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to consider Financial – Budget 2016-2017 and Legal Issue – Band Booster Funds and to return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

 Upon returning from executive session, Mr. Jenkins announced that no action was taken.

11. **Adjournment**: Mr. Nelson, moved with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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 Board Secretary

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