**Calhoun County Public Schools**

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

**District Office**

**September 16, 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/Invocation**: 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 Mr. Jenkins, to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Ms. Fredrick moved, with a second by Mr. Nelson, to approve the minutes of August 12, 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 and Principals to come forward to assist with the recognition of students receiving the 4th Quarter Highest GPA Awards. (List of students attached.)

Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent’s Award to the students that received the highest GPA in each of the 4 quarters for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Each student was given an award and a monetary gift. (List of students attached.)

Mr. Nelson said he was very proud of the students and parents in the district for the outstanding work they do. He added that recognizing students is one of the Board’s duties that he enjoys the most.

Mrs. Cinthia Wolfe, Chief of Accountability and Administration, asked Mrs. Brenda Goodwin and Ms. Treda Keith, Principals, and Mrs. Michelle Bradley and Dr. Melissa Peeples, Assistant Principals, to come forward to be recognized. Mrs. Wolfe told the Board that Sandy Run K-8 and St. Matthews K-8 are the newest additions to the TransformSC network. She said the addition of the two schools brings the total number of TransformSC network schools to 71. She added that TransformSC is an initiative of the SC Council on Competiveness and is a statewide network on innovative public schools that work in collaboration with business leaders, educators, students, parents, and policymakers in order to transform South Carolina’s public education system to prepare graduates for careers, college and citizenship. She said that Dr. Torrey, Director of TransformSC, is working hard with Calhoun County High School to make the high school a part of TransformSC.

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Mrs. Christia Murdaugh, Chief Academic Officer, asked Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Bradley to come forward and be recognized for Sandy Run K-8 School being named the 2018 – 2019 SC State Top 10 Vocabulary Bowl School for August 2019. Mrs. Murdaugh said the award is given by a well-established software program called Vocabulary.Com. She said Sandy Run School students participated in a Vocabulary Bowl and every month thousands of schools across the US and Canada compete in the Vocabulary Bowl. She added that winning the award is quite an achievement.

6. **Public Participation:**  None

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

8. **Financial Report:**  Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the July, 2019 Monthly Financial Report. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in July 2019, the District received 1% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 4% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 76% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 79%. She added that the current taxes collected for July 2019 was $94,000.00 and $20,000.00 in delinquent taxes.

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

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

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

Mrs. Sky Strickland, Chief Financial Officer, presented the August, 2019 Monthly Financial Report. Mrs. Strickland informed the Board that in August 2019, the District received 5% of General Fund Budgeted Revenue and expended 8% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures and encumbered 69% of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures, with a total of 77%. She added that there is no report for the August 2019 taxes because the County Treasurer did not have them ready and she will include them at the October Board Meeting.

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

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

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

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Dr. Wilson and Mrs. Strickland presented a request for a 3.4 Millage increase based on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. Dr. Wilson said the cap on the increase is 2.44 percent and currently the Millage is 135.5.

After Board discussion, Mr. Jenkins moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to ask Calhoun County Council for a 3.4 Millage increase in the District operating budget for the 2019-2020 school year.

9. **Superintendent's Report**: Mr. George Kiernan, Human Resources Director and Compliance Officer, presented AR IKE-R – Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students for amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve AR IKE-R – Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students for amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan presented AR JH-R – Student Absences and Excuses for amendment.

Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to approve AR JH-R – Student Absences and Excuses for amendment. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the Facility Updates. He said the Maintenance Department has kept up with the HVAC units and the grounds in the District.

Dr. Wilson and Mr. Keirnan spoke to the Board regarding the future plans to enclose the breezeway at Calhoun County High School for information. Dr. Wilson said this needs to be done because of a safety factor. Mr. Kiernan presented a PowerPoint to the Board of the future plans. After Board discussion regarding safety and concerns, Dr. Wilson informed the Board that he called OSF and will be meeting with them in the future.

Dr. Wilson updated the Board on the District Make-up Day following the recent inclement weather. Dr. Wilson said the current 2019 – 2020 school calendar will be revised to show the make-up day.

Dr. Wilson and Mr. Ferlondo Tullock spoke to the Board about the Anti-Bullying Summit that was held on September 13, 2019 in Columbia. He said that 14 students representing each of the schools attended. Mr. Tullock read out the names of the student ambassadors and the administrators that attended the Summit.

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 Contract – Field House Design, and Capital Funds Transfer and then return to open session at the completion of discussions. Passed unanimously.

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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 employment. Passed unanimously.

12. **Adjournment**: Mr. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Fredrick, to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Passed unanimously.

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Board Secretary

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