**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office**

**February 26, 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. Fredrick, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Mrs. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the minutes of January 29, 2018, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

5. **Student Recognition:** Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, asked Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, along with Board Members, Principals and Assistant Principals to come forward to assist with the recognition of students receiving the 2nd Quarter Highest GPA Awards. Mr. Tullock asked that the parents of students receiving awards stand and be recognized while their child receives an award. (List of students attached.)

 6. **Public Participation**: Ms. Agnes Morgan spoke to the Board with concerns regarding her children being bullied on the school bus.

Mr. Porth thanked Ms. Morgan for expressing her concerns and informed her that the Superintendent would respond to her concerns.

The Business Department of Calhoun County High School presented to the Board, business cards that were made by the students as a token of appreciation. The board was thanked for their leadership, commitment and teamwork to student achievement.

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

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

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in January 2018, we received 65% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 50% of General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered

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38% of the remaining General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 88%. She added that we have collected 4.8 million dollars in current taxes and $174,000.00 in delinquent taxes.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Adjustments for January 2018. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland read a report from the Ways and Means Committee for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Mrs. Strickand said there will be no increase in the base student cost. She added that the committee has proposed a 2% state wide teacher salary increase and increase the starting teacher salary to $32,000.00.

9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director, presented Policy DKC – Expense Authorization/Reimbursement for amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve Policy DKC – Expense Authorization/Reimbursement for amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented the Board the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar. Dr. Wilson informed the board that at this time the calendars will be for information only because there is Legislation in the works to change the starting date for schools. The calendar will be presented to the Board in March for action.

Mr. George Kiernan, Compliance Officer, updated the Board on the K-8 Schools renovations. He said the Office of School Facilities (OSF) and the Fire Marshall will be in the district on February 28, 2018 to perform the final inspections on the two facilities. He said the rubberized matting and canopies will be added to the Pre-K playground at both schools. He also added that digital signs will be placed at both K-8 Schools within the next several weeks.

Ms. Cynthia Johnson, Chief of Accountability and Administration Officer, updated the Board on ESSA Updates and WIN Ready to Work. She said schools will receive ratings on the report cards, only, and not the district starting the 2018–2019 school term. The district, as well as the schools, will receive a report card and there will be a primary report card for the K-8 schools.  She added the data used for this report card will be Star Reading Data.

Dr. Wilson shared with the board that a letter regarding safety and security of the school district will be mailed out within the week. Dr. Steve Wilson asked that Ms. Cynthia Johnson read the letter to the parents and board. Dr. Wilson said that it will take everyone working together to be vigilant and have all protocols in place to prevent any tragedies in our district. He added that our children are our future and we must protect their safety.

 Mr. Porth added that he and the board are very proud of the students in our district and the board will do everything possible to protect them. He also told the students present, if they see anything that does not look right, to tell a teacher or administrator.

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Mr. Tullock shared with the Board District Initiatives regarding Mental Health/Suicide Prevention. Mr. Tullock said the teachers in the District play a huge role in identifying students that need mental health counseling. He said that he recently met with Dr. Alex Karydi who is the Program Director of the SC Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative at the Department of Mental Health. Mr. Tullock said that Dr. Karydi will send her staff to the District to train the Principals, Assistant Principals and District Staff in identifying suicidal tendencies in young people. Mr. Tullock added that we are currently already working with several other services in the District.

Dr. Wilson informed to the Board that the recent AdvancED Engagement visit went very well and the team was very complimentary. He added that an exit briefing with a called board meeting is no longer required and the team will write up their recommendations in approximately two months.

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

11. **Action on Executive Session Item:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation for employment. Passed unanimously.

 Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation for employee resignation. Passed unanimously.

12. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to adjourn at 10:08 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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 Board Secretary

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