**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**St. Matthews K-8 School**

**March 19, 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. Tucker, 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 February 26, 2018, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

5. **Public Participation**: No one signed up.

6. **Chairperson's Report**: No Report from Chairman Porth. Mr. Kevin Jenkins recognized the Calhoun County Varsity Cheerleading Squad for participating in the recent Powerhouse Stomp Competition at North Carolina A & T State University in Greensboro, NC. He said they represented Calhoun County School District well. The girls placed 1st in the Battle Competition, and placed 2nd in the Senior Cheering Division. One of the students placed 6th in the single Battle Competition.

7. **Finance**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the February 2018 Monthly Financial Report for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in February 2018, we received 70% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 58% of General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered

32% of the remaining General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 89%. She added that we have collected 5 million dollars in current taxes and $174,000.00 in delinquent taxes.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to approve the Monthly Financial Report for February 2018. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sky Strickland presented the February 2018 Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Budget Adjustments for February 2018. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland updated the Board on the State Budget. She said last week the House passed the base student costs that will remain at $2,425.00 and the District will fully fund the employee step increase that is required. The House approved a 2% state wide teacher salary increase and one percent of that will be funded through EFA and one percent through EIA. The House approved the teacher beginning salary of $32,000.00 which will be funded through EIA. Mrs. Strickland added that Calhoun County School District pays 7% above the starting salary schedule. The retirement increase is one percent and funding will come from the District and health insurance increases 7.4% for the employer beginning January 2019. Mrs. Strickland said the Budget has gone to the Senate Finance Committee.

9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director, and Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, presented Policy JKE – Expulsion of Students for discussion. Mr. Kiernan asked the Board to review the policy and it will be amended at a future Board Meeting. Dr. Wilson said with the recent school shootings, safety is on everybody’s mind. Dr. Wilson added that this policy was last updated in 2012.

Dr. Wilson updated the Board on district safety. Parents have been sent two letters regarding the safety of our students. Dr. Wilson said he had a town hall meeting recently with 35 parents and community members in attendance. He heard several concerns and questions. He added that out of the meeting, a Safety Advisory Council was developed. Dr. Wilson introduced to the Board several of the Safety Advisory Council Volunteers, Jennifer Dyches, Sherrbia Hughes, and Angela Brown.

Mr. George Kiernan presented the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar for consideration. Mr. Kiernan said calendar A and B were placed on the District’s website and Calendar A received 55.3% and Calendar B received 44.7% of the votes.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve Calendar A for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. George Kiernan, Compliance Officer, updated the Board on the K-8 schools’ renovations. He said the District will put out bids the first week of April to have the Calhoun County High School parking lot repaved. He said that the digital sign has been installed at St. Matthews K-8 and work to begin on the sign at Sandy Run School next week. Mr. Kiernan reported that OSF and Fire Marshall Inspections were done on the building additions to the K-8 schools. He added that the new playgrounds at both K-8 schools have coverings after delays due to inclement weather, but presently, they are both shut down. Mr. Kiernan further said that rubberized matting will also be installed on both playgrounds.

Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, updated the Board on Telehealth. He reported that Mr. Jerry Crisp, Technology Director, met with officials from the program in February to make sure we were ready with technology. The equipment has been ordered and will be delivered to the District on April 9th. He added that there will be a billboard campaign for Telehealth and it will include billboards with pictures of the District nurses and students. On May 22-23, 2018, the school nurses will be reviewing the program and getting acquainted with it.

Dr. Wilson reported to the Board that he met with students in the District regarding safety.

He said he enjoyed talking to them and they were very attentive. He added that he has received several letters from the students thanking him for meeting with them.

Dr. Wilson told the Board that the students of Calhoun County recently held a National Student walk-out to proclaim their first amendment rights to support student safety. He said it was well organized and thanked the Principals and everyone that was involved.

Dr. Steve Wilson introduced to the Board, Calhoun County High School’s new Football Coach, Wayne Farmer and his family.

Dr. Wilson informed the Board that under Executive Session, personnel from St. Matthews’s Town Hall regarding DOT were absent from the meeting and there were no personnel recommendations or resignations.

10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to go into executive session to tentatively consider DOT Grant Proposal from St. Matthews Mayor and City Manager, (Both Mayor and City Manager absent from meeting), Revocation of S.C. Educator Certificate and Policy JKE Expulsion of Students and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. (There were no Personnel Recommendations & Resignations) Passed unanimously.

11. **Action on Executive Session Item:** No action was taken in Executive Session

12. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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