**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**Calhoun County High School**

**January 27, 2020**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Members Present**: Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Debra Fredrick, Secretary; Mrs. Sandra Tucker, and Mr. Ned Nelson. Absent: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson.

1. **Call to Order/Moment of Silence**: Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice 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. **Approval of Agenda**: Dr. Wilson asked the Board to amend the agenda to include:
* Name change of the speaker from The United States Census Bureau to Mr. Renwick McNeil
* Remove Statewide Program on District Fiscal Practices Legislation from Finance due to illness in the family of the speaker
* Remove Policy GSRD – Tutoring for Pay from the Superintendent’s Report, to be brought back to the Board next month.
* Mr. Kevin Jenkins asked that the Superintendent’s Evaluation under Executive Session be removed and brought back at the next Board Meeting due to the Board Chairman’s absence.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the agenda as amended. Passed unanimously.

1. **Approval of Minutes**: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of December 16, 2019, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of January 23, 2020 as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

1. **UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU**: Mr. Renwick McNeil with The United States Census Bureau spoke to the Board about the upcoming Census and the importance of making sure the community responds to the Census. He added that people can register with the Census by phone, online or paper form.
2. **Board Recognition**: Dr. Wilson informed the Board that January is "School Board Appreciation Month" and he would like to recognize the Board for the role they play in providing a better future for the students in the District and the service they render. Dr. Wilson said that the district is very fortunate to have a Board that is committed to staff and students. Each Board Member was presented a gift of appreciation.

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Dr. Wilson asked Mr. Jenkins to come forward to be recognized for his ten years of service as a South Carolina School Board member. Mr. Jenkins received a pin and certificate for his achievements.

Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, read aloud the South Carolina School Board Member’s Ethical Principles and asked fellow Board members to sign a poster that included the Principals. The signed poster will be displayed in the Board Room.

Dr. Wilson shared with the Board a post card of the old Saint Matthews High School that was mailed to him from a gentleman who found the postcard in an antique shop in California.

1. **Public Participation:**  None

1. **Chairperson's Report**: No Report.
2. **Financial Report:**  Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the December 2019 Monthly Financial Report. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in December 2019 the District received $6,616,473.26 of the General Fund Revenue, which is 37% of the General Fund Budget, and expended $7,635,696.88 of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered $7,938,388.17 of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 87%. She added that the current taxes collected for December 2019 was $2,157,620.99 which is 39% of the budget and this is down approximately $87,000.00 as compared to last year at this time. She added that we have collected $341,343.00 in delinquent taxes, which is 85% of the budget and we are up $181,000.00 compared to last year at this time.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Monthly Financial Report for December 2019. Passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Budget Adjustments for December 2019. Passed unanimously.

1. **Superintendent's Report**: Mrs. Strickland shared with the Board the Senate Bill 419, which is currently being debated in the Senate. She said that the following items are being debated: Social Studies is being removed from the assessments, changing Read to Succeed Initiatives, changing qualifications for Life and Palmetto Scholarships, changes in the Workforce Preparation, Educator Development Satisfaction and Initiatives, Pilot Program for hiring teachers that are non-certified, a 30 minute break during the day for teachers that is unencumbered, and a local school board adopting a training program applicable to that board within three months after adoption of the model training program by the SC State Department of Education. She added there is a proposal for teachers to work 195 days and the Teacher Bill of Rights are also in debate. Mrs. Strickland said the debate will continue tomorrow and a lot of changes will come with the Bill.

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Mrs. Strickland stated that the State Superintendent has asked for a 5% increase in teacher salaries and current law says teachers should also receive a step which is roughly 2% and the Governor has asked for a $3,000.00 pay increase for all teachers.

Mr. George Kiernan Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, presented the 2020 – 2021 Academic Calendar to the Board for approval. He told the Board that Calendar A on both proposals won the vote. Standard Calendar A received 85.7 % of the vote and Early Start Calendar A, received 79.5 % of the vote

 Mrs. Tucker moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Academic Calendar Standard A for the 2020-2021 school year. Passed unanimously. (Copy Attached)

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, which is a foundation issue. He said that a foundation company (Ram Jack) will be doing the work on February 17th. Mr. Kiernan said that heaters have been installed in the restrooms at the football stadium to allow the athletics to use the restroom during the winter months, and to help with the maintenance department not having to turn the water on and off due to cold weather. Mr. Kiernan added that the installation of batting cages will take 90 to 120 days for completion. He concluded by telling the Board that SCSBIT picks one school every year to inspect and this year they chose Calhoun County High School. He said the inspection went well and the follow-up inspection of St. Matthews K-8 also went well.

11. **Executive Session**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel Recommendation(s) and Budget: Athletics and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

 Upon return from Executive Session, Mr. Jenkins announced that the Board was back in open session.

12. **Board Actions**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Superintendent’s recommendations for employment and resignation. Passed unanimously.

13. **Adjournment**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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 Board Secretary

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