

# MINUTES

## LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

### WORKSHOP, MAY 11, 2021

The Lafayette County School Board met in workshop session on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 beginning at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Ms. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; and Ms. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney. Administrators present were Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance; Mr. Stewart Hancock, LHS Principal; and Mr. Joey Pearson, Director of Support Services. The following items were discussed:

#### **ESSER/CARES Act**

Mr. Edwards reviewed and discussed what the ESSER/CARES Act funds have been used on thus far. Mr. Edwards went over the criteria, guidelines, and requirements for how coming ESSER funding must be used in accordance with Federal and State guidelines. As part of the legislative process, approximately \$342,568 of Lafayette County School District's total ESSER II allocation will be categorical funds for the purpose of locating missing students, closing achievement gaps, and upgrading technology to better support students during school closures. Technology will be given around \$59,000, Non-Enrollment Assistance Program will receive around \$47,000, and \$236,000 will be used for Academic Assistance Programs to assist with helping students to get

caught up academically. Some of the implemented programs are: ACT/SAT Prep Program which allows students to earn credit at Lafayette High School; homework help/study hall after school at Lafayette High School; and Liberal Arts programs at Lafayette High School such as art, music classes, etc. We are still waiting on final guidance from FLDOE on what the funds can be used for and how to access the funds.

### **Grounds Maintenance**

Mr. Joey Pearson and Mr. Edwards discussed the upkeep of the school grounds. We no longer receive grounds assistance from the prisoners at Mayo Correctional Institute and we do not know when the prisoners work program may be reinstated. May need to look into hiring a new grounds person or look into getting lawn care bid quotes.

### **Athletics**

Mr. Joey Pearson, Athletic Director, gave an overview of the Athletic programs at Lafayette District Schools over a three year period. The overview included each individual sport, approximate startup costs for each, revenue generated, expenses, official costs, and reoccurring yearly costs for each sport. Some discussion was had about the pros and cons of starting up a C Team Baseball team. After discussion, it was decided that at this time it is not feasible to start a C Team Baseball team and this may be revisited in the future.

### **Adjournment**

The workshop was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Amanda Hickman

Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Robert Edwards

Robert Edwards, Superintendent  
and Secretary to the School Board

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