

MINUTES

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING, JULY 21, 2026

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Tuesday, July 21, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Lafayette County School District Administrative Office. 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; and Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney. Administrators present were Mr. Scott Sadler, Director of Support Services; Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance; Mrs. Janene Fitzpatrick, Director of Teaching and Learning Services; Mr. Gerald Powers, Director of School Safety and Mental Health, Mrs. Lisa Newman, LES Principal and 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 and Mr. Robert Edwards led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Darren Driver noted the following additions to the agenda via addendum:

Additions

3. CONSENT ITEMS

3.02 Approve the Inter-District Foster Transportation Services Agreement with Dixie County for the 2026–2027 school year.

3.02 Approve the Inter-District Private School Services Agreement with Dixie County for the 2026–2027 school year.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.15 Approve the 2026–2027 Teacher Salary Increase Allocation Memorandum of Understanding.

4.16 Approve 2026–2027 Career Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement between Lafayette County School Board and Suwannee County School Board through Riveroak Technical College.

The agenda was unanimously adopted as amended following a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the June 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

The following consent items, including addendum additions, were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams:

- 3.01** Approved Lafayette High School (LHS) fundraisers for the 2026–2027 school year.
- 3.02** Approved the Inter-District Homeless Transportation Agreement with Dixie County for the 2026–2027 school year.
- 3.02 (Addendum)** Approved the Inter-District Foster Transportation Services Agreement with Dixie County for the 2026–2027 school year.
- 3.02 (Addendum)** Approved the Inter-District Private School Services Agreement with Dixie County for the 2026–2027 school year.
- 3.03** Approved the Inter-District Private School Services Agreement with Taylor County for the 2026–2027 school year.
- 3.04** Approved the Inter-District Foster Transportation Services Agreement with Taylor County for the 2026–2027 school year.
- 3.05** Approved the Inter-District Homeless Transportation Agreement with Taylor County for the 2026–2027 school year.
- 3.06** Approved the Agreement for participation in the Multi-District Program for School Psychology Services for the 2026–2027 school year.
- 3.07** Approved LHS Signatures for Internal Accounts for the 2026–2027 school year.
- 3.08** Approved the Northeast Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) Resolution, Main Contract, and Contract Attachments for the 2026–2027 school year.
- 3.09** Approved the Physical Therapy Service Agreement with Palmer Physical Therapy, LLC.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES PERSONNEL ITEMS – The personnel items listed below on recommendation from Superintendent Edwards were unanimously approved on a motion from Mrs. Kimberly Adams and seconded by Mr. Taylor McGrew.

4.01(1) Recommendations:

Instructional:

- Approved Kyla Serrano as an ESE Teacher at LHS for the 2026–2027 school year.
- Approved Melinda Allen as an ESE Teacher at LHS for the 2026–2027 school year, pending fulfillment of employment eligibility requirements.

Bus Driver & Food Service:

- Approved Van Wood as a Bus Driver (pending eligibility).
- Approved Marisol Garcia as a part-time Food Service Worker at LES (pending eligibility).
- Approved Sherry Byrd as a part-time Food Service Worker at LHS (pending eligibility).

Internships:

- Approved college practicum and internship placements for Salina Drawdy (FSU) for Fall 2026/Spring 2027 and Lilli Moseley (VSU) for Fall 2026.

Supplemental Positions:

- Approved Caitlyn Brady (Spring Ticket Taker), Liz Byrd (Fall Ticket Taker), Kateesh Hamlin (6th Grade Chair), and Marty Crotts (Varsity Head Coach Softball, pending eligibility).

Substitute Workers: Approved substitute workers for the 2026-2027 school year.

Substitute Teacher List

Rochelle Ainsworth-LES,LHS
David Brooks-LES,LHS
Joni Byrd-LES
Karen Carroll-LES, LHS
Judith Edwards-LES,LHS
Alondra Escamilla Ramirez-LES
Ambar Hornback-LES,LHS
Sue Kerby-LES,LHS
Charity Maurer-LES
Angie Perry-LES
Mary Powers-LHS
Ashley Sullivan-LES,LHS
Theresa Lira-Ingram-LES

Sharon Blanton-LES,LHS
Ladasia Brown-LES,LHS
Sherry Byrd-LES,LHS
Dale Croft- BAND
Katelyn Englehart-LES,LHS
Cameron Gonzales-LES,LHS
Brittany Johnson-LES,LHS
Emily Lyons-LES
Courtney Maya-LES,LHS
Tracy Perry-LES,LHS
Betty Radcliff-LES,LHS
Jessica Summers-LES,LHS
Patty Gray-LES,LHS

Carla Brock-LHS
Rachely Brown-LES
Lindsey Campbell-LES,LHS
Kay Dawson-LES,LHS
Natalia Escamilla-LES,LHS (6-8)
Allen Hawkins-LES,LHS
Crystal Kennedy-LES,LHS
Donna Massey-LES,LHS
Hannah O'Steen-LES
Linda Plymel-LES,LHS
Jenna Ruff-LES
Gwen Watkins-LES

Substitute Custodial List

Courtney Maya
Brittney Peterson

Substitute Food Service List

Rochelle Ainsworth
Brittney Peterson
Andrea Smith
Kim Townsend

Substitute Bus Driver List

Terrill Murphy
Kevin Koon

- Approved Riley Edwards as a Substitute Maintenance Worker (pending eligibility).

