**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office**

**November 25, 2019**

**7:30 P.M.**

**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/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, 1976, as amended, Section 30-4-80-(E), 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 Ms. Fredrick, to approve the minutes of October 28, 2019, as submitted. Passed unanimously. (Copy attached.)

**5. Student Recognition**: Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, Deputy Superintendent, along with Board Members, Guidance Counselors and Principals to come forward to assist with the recognition of students receiving the 1st Quarter Highest GPA Awards. (List of students attached.)

Mrs. Murdaugh asked Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, Mr. Ferlondo Tullock, and Deputy Superintendent, along with Board Members, and Principals to come forward to assist with the recognition of students participating in the Honors Academy. Mrs. Murdaugh said the students that are being presented will have earned an Associate’s Degree along with their high school diploma at the end of their senior year.

6. **Public Participation:**  None

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

8. **Financial Report:**  Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the October 2019 Monthly Financial Report. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in October 2019 the District received 15% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 28% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 57% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 84%. She added that the current taxes collected for October 2019 was $384,000.00 which is $20,000.00 ahead as compared to this time last year and collected $307,000.00 in delinquent taxes which is ahead $200,000.00 to this time last year.

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Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to approve the Monthly Financial Report for October 2019. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Strickland added that Ms. Fredrick had a question before the board meeting about a budget adjustment regarding travel. Mrs. Strickland stated that most of the adjustments are setting up the budget and several adjustments involved moving money from one account to another.

Mrs. Sky Strickland presented the October 2019 Budget Adjustments for Board consideration.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Budget Adjustments for October 2019. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Bill Pouncey, CPA, J.W. Hunt and Company, LLP, presented an audit report and the Finding Statements of Calhoun County Public Schools, St. Matthews, South Carolina (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, for Board consideration. The District received an unmodified (clean) opinion from the Auditors.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the Audit of the District’s Financial Records as of June 30, 2019. Passed unanimously.

9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said by February 1, 2020, the district office will have LED lights installed. He said that slowly, all florescent bulbs in the district will be replaced with LED bulbs. Mr. Kiernan told the Board that there is a crack in an inside wall in one of the adult restrooms at Calhoun County High School. He added that EDCON has investigated the wall and is having experts come in to inspect the wall. Mr. Kiernan also shared with the Board that he is going to look at quotes for batting cages and hopes to have this done by February 1, 2020.

Dr. Wilson summarized for the Board and the public the potential purchase of Sandy Run Property.

Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mrs. Tucker, to move forward with the purchase of select property in Sandy Run for the purpose of building a school in the future. Mr. Nelson questioned if the Board felt we should include in the motion that the Board authorized Dr. Wilson to make the transaction.

In an amended motion, Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve the purchase of property in Sandy Run for the purpose of a school if it becomes necessary and that Dr. Wilson and the appropriate administration have permission to purchase the property. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Wilson wished the Board, Faculty and Staff a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

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10. **Executive Session**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to go into Executive Session to consider Personnel, Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s), Legal Purchase of Sandy Run Property and the Superintendent’s Evaluation and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

Upon return from Executive Session, Mr. Porth announced that the Board was back in open session.

11. **Board Actions**: Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the Superintendent’s recommendations for an employee’s resignation. Passed unanimously.

12. **Adjournment**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Board Secretary

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