

MINUTES

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Tuesday, September 19, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Mrs. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney; and SRO Jaqueline Clark. Mr. Jeff Walker, Member was present via phone. Administrators present were Mrs. Alissa Hingson, Director of Teaching and Learning Services; Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance; Mr. Stephen Clark, Director of Support Services; Mrs. Stewart Hancock, LHS Principal; and Mrs. Lisa Newman, LES Principal.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Amanda Hickman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Darren Driver gave the invocation and Superintendent Robert Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Amanda Hickman noted one change to the agenda. The following action item was added to the agenda.

4.01 (3) Resignation- Approve resignation letter from Amber Mathis, Bus Driver effective September 15, 2023

Mrs. Hickman asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with the changes as noted above. The agenda was unanimously adopted following a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the August 15, 2023 Workshop and the September 7, 2023 Public Budget Hearing were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

The consent items listed below were presented for approval. Mr. Darren Driver moved to approve all consent items. Mr. Taylor McGrew gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous.

3.01 Approve Speech Pathology Agreement with Special Communications, LLC w/ changes

3.02 Approve Physical Therapy Agreement with Palmer Physical Therapy, LLC w/ changes

3.03 Approve Occupational Therapy Agreement with Amy Parker Therapy Services, PLLC w/ changes

3.04 Approve School Advisory Council members for Lafayette Elementary for 2023-2024

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 Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mr. Darren Driver.

4.01 (1) Recommendation – Non-Instructional- Approve April Young for the Personnel Specialist (Human Resources) position for the 2023-24 school year

Recommendation- Non-Instructional- Approve Christian Henderson for the Plant Maintenance Manager position at Lafayette District Schools pending satisfactorily meeting all employment requirements for the 2023-24 school year

Recommendation – Volunteers- Approve the following individuals as volunteers at Lafayette District Schools pending satisfactorily meeting all requirements for the 2023-24 school year

Sally Smith- LES Volunteer

Micah Davis- FCA Program

Cason Driver- FCA Program

Laura Osborne- LES Volunteer

Samuel Lee Jr.- LES Volunteer

Veronica Howlett- LES Volunteer

4.01 (2) Requests for Family Medical Leave- Approve requests from Courtney Graham, LHS Teacher for Family Medical Leave (maternity) from January 8, 2024- April 1, 2024; Approve Request from Darby Smith, LES Teacher for Family Medical Leave (maternity) from October 16, 2023- January 26, 2024

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4.02 TRIP REQUEST APPROVED BY SCHOOL BOARD– The school board approved the following trip requests: Senior Beta Club, Sponsor Joycelyn Cook to attend Regional Leadership Summit in LaGrange Georgia, October 22-24, 2023. Mr. Darren Driver moved to approve the trip. Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

4.03 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER APPROVED- On a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray the Basketball Tournament fundraiser in honor of James Blankenship was unanimously approved.

4.04 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES 23-24 UNIFORM STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT CALENDAR- After review, the 2023-2024 Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Darren Driver. (Assessment Calendar on file in the district office)

4.05 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES SIGNATURES FOR INTERNAL ACCOUNTS- Signatures for Internal accounts for Lafayette High School and Lafayette Elementary Schools for the 2023-2024 school year were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

4.06 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM ACTIVE INVENTORY – A list of items to be removed from active inventory was presented for the School Board’s review and approval. It was noted that the listed items are declared surplus and items would be transferred, donated, sold, or disposed of in accordance with the Florida Statutes Chapter 274 and the Lafayette County School Board’s policies and procedures on the sale, transfer, or disposal of property. Following discussion, Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the list of items to be removed from active inventory. Mr. Darren Driver gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous. (List of items on file in district office)

4.07 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES RATE RENEWAL INSURANCE AND VOLUNTARY

BENEFITS FOR 2023-2024 – Mr. Lance Braswell, Insurance Agent, met with the School Board

regarding the district's employee health insurance renewal and voluntary benefits for 2023-2024. Mr. Braswell discussed the different insurance bids he received and reviewed for district employees. Mr. Braswell explained that there would be a rate increase for this year. After review of the plan and discussion, Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the request. Mrs. Marion McCray gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous.

(Insurance information on file in district office)

4.08 MOU WITH LEARNING.COM APPROVED- The School Board unanimously approved the

Memorandum of Understanding with Learning.com on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray. (Agreement on file in district office)

4.09 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER APPROVED TO SERVE ON VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

Mr. Taylor McGrew nominated Jeff Walker to serve on the Lafayette County Value Adjustment Board. Mr. Darren Driver seconded the motion. Mr. Jeff Walker was unanimously approved to serve on the Lafayette County Value Adjustment Board. The Value Adjustment Board will meet on a later date in the county commissioner meeting room at the county courthouse.

4.10 BUSINESS OWNER APPROVED TO SERVE ON VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD – Mr.

Taylor McGrew moved to approve Brandon Hewett, of J & J Gas, to serve on the Lafayette County Value Adjustment Board. Mrs. Marion McCray gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous.

4.11 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – There were no budget amendments this month.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.01 Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds

5.02 August Invoices 2023

5.03 Financial Statement

5.04 Supplemental Position Recommendation

6. CITIZEN INPUT

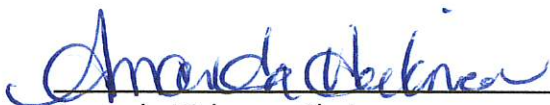
There was no citizen input today.


ADJOURNMENT

With business complete, Mrs. Hickman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Marion

McCray made a motion; Mr. Taylor McGrew gave the second. Meeting was adjourned at

7:05 p.m.


Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

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