

MINUTES

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL SESSION, AUGUST 3, 2026

The Lafayette County School Board convened in Special Session and held their first public hearing on the 2026–2027 budget on Monday, August 3, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Administration Building. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Darren Driver, Chairperson; Mrs. Marion McCray, Vice Chair; Mr. Jeff Walker, Board Member; Mrs. Kimberly Adams, Board Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Board Member; Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney; Administrators present were Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance, Mrs. Janene Fitzpatrick, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Mrs. Lisa Newman, Principal at LES.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Darren Driver called the meeting and Public Budget Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Mrs. Tammi Maund presented an informative review of the 2026–2027 budget. She explained the details of the millage rates, the budget as advertised, and the proposed Capital Outlay expenditures for the 2026–2027 school year. (A copy of this information is on file in the district office and with Supplemental Minutes)

- **TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES APPROVED AS ADVERTISED**

- The tentative Required Local Effort rate of 3.1950 mills was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker.
- On a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker, the tentative Discretionary rate of .7480 mills was unanimously approved.

- The tentative Capital Outlay rate of 1.5000 mills was unanimously approved following a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker.
- **SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 27-01**
 - Mrs. Kimberly Adams moved to approve **Resolution Number 27-01** regarding the adoption of tentative millage rates for 2026–2027. Mr. Taylor McGrew seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Resolution on file in district office)
- **TENTATIVE BUDGET APPROVED AS ADVERTISED**
 - The tentative budget, as advertised for the 2026–2027 school year, was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker, with a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.
- **SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 27-02**
 - Mrs. Marion McCray moved to approve **Resolution Number 27-02** regarding adoption of the tentative budget for 2026–2027. Mrs. Kimberly Adams gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous. (Resolution on file in district office)
- **DATE & TIME FOR FINAL PUBLIC HEARING**
 - The final public budget hearing was set for Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously adopted as presented following a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

2. ACTION ITEMS

2.01 APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION – The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Brycen Lee, Teacher at Lafayette High School, effective July 24, 2026, following a motion by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

2.02 APPROVAL OF UF TUTORING ADVANTAGE CONTRACT – The 2026–2027 Tutoring Advantage Contract with the University of Florida was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

2.03 APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR UF TUTORING ADVANTAGE CONTRACT –

On a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker, the Board unanimously approved Gwen Vann as an independent contractor to coordinate the UF Tutoring Advantage Contract at Lafayette Elementary School.

2.04 APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO LES HANDBOOK –

Proposed changes to the 2026–2027 Lafayette Elementary School Student Handbook were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

2.05 APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO LHS HANDBOOK –

Proposed changes to the 2026–2027 Lafayette High School Student Handbook were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker.

ADJOURNMENT

With business complete, Mr. Darren Driver declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Darren Driver", is written over a horizontal line.

Darren Driver, Chairperson

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert Edwards", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Edwards, Superintendent and
Secretary to the School Board