**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office Boardroom**

**February 18, 2019**

**Members Present**: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson; Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairperson; Mrs. Sandra Tucker, Ms. Debra Fredrick, Secretary; 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, 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 Ms. Fredrick, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of January 28, 2019, 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, Ms. Cynthia Johnson, Chief of Accountability and Administration, along with Board Members and Principals to come forward to assist with the recognition of students receiving the 2nd Quarter Highest GPA Awards. (List of students attached.)

6. **Public Participation:**  Ms. Keisha Watson spoke to the Board regarding students being allowed to drive to classes being held at Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College during the holiday breaks and the issue of overcrowded and late buses when they are being transported. Mr. Porth thanked Ms. Watson for expressing her concerns and stated that the Board would be looking at the Policy along with the bus overcrowding and tardiness. He added that the Superintendent would respond to her concerns in writing.

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

8. **Financial Report**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the December 2018 Monthly Financial Report and December 2018 Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in December 2018, we received 38% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 42% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 45% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 88%. She added that the current taxes for December was 2.2 million, which is 41% that has been received and in delinquent taxes $161,000 have been received, which is approximately 40% of the budget.

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After Board discussion, Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the Monthly Report for December 2018 and the December 2018 Budget Adjustments. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sky Strickland presented the January 2019 Monthly Financial Report and January 2019 Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in January 2019, we received 62% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 51% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 31% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, for a total of 90%. She added that the current taxes for January was 4.8 million which is 87% of the budget for current taxes. We have received $182,000.00 for delinquent taxes which is 45% of the budget for delinquent taxes.

After Board discussion, Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Fredrick, to approve the Monthly Report for January 2019 and the January 2019 Budget Adjustments. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland added that the Base Student cost has been capped at $2,480.00 and the original Base Student Cost was $2,485.00. Dr. Wilson said the District is short by approximately 70 students from the 135 day report last year and the 45th day report this year. Mrs. Strickland said based on the 70 less re-enrollment and the cap of the base student cost, the district is losing approximately $210,000.00. She added she is hoping by the 135th day, the attendance will increase.

9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said the bus driver’s waiting area has been moved to a new area and he will be receiving estimates to remove the old trailer they were previously using. He added the softball field dugouts are finished and are ready to be painted.

 Mr. Kiernan presented amended Policy AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to accept amended Policy AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity as submitted.

 Mr. Kiernan presented amended Policy JICJ – Possession/Use of Smart Devices. Ms. Fredrick suggested that students be allowed to make calls on the bus only and not be used for other purposes due to safety reasons and not hearing the driver’s instructions. Dr. Wilson said he feels in the future that devices are going to be subject to instructional use and these policies will continue to change overtime. After discussion, Dr. Wilson said he will bring the Policy back to the board for further discussion.

 Mr. Kiernan presented several policies for information that will be discussed further at the March 2019 Board Meeting. Dr. Wilson said he will begin to batch polices to the Board for review.

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 Dr. Wilson shared with the Board the Proposed New Education Policy for South Carolina. He said that the House Version of the Policy is included in their packets for review. He said there are concerns with the new policy and that he and some of his cabinet will be meeting with Representative Ott in the morning to discuss the concerns. He added that he and the cabinet recently went over the policy and identified what they believe are potential problems.

 Dr. Wilson spoke to the Board about Calhoun County School Board and Fiscal Autonomy. He said he wants the community to know that Fiscal Autonomy is being discussed.

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), Contractual Issue – Food Serviced Department, Contractual Issue – Pavement Contractor, and a Personnel Matter – Staff Concerns and then 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.

11. **Executive Session Actions**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Superintendent’s recommendations for employment and resignations. (4-yes) (Mr. Jenkins recused himself before the vote)

12. **Adjournment**: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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