

# MINUTES

## LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

### REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 16, 2025

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Tuesday, December 16, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Darren Driver, Chairperson; Mrs. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member; Mrs. Kimberly Adams, Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney and Deputy Garris Edwards. Administrators present were Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance, Mrs. Janene Fitzpatrick, Director of Teaching and Learning Services, Mr. Scott Sadler, Director of Support Services, Mrs. Lisa Newman, LES Principal, and Mr. Stewart Hancock, LHS Principal.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Darren Driver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and gave the invocation, Mr. Robert Edwards led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

#### **RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** - The students named below were recognized for being selected *Student of the Month* for December 2025:

LES K-2- Ja'Nylah Wyman

LHS Middle School- Taylor Pilkington

LES 3-5- Brenda Vences-Martinez

LHS High School- Ciara Yohn

Each student received congratulations from the Superintendent and School Board along with a Certificate of Award and Student of the Month notebook.

#### **1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Darren Driver noted the following changes to the agenda:

Removal

#### **4. ACTION ITEMS**

**4.02** Approve Lafayette County's Emergency Management Local Mitigation Strategy Plan.

The agenda was unanimously adopted with the noted changes following a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the November 18, 2025, Organizational Meeting, and November 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

## **3. CONSENT ITEMS**

**3.01 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES SUPPLEMENTAL POSITIONS-** The following Supplemental Positions were unanimously approved on a motion from Mr. Jeff Walker and seconded by Mrs. Marion McCray:

Pam Moseley-6 <sup>th</sup> grade sponsor	Jennifer Higginbotham 6 <sup>th</sup> grade sponsor
Lindsey Jones- Varsity Softball Coach	Ehrin Beach-Sound Position
Matt Tompkins- JV Baseball	Paris Edwards- Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball
Camryn Taylor- Art Club	Carrigan Buchanan- Art Club
Kristy Harris- Assistant Varsity Softball	Brittany Dees- C-Team Softball Coach
Marcy Richardson- JV Girls Basketball	Brian Pittman- JV Softball Coach
Arturo Negrete- Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer	Will Boney- Middle School Baseball Coach

## **4. ACTION ITEMS**

**4.01 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES PERSONNEL ITEMS –** The personnel items listed below, as recommended by Superintendent Edwards, were unanimously approved following a motion by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray:

### **4.01(1) Personnel Recommendations-**

- Approved Megan Creel as a volunteer at Lafayette Elementary School for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Approved Joan Negrete as a volunteer with the Soccer Program for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, pending meeting eligibility requirements.
- Approved Theresa Wimer as an ESE Paraprofessional at Lafayette Elementary School for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

### **4.01 (2) Resignations-**

- Approved resignation from Waylon Richard as Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach.

**ACTION ITEM 4.02 WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.**

**4.03 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES USE OF GYMNASIUM FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE-** Mrs. Marion McCray made the motion to approve the request from the Lafayette County Commissioners for the use of the LHS Gymnasium for the Youth League Basketball Program each Saturday from January 10, 2026- March 14, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**4.04 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT WITH CENTEGIX SAFETY PLATFORM-** Mr. Robert Edwards explained this is something Mr. Gerald Powers, Director of School Safety had been working to get in place for a while. It is now available and satisfies the Alyssa's Law requirement. We have been using the VOLO touch app through cellular devices in the meantime. With the implementation of Centegix, there would be a fob that would be used to alert in the case of an emergent or active assailant situation rather than an app. Mr. Powers asked that the Board approve the agreement with the Governing Law changed to Lafayette County, FL, an inclusion of a 30-day termination clause, and that we are notified how much the uninstallation fee would be should we decide to no longer be in contract with Centegix. Following a time of discussion Mr. Taylor McGrew made the motion to approve the agreement with Centegix Safety Platform. Mrs. Kimberly Adams seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**4.05 SCHOOL BOARD STILL IN NEGOTIATIONS, LEA AND SRP CONTRACTS NOT AVAILABLE-** Union President Rebecca Sharpe addressed the board regarding items previously negotiated. She stated the proposed contracts had been sent over in May and the current contracts expired on June 30, 2025. Mrs. Sharpe expressed that the Union's biggest concern is the retirement language contained within the contracts. She proposed tabling discussion of the retirement language and proceeding with approval of the remaining contract language to finalize and execute the agreements. She further stated that discussion regarding the retirement language could resume for consideration in the following year.

**PUBLIC HEARING- SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES-** At 6:30pm, Mr. Darren Driver convened the scheduled public hearing to consider approval of the following revised school board policies as advertised:

<u>Policy#</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>
3.21	Revision	Recording of Parent-Staff Meetings
4.09 Option 1	Revision	Athletics
5.031	Revision	Student Out-Of-Zone Transfers/Choice
5.28	Revision	School Health Services

The public hearing was conducted with no public comment. Mrs. Marion McCray made the motion to approve the revised policies as advertised. Mr. Jeff Walker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (School Board policies are on file in the district office and district website.)

**PUBLIC HEARING- SCHOOL START TIMES-** Following the public hearing on policy revisions Mr. Darren Driver opened the floor for public comment regarding a potential change to school start times. Mr. Robert Edwards explained the legislation requiring school districts to establish school start times to no earlier than 8:00am for middle schools and no earlier than 8:30am for high schools. He further explained that districts are no longer required to adjust our times; however, districts that elect to not make changes must submit a report to the Department of Education documenting that our community has been educated on the health, safety, and academic impacts of sleep deprivation on middle and high school students and we have received public input to support our decision. He further explained that if we were to adjust our time to 8:30am it would be for both the Elementary and High School, as the district does not have sufficient staffing to operate more than one bus route for the two schools.

A parent in attendance for the Student of the Month recognition spoke up and noted that both her and her spouse's work schedule would make it difficult to accommodate their children arriving to school later. She said it is currently challenging to get everyone up, ready, and out the door to arrive to school and work on time, and that her husband could potentially lose his job if the district were to implement an 8:30am school start time. There was no further public comment. The regular meeting convened at this time.

**4.06 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AUDIT REPORT-** Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance explained the findings on the Internal Accounts Audit from Collins and Company and the steps taken to correct them. Mrs. Marion McCray made the motion to approve the Internal Accounts Audit Report. Mr. Jeff Walker made the second and the vote for approval was unanimous. (Report available on file in the district office)

**4.07 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TRIP REQUESTS** – The following trip requests were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and seconded by Mrs. Kimberly Adams:

- FBLA Business Tour- One day trip to Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, FL

**4.08 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENTS-** The following budget amendments were unanimously approved on a motion from Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray: General Fund #2.

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**5.01** Principal’s Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds

**5.02** November 2025 Invoices

**5.03** Financial Statement

**5.04** 2025-2026 Instructional Materials Plan ELA Adoption

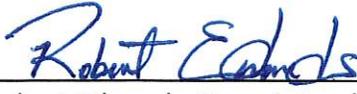
### **6. CITIZEN INPUT**

Michelle Hatton addressed the Board regarding the reinstatement of middle and high school student field trips. Her comments focused specifically on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington D.C., which has not been taken since 2019. The trip to Washington D.C. would provide students with the opportunity to apply classroom learning to real-world experiences. Ms. Hatton’s daughter presented the Board with signed petitions from students and teachers expressing support for the reinstatement of the trip. The Board thanked Ms. Hatton for her time and the information presented.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With business complete Mr. Darren Driver declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08p.m.

  
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Darren Driver, Chairperson

ATTEST:   
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Robert Edwards, Superintendent  
and Secretary to the School Board