**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office**

**February 17, 2020**

**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.

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 the January 27, 2020 Board Meeting, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

 After Board approval, Mr. Jenkins said that he found an error in the Executive Session of the minutes. He said that it reads that Mr. Jenkins moved that the Board go into Executive Session, but it was Mr. Nelson. Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of January 27, 2020 Board Meeting, with the correction. Passed unanimously.

5. **Student Recognition**: Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, along with Board Members, Guidance Counselors and Principals to come forward to assist with the recognition of students receiving the 2nd Quarter Highest GPA Awards. (List of students attached.)

 Mrs. Cinthia Wolfe, Chief Accountability and Administrative Officer, asked Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, and Board Members to come forward to assist with the recognition of the winners of the District’s Holiday Season Greeting Cards Design Contest. The winners of the contest were: 10th grader Christopher Williams, CCHS, 8th grader Austin Bozard, SRK-8 and 2nd grader Honey’Rae Pearson, SMK-8 School.

6. **Public Participation:**  None

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

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8. **Financial Report:**  Mr. Frank Rainwater, Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs office, presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of a new Education Funding Model. He said that S.C. Governor McMaster asked that this model be developed. He said that the Legislature and Education Leaders want to come up with a plan to create a more equitable distribution of dollars to all school districts in the State. (Copy attached)

Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the January 2020 Monthly Financial Report. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in January 2020 the District received 65% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 88% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 37% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. She added that the current taxes collected for January 2020 was $4.8 million, which is 88% of the budget and is $46,000.00 ahead as compared to this time last year. She said we collected $348,000.00 in delinquent taxes, which is 87% of the budget and this is ahead by $167,000.00 to this time last year.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Monthly Financial Report for January 2020. Passed unanimously.

 Mrs. Sky Strickland presented the January 2020 Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Budget Adjustments for January 2020. Passed unanimously.

9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, presented Policy JICG – Tobacco Use by Students, GBED – Tobacco-Free Schools/Staff, and ACD – Tobacco-Free School District for amendment.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve Policy JICG – Tobacco Use by Students, GBED – Tobacco-Free Schools/Staff, and ACD – Tobacco-Free School District for amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented Policy IKF – ADF – School Wellness for amendment. After Board discussion and concerns over the amended changes, Mr. Porth asked that this Policy be brought back to the Board at another time. Dr. Wilson said that he would involve Mr. Whittaker Williams, Food Service Director, and bring Policy IKF – ADF – School Wellness back to the Board for amendment.

Mr. George Kiernan, shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said that Ram Jack is currently working on the Calhoun County High School wall crack in the restroom, and the work will be finished in a couple of days. He added the LED light project is almost complete and a broken slide at Sandy Run K-8 was repaired.

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 Dr. Wilson spoke to the Board about Marketing the School District. He said that because the employees are working together, the landscape of the District has changed in the past ten years. Dr. Wilson said he would like to find a way to keep our students in the District. He said that he and his Cabinet feel it is time to market the School District. He said that many things have been added to the School District and many of which the local community may not be knowledgeable of some accomplishments. Dr. Wilson added that he has reached out to a PR Firm that seems to be aware of the plight of small school districts that do not have enormous resources. He said that in the next few weeks he will be contacting the PR Firm to see what they can recommend for marketing the District.

10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel, Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s), Legal: FOIA Request and Response Determination 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.

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

12. **Adjournment**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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 Board Secretary

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