**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office Boardroom**

**May 13, 2019**

**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/Invocation**: Mr. Gary Porth, Chairperson, called the meeting to order, welcomed visitors and staff and asked everyone present to stand for the invocation and the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

2. **Notice to the Media**: In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, 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**: Dr. Wilson requested that the Board move agenda item Retention and Recruitment Incentive under the Superintendent’s Report to the Executive Session. Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the agenda to include moving Retention and Recruitment Incentive as requested by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the minutes of April 15, 2019, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

5. **Public Participation:**  None

6. **Chairperson's Report**: None

7. **Financial Report**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the April 2019 Monthly Financial Report for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in April 2019, the District received 80% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 74% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 19% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 93%. She added that the current taxes collected for April 2019 was 5.3 million, which is 96% of the current tax budget and collected $264,000 in delinquent taxes which is 66% of the budget.

Mrs. Strickland reported to the Board that she contacted the county office regarding tax collection and they are experiencing the same tax collection problems as the District is experiencing. She added that it is due to people not paying their taxes, and she hopes in May or June there will be a boost in the funds. She added that she projects $100,000.00 shortfall.

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

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

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Budget Adjustments for April 2019. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented the FY 2019-2020 Calhoun County Public Schools Budget for Second Reading consideration. She said only two line items changed. She said with the changes we are out of balance by $638,208.28. She added that she had a meeting with the county last week and they are going to help the District with SRO’s. Mrs. Strickland said the Second Reading of the Budget includes the elimination of three positions, one at each school.

After Board discussion, Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the **Second Reading** of the Calhoun County Public Schools FY 2019-2020 Budget, **in title only**. Passed unanimously.

8. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said bidding for the hot water heaters will close on Friday, May 17, 2019. He added that four additional cameras are being added to the buses.

Ms. Cynthia Johnson, Chief of Accountability and Administration and Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, shared with the Board a Presentation on Calhoun County Honors Academy Program & Career Pathways for the upcoming school year. Ms. Johnson said the program will be a dual enrollment credit program through Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College for grades 7-12. She said the classes will be held at Calhoun County High School and Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College Campus. She added the program career pathways include: model for traditional early college program, model for early college Associate in Arts degree, model for nursing assistant certificate and model for basic welding certificate.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Implementation of the Calhoun County Honors and Academy Program. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Wilson shared with the Board the Graduation and Promotion dates for the District. He said that Calhoun County High School will hold graduation on June 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., St. Matthews K-8 School will have 8th grade promotion on May 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and Sandy Run School will have 8th grade promotion on May 31, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

9. **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: Personnel, and

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Retention and Recruitment Incentive 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.

10. **Executive Session Actions**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Superintendent’s recommendations for employment and resignations. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for Retention and Recruitment Incentive. Passed unanimously.

11. **Adjournment**: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Board Secretary

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