

MINUTES

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL SESSION, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

The Lafayette County School Board convened in a special session, Thursday, February 19, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Darren Driver, Chairperson; Mrs. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member; Mrs. Kimberly Adams, Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; and Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney. Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools was not in attendance, but participated by telephone. Mr. Marcus Edwards, Athletic Director/Football Coach and Mrs. April Young, Personnel Specialist were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Darren Driver called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and gave an invocation.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

2. ACTION ITEMS

2.01 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES LHS FOOTBALL PROGRAM TO PARTICIPATE IN SSAA- Mr. Robert Edwards explained via telephone that the special session was called due to an existing policy, #4.09 Athletics, requiring all athletic programs to participate in the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA). He stated that this policy was adopted prior to the availability of other athletic association options. He further explained that only the School Board has the authority to override Policy #4.09 to allow the LHS football program to join the Sunshine State Athletic Association (SSAA) to continue competing against schools of similar size in rural areas like ours. Mr. Edwards also noted that Policy #4.09 will be placed on the March School Board agenda for


approval to advertise a revision. Following a period of discussion and questions directed to Mr. Marcus Edwards, Athletic Director, regarding the differences between the associations, Mr. Jeff Walker made a motion to approve the recommendation that the LHS football program be allowed to participate in the Sunshine State Athletic Association (SSAA). Mrs. Kimberly Adams seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With business complete, Mr. Darren Driver declared the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.



Darren Driver, Chairperson

ATTEST: 

Robert Edwards, Superintendent
and Secretary to the School Board