

MINUTES

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 18, 2025

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Tuesday, March 18, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Darren Driver, Chairperson; Mrs. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member; Mrs. Kimberly Adams, Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney and deputy Bobby Lawson. Administrators present were Mr. Scott Sadler, Director of Support Services; Mrs. Janene Fitzpatrick, Director of Teaching and Learning Services; Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance, Mrs. Lisa Newman, LES Principal and Mr. Stewart Hancock, LHS Principal.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Darren Driver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Mr. Taylor McGrew gave the invocation, Mr. Robert Edwards led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - The students named below were recognized for being selected *Student of the Month* for March 2025:

- Students of the Month-
LES K-2- Leonardo Luna (February) **LHS Middle School-** Isaac Sanchez-Flowers
Selena Gonzalez (March)
LES 3-5- Damian Brown (February) **LHS High School-** Aldo Francisco
Austin Pruett (March)

Each student received congratulations from the Superintendent and School Board along with a Certificate of Award and Student of the Month notebook. Teacher of the Year, Melissa Stewart and School Related Employee of the Year, Ross Smith were both recognized for this honor. Their respective principals shared the reasons they were both worthy of this designation and an asset to their schools.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Darren Driver noted the following changes to the agenda:

Addition

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.02 Approve Fundraiser Request:

- Skills USA Snack Shack April 9, 2025

4.06 Approve for advertising:

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>
7.06	Revision	School Food Service Program Policy and Funds
7.14	Revision	Purchasing Policies and Bidding

4.12 Approve moving Regular School Board Meeting date for April from April 15, 2025, to April 21, 2025.

4.13 Approve Special Session on April 29, 2025, for selection of professional services.

4.14 Approve moving Regular School Board Meeting date for May from May 20, 2025, to May 27, 2025.

Removal

4.06 Approve for advertising:

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>
8.233	New	Food Service Program Policy and Procedures

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items this month.

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 Mrs. Kimberly Adams:

4.01 (1) Personnel Recommendations-

- Approved Shannon Homan as a full-time Bus Driver for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, pending meeting eligibility requirements.
- Approved Kristie Hillwig as a volunteer with JV Majorettes for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
- Approved Jenna Ruff as a volunteer with JV Majorettes for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
- Approved Amanda Purvis as a Substitute Bus Driver for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

4.01 (2) Notice of Retirement-

- Approved notice of retirement from Tonya Lee effective September 30, 2025.

4.01(3) Request for Family Medical Leave-

- Approved Becky Long for Family Medical Leave April 9, 11, 21-30, 2025 and May 1-2, 2025.

4.01(4) Resignations-

- Approved resignation from Danielle Sims, Bus Driver effective February 18, 2025.
- Approved resignation from Amanda Purvis, Bus Driver effective March 24, 2025.

4.01 (5) Illness in the Line of Duty

- Approved Dana Putnal for 8.5 hours of Illness in the Line of Duty for February 13 and March 12, 2025.

4.02 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FUNDRAISER REQUESTS- The following fundraiser requests were unanimously approved on a motion from Mr. Jeff Walker and a second from Mr. Taylor McGrew:

- Track and Field Fundraisers for 2024-2025 school year.
- Read-A-Thon March 31st- April 11th.
- FBLA Coca-Cola Truck Load Sale- 2 weeks in April.
- Skills USA Snack Shack April 9, 2025

4.03 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PLAN- After a brief discussion, Mr. Darren Driver asked for a motion to approve the Instructional Materials Plan for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion for approval was made by Mrs. Marion McCray, seconded by Mrs. Kimberly Adams, and unanimously approved.

4.04 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR- The 2024-2025 School Calendar and 12-Month Calendar were presented for the School Board's approval. Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the 2025-2026 Calendar and 12-Month Calendar as presented. Mrs. Marion McCray gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous. (Calendars on file in the district office)

4.05 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE LES SUMMER SCHOOL CALENDAR- The 2025 LES Summer School Calendar was unanimously approved by the School Board following a motion by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew. (Summer School Calendar on file in district office)

4.06 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES POLICIES FOR ADVERTISING- The following policies were unanimously approved for advertising on a motion from Mr. Jeff Waker and second from Mrs. Marion McCray:

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>
7.06	Revision	School Food Service Program Policy and Funds
7.14	Revision	Purchasing Policies and Bidding

4.07 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FIELDPRINT FL SCHOOLS TRANSITION TO CLEARINGHOUSE- Following a time of discussion, Mrs. Marion McCray made the motion to approve Fieldprint's updated cost transition to the Clearinghouse. Mrs. Kimberly Adams seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

4.08 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES ADVERTISING FOR RFQ's FOR ARCHITECTS- Superintendent Edwards Explained the next step in the Special Facilities process based on our Policy 7.141 Selecting Professional Services, is advertise for Request for Qualifications for Professional Services. Superintendent Edwards also requested that although the policy states the Superintendent is to oversee this process that Scott Sadler, Director of Support Services serve in that capacity in place of him. Following discussion, Mr. Taylor McGrew made the motion to approve advertising for Request for Qualifications for Architectural/Engineering Services. Mr. Jeff Walker seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

4.09 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES ANNUAL FACILITIES DATA- Mr. Scott Sadler, Director of Support Services explained this was the annual certification to the Department of Education of the accurate number of facilities

owned by the district. Mrs. Marion McCray made the motion to approve the 2025 Annual Certification of Facilities Data. Mr. Jeff Walker seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

4.10 EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT APPROVED- Mr. Taylor McGrew made a motion to approve the Emergency Transportation Agreement with Lafayette Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion. Mr. Darren Driver did not participate in voting since he works for the Lafayette Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The vote was unanimously approved by the remaining school board members.

4.11 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENTS- The following budget amendments were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor Mc Grew and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams:
Contract Program Fund #4.

4.12 APRIL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGED- Superintendent Edwards explained the need to change the April School Board Meeting date to fit within the timeline for the Request for Qualifications for Professional Services as lined out in Policy 7.141. The Regular Meeting Date was April 15, 2025, and would need to be amended to April 21, 2025. Mr. Jeff Walker made the motion to change the April meeting date, it was seconded by Mr. Taylor McGrew and the vote for approval was unanimous.

4.13 SPECIAL SESSION ADDED TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE- Superintendent Edwards explained to further meet the requirements from our Policy 7.141 Selecting Professional Services, we would need to have an additional meeting on April 29, 2025, to have a presentation from the chosen Architectural Firm. Mrs. Kimberly Adams made the motion to approve adding the Special Session on April 29, 2025, to the meeting schedule. It was seconded by Mr. Taylor McGrew and the vote for approval was unanimous.

4.14 MAY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGED- Superintendent Edwards explained the need to change the May School Board Meeting date to fit within the timeline for the Request for Qualifications for Professional Services as lined out in Policy 7.141. The Regular Meeting Date was May 20, 2025, and would need to be amended to May 27, 2025. The start time of the meeting would also be pushed back to 6:30pm instead of 6:00pm to accommodate Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney's schedule that

evening. Mr. Jeff Walker made the motion to change the May meeting date, it was seconded by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and the vote for approval was unanimous.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION


- 5.01 Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds
- 5.02 February Invoices
- 5.03 Financial Statement
- 5.04 Supplemental Position Recommendations

6. CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input today.


ADJOURNMENT

With business complete Mr. Darren Driver declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Darren Driver, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Robert Edwards, Superintendent
and Secretary to the School Board