**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office**

**July 17, 2017**

**7:30 P.M.**

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

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the minutes of June 19, 2017, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

5. **Board Recognition**: Dr. Wilson asked Mr. Ned Nelson to come forward to be recognized for reaching Level 3 in the SCSBA Boardmanship Institute. Mr. Nelson received a pin and certificate for his achievements.

6. **Public Participation**: No one signed up to speak to the Board.

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

8. **Finance**: No Report

9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director, presented Policy IKC – Class Rankings/Grade Point Average for information only. Mr. Kiernan added that this policy will be revised and presented at the August Board Meeting. (Copy attached.)

 Mr. George Kiernan, Compliance Officer, updated the Board on the K-8 schools renovations. Both schools should have the inside renovations complete by July 28, 2017, and construction will then focus on the outside of the buildings. A temporary fence will be in place at St. Matthews K-8 around the playground before the first day of school to ensure the safety of the students. He added that engineers have inspected the parking lot at Calhoun County High School.

Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, updated the Board on Cursive Writing. She said the “Back to Basics Education Act of 2014” requires each school district to provide instruction on cursive handwriting to ensure each student can create readable documents through legible cursive handwriting by the end of fifth grade.

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Mr. Jerry Crisp, Technology Director, informed the Board that the District is exploring updating the current white boards in the schools and replacing them with Interactive flat panel displays.

Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, shared with the Board about Palmetto Care Connections, a telehealth program. He said that this program brings the doctor into the schools via technology. Mr. Tullock added that this is something the District is exploring. Dr. Wilson added that there are several other districts using this program and added that there would be safeguards put in place if we decided to use this program.

Dr. Wilson shared a Power Point with the Board regarding Continuous Improvement and Working as a Team. He highlighted the many accomplishments that have been made in the District since 2010. Dr. Wilson praised the Board for the direction it has set for the district.

10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to go into executive session to consider Personnel Recommendations/Resignations, Professional Salary Schedules and Exploring Fiscal Autonomy and to return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

 Upon returning from executive session, Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to accept the employee recommendations as recommended by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

 Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to accept the Professional Salary Schedule as recommended by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

11. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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 Board Secretary

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