MINUTES
LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
WORKSHOP, MARCH 21, 2023

The Lafayette County School Board held a workshop on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 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 Mr. Stephen Clark, Director of Support Services. The purpose of the workshop was to have a presentation by Larry Perrin of Schneider Electric.
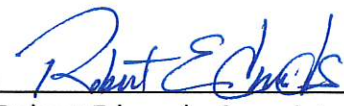
Schneider Electric Operational Efficiency

Larry Perrin of Schneider Electric gave a very informative and detailed presentation to the board of the services Schneider Electric offers and the savings opportunities that are possible for our school district. Schneider Electric engineers performed a high-level facilities audit to evaluate our overall utilities usage and efficiency of our operating system. Several capital facility needs were identified at Lafayette District Schools providing many savings opportunities. The savings are guaranteed by Schneider Electric for 20 years. Schneider Electric will also assist with finding the funding and will assist with completing grants to pay for projects, reducing the responsibilities that fall on Lafayette County School Board staff. The school board members were given the opportunity to share their thoughts and ask questions. The Superintendent and School Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Larry Perrin of Schneider Electric for his presentation. The next steps to move forward will be a request for qualifications/TIPS (The Interlocal Purchasing System) contract. At the April board meeting the district will complete either a procurement or direct select through TIPS to allow the board to select a partner and enter into design agreement.

Adjournment

The workshop was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Amanda Hickman, Chairperson   Robert Edwards, Superintendent
                                               and Secretary to the School Board