MINUTES LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP, OCTOBER 19, 2021

The Lafayette County School Board held a workshop on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Mrs. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney; and Administrator Mrs. Alissa Hingson, Director of Teaching and Learning Services. The purpose of the workshop was to go over the accreditation process.

Accreditation

Mrs. Alissa Hingson, Director of Teaching and Learning Services conducted the workshop on the accreditation process. Mrs. Hingson explained and reviewed the Cognia Accreditation process, expectations, guidelines, and schedule. Mrs. Hingson explained to the board about what kind of questions they may be asked during their interview. Some of the accreditation questions would be about the governance of the district/their role as a district leader. How decisions are made for the district; what type of data is reviewed to assist with making decisions; what kind of reports are looked at. How the district works together, how we collaborate. Are the school board rules being followed as well as the code of ethics. What is your vision for the district's future; how do you work your vision; what data do you collect to see if your vision is happening. The accreditation process this year will be handled over a series of days through Zoom meetings with interviews starting on October 25, 2021. The purpose is to provide feedback to your institution concerning next steps in the improvement journey and to determine to what degree your institution meets the Cognia Performance Standards. Once the process is complete, a report that presents findings about the institution related to the standards and other measures along with

suggestions for next steps in the institution's improvement journey is compiled and presented to the institution for review. This process will also possibly get our institution recognized as an accredited institution.

Adjournment

The workshop was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

Robert Edwards, Superintendent and Secretary to the School Board