**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**St. Matthews K-8 School**

**March 18, 2019**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Members Present**: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson; Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairperson; Ms. 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 Ms. Fredrick, to approve the March 18, 2019 amended agenda to include Sandy Run Choral Trip under the Chairperson’s Report. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the minutes of February 18, 2019 as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copies attached.)

5. **Employee Recognition**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, asked Ms. Emily Weaver, Athletic Trainer, to come forward and be recognized by the Board. Mr. Kiernan said that on February 27, 2019, during a track event, a visiting athlete became unresponsive. He said that Ms. Weaver immediately started medical services on the student until a pulse was found. The student was then taken to the hospital by EMS and is doing much better today.

6. **Chairperson's Report**: Mr. Porth asked Dr. Wilson to update the Board on the Sandy Run Choral Trip. Dr. Wilson said the trip has been well planned. He asked Ms. Cynthia Johnson, Chief Accountability and Administrative Officer, Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, and Mrs. Brenda Goodwin, Sandy Run School Principal, to come forward and update the Board regarding the trip. A packet of information was passed out to each Board Member. Ms. Johnson told the Board that a Preference Letter was sent to each parent. She said 46 parents were sent the letter and 34 letters were returned. She said 25 parents responded that they would like the trip to go as planned along with Ms. Jang as the Choral Director, 5 responses were to have the students go on the trip and not to perform but participate in a workshop and 4 responded to have a refund for the trip and the students not attend. Mr. Tullock reported to the Board that the trip will have 20 adult Chaperones and one guide that Kaleidoscope will be providing with an average of 1 to 4 students. Mr. Nelson asked if the administration felt comfortable that the trip will be safe and secure. Mrs. Goodwin responded that she and the administrative staff are very confident the trip will be safe. She said they have talked with Kaleidoscope and Disney Staff and crossed reference the room and bus list and the performance procedures.

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7. **Public Participation:** No public participation.

8. **Finance**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the February 2019 Monthly Financial Report for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in February 2019, we received 68% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 59% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 32% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures with a total of 91%. She added that we have collected 5 million in current taxes, which is 90% of the current tax budget, and collected $182,000.00 in delinquent taxes, which is 46% of the Budgeted Revenue for delinquent taxes.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the Monthly Financial Report for February 2019. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the February 2019 Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Budget Adjustments for February 2019. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland reported that she has begun to work on the budget and gave the Board an update on the latest from the State House. She read from the South Carolina Association of School Business Officials Week In Review, dated March 18, 2019. *No new money was added for school/districts. Education funding still included $159 million to pay for a 4 percent increase to the statewide minimum salary schedule for teachers and to raise the minimum starting salary for teachers from $32,000 to $35,000. However, the adopted budget provides no additional funding in the traditional base student cost line to help offset the cost of providing the state mandated teacher step increase.*

9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, shared with the Board on Facility Updates. He said that he is looking at hot water heaters for the schools and comparing tankless vs. tank heaters and currently working on the summer project list.

Dr. Wilson asked if Mr. Kiernan had any information on the student parking lot at Calhoun County High School. Mr. Kiernan said the individuals involved with the repairs have been trying to complete the repairs on the parking lot, but need 50 degree weather with a period of no rain to do the work and right now. They are looking at Spring Break to make the repairs.

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Mr. Kiernan presented the following amended Policies for Board consideration:

Policy EEAG – Student Transportation in Private Vehicles

Policy BB – School Board Legal Status

Policy AA - School District Legal Status

Policy AB – The People and Their School District

Policy BBA – Board Powers and Duties

Policy BBAA – Board Member Authority and Responsibilities

Policy BBB – Board Membership

Policy BBBA – Board Member Qualifications

Policy BBBB – Oath of Office

Policy BBBC – Board Member Resignation

Policy JKE – Expulsion of Students

AR JKE-R – Expulsion of Students

Policy JICJ Possession/Use of Smart Devices in School

After Board discussion, Mr. Kiernan announced that Policy JKE – Expulsion of Students,

AR JKE-R – Expulsion of Students and Policy JICJ Possession/Use of Smart Devices in School

will be presented to the Board at the April 15, 2019 Board Meeting for consideration.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve amended Policy EEAG – Student Transportation in Private Vehicles, Policy BB – School Board Legal Status, Policy AA - School District Legal Status, Policy AB – The People and Their School District, Policy BBA – Board Powers and Duties, Policy BBAA – Board Member Authority and Responsibilities, Policy BBB – Board Membership, Policy BBBA – Board Member Qualifications, Policy BBBB – Oath of Office and

Policy BBBC – Board Member Resignation. Passed unanimously.

10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to go into executive session to consider Recommendation(s) & Resignation(s), and Contractual: Calhoun County Fee Agreement with Lexington County 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. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for employment and resignations.

12. **Adjournment**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Board Secretary

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