

MINUTES

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 18, 2026

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Tuesday August 18, 2026, 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; and Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney. Administrators present were Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance, Mr. Gerald Powers, Director of School Safety, Mr. Scott Sadler, Director of Support Services, Mrs. Janene Fitzpatrick, Director of Teaching and Learning Services, Mr. Stewart Hancock, LHS Principal, and Mrs. Lisa Newman, LES 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.

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no recognitions/presentations for the month of August.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Removals

- **3.02** Approve the District Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan for the 2026–2027 school year.
- **4.10** Approve MainStreet School Spirit Check Permission Agreement.
- **4.12** Approve Testing Fee Schedule for PEP Scholarships.

Additions

- **4.01(1) Supplemental:** Approve Allen Hawkins as an Assistant Football Coach for the 2026–2027 school year.
- **4.14** Approve ratification of TSIA funds for the 2026–2027 school year.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the July 21, 2026 Regular Meeting and the August 3, 2026 Special Session / Public Budget Hearing were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

The following consent item was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams:

- **3.01** Approved the Lafayette Elementary School (LES) Parent & Family Engagement Plan for the 2026–2027 school year.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES PERSONNEL ITEMS – The personnel recommendations listed below, including addendum additions, were recommended by Superintendent Edwards and unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew:

4.01(1) Recommendations:

- **Maintenance:** Approved Anthony Wimberly as a Maintenance Worker for the 2026–2027 school year, pending meeting employee eligibility requirements.
- **Substitute Food Service / Custodian:** Approved Tara Del Toro as a Substitute Food Service Worker/Custodian for the 2026–2027 school year.
- **Supplemental Positions:**
 - Approved Toni Sherrell as the C-Team Softball Coach for the 2026–2027 school year.
 - Approved Jason Troutman for the Sound Tech position at Lafayette High School for the 2026–2027 school year.
 - Approved Paris Edwards as the Assistant Varsity Softball Coach for the 2026–2027 school year.
 - Approved Amy Skillman for the Alternative/Afterschool Detention position for the 2026–2027 school year.
 - Approved Allen Hawkins as an Assistant Football Coach for the 2026–2027 school year (*Addendum*).
- **Volunteers:** Approved the following volunteers for the 2026–2027 school year, pending eligibility requirements: Trevor Mares (Football), John Paul (Softball), Kiley Beach (Volleyball), and Roger Dylan Clingan (Softball).

4.02 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FADSS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES- Membership dues for the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) for the 2026–2027 school year were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

4.03 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FS3 MEMBERSHIP DUES- Membership dues for the Florida Association of School Safety Specialists (FS3) for the 2026–2027 school year were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

4.04 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES SSDCC PARTICIPATION FEES - Annual participation fees for the Small School District Council Consortium for the 2026–2027 school year were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

4.05 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES AUDITING AGREEMENT WITH PURVIS GRAY – The agreement with Purvis Gray for Internal Accounts Auditing was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew.

4.06 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES T-MOBILE PROMOTION PARTICIPATION - Mr. Taylor McGrew made the motion to approve the football program participating in the T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights Promotion Sweepstakes. Mrs. Kimberly Adams made the second and the vote to approve was unanimous.

4.07 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES 2026–2027 ATHLETICS TICKET PRICES - Following a time of discussion the Proposed ticket prices for the 2026–2027 Athletics year were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

4.08 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES UF LASTINGER CENTER MOA -

The Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Florida Lastinger Center for the 2026–2027 school year that covers all services provided by the center was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

4.09 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS - Mr. Lance Braswell, Insurance Agent, met with the School Board to discuss the district's employee health insurance and benefits for the 2026–2027 school year. He presented the insurance bids he had received and reviewed on behalf of district employees. Mr. Braswell explained that rates would not be increasing, but stay the same as last year. Mr. Ted Roush, Executive Director of the Florida Educator Health Trust confirmed that stepping into a self-funded insurance option is about timing and currently what would be best is to remain with Blue Cross and Blue Shield at the rates they had provided for the 2026-2027 year. Following a time of discussion, Mrs. Kimberly Adams made a motion to approve moving forward with the Blue Cross Blue Shield for this year. Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Insurance information on file in district office)

4.10 ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM AGENDA.

4.11 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES POLICY ADDITIONS/REVISIONS FOR ADVERTISEMENT - The following policy revisions/additions were unanimously approved for advertisement on a motion from Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams:

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>
3.16 Option 1	Revision	Charter Schools
4.05	Revision	Extracurricular Program
4.06	Revision	Student Clubs and Organizations
6.111 Option 2	Revision	Transportation Employee Drug and Alcohol Testing
6.45 Option 3	Revision	Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace

4.12 ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM AGENDA.

4.13 There were no budget amendments.

4.14 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TSIA FUNDS RATIFICATION (ADDENDUM) – Ratification of Teacher Salary Increase Allocation (TSIA) funds for the 2026–2027 school year was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 5.01** Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds
- 5.02** July Invoices
- 5.03** Financial Statement

6. CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input today.

ADJOURNMENT

With business complete Mr. Darren Driver declared the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Darren Driver, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Robert Edwards, Superintendent
and Secretary to the School Board