**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office**

**December 16, 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/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, 1976, as amended, Section 30-4-80-(E), 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.

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

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

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

5. **Approval of Minutes**: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the minutes of November 25, 2019, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

1. **Public Participation:**  Ms. Keisha Watson spoke to the Board regarding a change in a Board Meeting location, questions regarding the recent purchase of land in the Sandy Run area and teacher salaries. Mr. Porth said that the Superintendent would respond to her questions in writing.

Mr. Melvin Hart spoke to the Board regarding questions about the recent purchase of land in the Sandy Run area. Mr. Porth asked Mr. Hart to please put his request in writing as a FOIA to the Superintendent.

Minutes of December 16, 2019 Page 2.

1. **Chairperson's Report**: No Report
2. **Teacher Recognition:**  Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, Ms. Treda Keith, Principal,

along with Board Members to come forward to assist with the recognition of Dr. Shuniqua Hart, 3rd grade teacher at St. Matthews K-8 School for receiving the Achieve 3000 Top Educator Award. Mrs. Murdaugh said Achieve 3000 has been accredited in helping students increase their reading levels and serves over three million students.

9. **Financial Report:**  Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the November 2019 Monthly Financial Report. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in November 2019 the District received $1,703,987.84 of the General Fund Revenue, which is 25% of the General Fund Budget, and expended $6,265,322.31 of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered $8,892,946.95 of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 85%. She added that the current taxes collected for November 2019 was $835,197.00 and the budget for current taxes is $5,500,000.00, which is 15%. She added that we have collected $337,996.00 in delinquent taxes and the budget for delinquent taxes are $400,000.00, which is 84%.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the Monthly Financial Report for November 2019. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sky Strickland presented the November 2019 Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Budget Adjustments for November 2019. Passed unanimously.

1. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer presented Policy GBED Tobacco/Free Schools/Staff for amendment.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy GBED Tobacco/Free Schools/Staff for amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. George Kiernan, presented Policy JICG Tobacco Use by Students for amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy JICG Tobacco use by Students for amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented draft copies of the proposed 2020-2021 Academic Calendar to the Board for information and review.

Minutes of December 16, 2019 Page 3.

Mr. George Kiernan, shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said Edcon is currently working on the crack in the wall at Calhoun County High School. Mr. Kiernan thanked Tri-County for volunteering to come and assist with changing the lights at the athletic facilities. The batting cage work is moving forward and he will have more information at the January Board Meeting.

Dr. Wilson presented the Board Meeting Schedule for 2020 for Board consideration.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Board Meeting Schedule for 2020 as presented. Passed unanimously. (Copy Attached.)

11. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel, Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s), Legal: Purchase of Sandy Run Property and the Superintendent’s Evaluation 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.

12. **Board Actions**: None

13. **Adjournment**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. Passed unanimously.

------------------------------------------

Board Secretary

------------------------------------------ Date of Approval