**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**St. Matthews K-8 School**

**May 16, 2016**

**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. Fredrick, to approve the Agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Mrs. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the minutes of March 21, 2016 and April 7, 2016, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

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

6. **Chairperson's Report**: Dr. Steve A. Wilson was recognized by the Board of Trustees, district faculty and staff, and his family for being nominated and winning the prestigious **2017 SCASA South Carolina State Superintendent of the Year Award**. Dr. Wilson was asked to come forward to receive accolades for this auspicious moment by Chairman Porth who proceeded to tell the attendees how proud he and the Board Members are of the accomplishments of Dr. Wilson. Mrs. Murdaugh read a poem entitled “The Leader” for Dr. Wilson. The Board of Trustees, along with the district faculty and staff presented Dr. Wilson with a customized blazer that epitomized his history making day from Calhoun County Public Schools. He also received a gift basket and his family presented him with a portrait with his image and the Calhoun County Public Schools’ seal. Dr. Wilson was overjoyed and thanked everyone for what they have done to make this a special occasion and one to remember.

7. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director, presented amended Policy IJNDB – E – Internet Network Access Agreement as information. (Copy attached)

Mr. Kiernan presented amended Policy GCG – Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment as information. (copy attached)

Mr. George Kiernan, Compliance Officer, informed the board that HVAC units’ installation will begin at Sandy Run School on July 6. The installation of hot water heaters at Calhoun County High School are delayed until mid-July.

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Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked Ms. Cynthia Johnson, Principal, Mr. Chris Mack, Assistant Principal and Mrs. Janet Gilchrist, Instructional Coordinator, to come forward to accept the Gold Award for Closing the Achievement Gap for Calhoun County High School.

Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, shared with the Board the District’s Revised Vision/Mission Statements. Mr. Tullock said a team of District Employees from all areas and stakeholders from the community worked on this project. (copy attached)

Dr. Wilson shared with the Board the shortage in the State Budget. The base student cost is $583.00 below what it should be. Dr. Wilson said that the District has been receiving increases in the base student cost but we are still $600.00 below where we should be.

Dr. Wilson said Calhoun County High School Graduation ceremonies will be held on June 4, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

Dr. Wilson informed the board that June 1 and 2, 2016 are the last two instructional days for the students. Both days will be half days for students.

8. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second from Mr. Nelson, to go into executive session to consider the second reading of the Calhoun County Public Schools 2016-2017 Budget and to return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

9. **Finance**: Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the April 2016, Monthly Financial Report and April 2016 Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mrs. Strickland reported we have collected seventy eight percent of our general fund revenue and we have expended ninety percent of our General Fund Expenditure Budget.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report for April 2016 and the April 2016 Budget Adjustments. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland presented the Calhoun County Public Schools 2016-2017 Budget for Second Reading consideration **in title only**. Mrs. Strickland said the budget is shown as balanced with using $275,718.00 of fund balance to balance the budget.

Mrs. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the Second Reading of the Calhoun County Public Schools 2016-2017 Budget, **in title only.** Passed unanimously.

10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second from Mr. Nelson, to go into executive session to consider Personnel Updates and the SCAGO Facilities Update and to return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

Upon returning from executive session, Mr. Porth moved to accept the employment of four instructional employees as recommended by the Superintendent. Passed unanimously.

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11. **Adjournment:** Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker to adjourn at 10:08 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Board Secretary

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