Volunteers & Volunteer Coaches/Assistants: Approved volunteers, volunteer coaches/assistants

for the 2026-2027 school year:

Diane Baraket- SAC only	Libby Beach- Varsity Volleyball	Jared Beauchamp- FFA
Scott Bonafide- Softball	Sheila Broughton- LES	Taliyah Burns- JV Girls Basketball
Zach Butler- FFA	Miriam Byrd- LES	David Collins- LES
Megan Creel- LES	Thomas Dixon- FCA/Chaplain	Connor Ginn- FFA
Allen Hawkins- Football	Veronica Howlett- LES	Karen James- LES
Akeelah Jones- FBLA	Logan Lents- Majorettes	Alicia Marzullo- Volleyball
Jonathan McCray- Golf	Dana Morrison- LES	Joan Negrete- Soccer
Pedro Resendiz- MS/JV Soccer	Ricky Resendiz- V Boys Soccer	Jenna Ruff- Majorettes
Dora Sanchez- Band	Madison Shaw- LES	Garth Sherrell- FBLA
Sally Smith- LES	Evan Starling- LES Cafeteria	Alicia Swinson- FBLA
Valentin Tovar- Soccer	Jason Troutman- Football	Damien Walker- Football/FCA

Coaches & Athletic Assistants: Approved coaches/assistants for the 2026-2027 school year:

Athletic Director: Marcus Edwards

Athletic Director Secretary: Kristy Garrard

Varsity Football Coach: Marcus Edwards

Assistant Football Coaches: Will Boney Charles Wood
Terrill Murphy Ross Smith
Brycen Lee

Varsity Volleyball Coach: Ismael Moreno

Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach: Marcy Richardson

JV Volleyball Coach: Andrea Bonafide

C-Team Volleyball Coach: Kelby Lyons

Golf Coach: Robbie Kerby

Dance Team Sponsors: Ashley Sullivan
Montana Fountain

4.01(2) Resignations:

- Approved the resignation of Brandee Byrd, ESE Paraprofessional at Lafayette High School, effective July 6, 2026.
- Approved the resignation of Tyler Wimberley, Grounds Maintenance Worker, effective July 24, 2026.

4.02 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES 2026–2027 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION PLAN – The

2026–2027 Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

4.03 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES 2026–2027 LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK –

Following a time of discussion, the 2026–2027 LES Student Handbook was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

4.04 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES 2026–2027 LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK – Following a

time of discussion, the 2026–2027 LHS Student Handbook was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew.

4.05 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FIVE YEAR EDUCATIONAL PLANT SURVEY – Mr. Scott Sadler, Director of

Support Services noted that updates to the Five Year Educational Plant Survey were required for renewal to support the District's Special Facilities Funding requirements. The Five Year Educational Plant Survey for the 2026–2027 school year was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

4.06 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FIVE YEAR WORK PLAN – Mr. Scott Sadler, Director of Support Services noted

that updates to the Five Year Work Plan were required for renewal to support the District's Special Facilities Funding requirements. The Five Year Work Plan for the 2026–2027 school year was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

4.07 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES DISTRICT EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK –Following a time of discussion, the Lafayette County School District Employee Handbook for the 2026–2027 school year was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker.

4.08 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, INC. – The Cooperative Agreement between Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. and the School Board of Lafayette County for the 2026–2027 school year was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

4.09 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR ADVERTISING – The Tentative Budget for the 2026–2027 school year was approved for advertising on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

4.10 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES CONTRACT WITH REX MITCHELL (ESF EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING) – The Contract for Educational Services with Rex Mitchell, ESF Educational Consulting, for the 2026–2027 school year was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker.

4.11 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES MILK BID PIGGYBACK –Mr. Scott Sadler, Director of Support Services, explained that the District had originally piggybacked off a Milk Bid with Suwannee County and when that bid expired, milk was purchased through Gordon Food Services, but that was no longer an option. The District is now eligible to participate in Clay County's milk bid. Participation in the Clay County Milk Bid piggyback for the 2026–2027 school year was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew.

4.12 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT FOR UF TUTORING ADVANTAGE CONTRACT TABLED – Mrs. Janene Fitzpatrick, Director of Teaching and Learning Services explained that the agreement is pending receipt of the final contract from the University of Florida (UF) and that additional revisions are currently being

completed. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and seconded by Mr. Taylor McGrew to table the agreement appointing Gwen Vann as an independent contractor to coordinate the UF Tutoring Advantage Contract at Lafayette Elementary School until August 3, 2026, when the Board would be meeting for the Public Budget Hearing. The motion was carried unanimously.

4.13 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES LUMA LIBRARY COMPLIANCE PLATFORM CONTRACT – The Luma Library Compliance Platform Contract was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

4.14 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENTS – The following budget amendments were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and seconded by Mrs. Kimberly Adams: GF #5, CP #7, and CO & DS #2.

4.15 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TEACHER SALARY INCREASE ALLOCATION MOU (ADDENDUM) – The 2026–2027 Teacher Salary Increase Allocation Memorandum of Understanding was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

4.16 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES CAREER DUAL ENROLLMENT ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (ADDENDUM) – The 2026–2027 Career Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement between the Lafayette County School Board and Suwannee County School Board through Riveroak Technical College was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Board received the following items for information:

- **5.01** Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds
- **5.02** June Invoices
- **5.03** Financial Statement
- **5.04** Quarterly Report of School Inspections

6. CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:



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Darren Driver, Chairperson

Robert Edwards, Superintendent
and Secretary to the School Board