MINUTES
LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Tuesday September 15, 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. Scott Sadler, Director of Support 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

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - The students named below were recognized for being selected Student of the Month for September 2026:

LES K-2: Sharlotte Wasson	LHS Middle School: Wesley Snodgrass
LES 3-5: Austin Howard	LHS High School: Chloe Hofstetter

Each student received congratulations from the Superintendent and School Board along with a Certificate of Award and a Sports Pass granting free admission to all home sporting events for a year.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

- **Removals:**
  - **4.06** Approve Interagency Agreement with Early Steps–University of Florida.
- **Additions:**
  - **4.01(1) Personnel Recommendations:** Approve Leah Taylor as a Part-Time Food Service Worker for Lafayette High School for the 2026–2027 school year *(Addendum)*.
  - **4.01(1) Out-of-Field Teacher List:** Approve Out-of-Field Teacher List for the 2026–2027 school year *(Addendum)*.

Lafayette County School District - Out of Field Teachers List
2026-2027

Teachers Out of Field for Content Area

Teacher	School	26-27 Teaching Assignment	Teacher's Current Certification	Certification Required for Teaching Assignment	
Fite, Jacqueline D.	LES	ESE Support Facilitation	1013 - Elementary Education	1077 - ESE (K-12) Teacher Out of Field for ESE	Principal requested temporary change of assignment. Teacher is planning to take the Subject Area Examination.
McCray, Hannah	LES	PreK ESE Teacher	1013 - Elementary Education 1077 - ESE (K-12) 1046 - Reading Endorsement	1081 - PreK/Primary Ed Teacher Out of Field for PreK	Teacher is currently working on PreK Endorsement.
Serrano, Kyla	LHS	Access Academics 9-12	1013 - Elementary Education 1077 - ESE (K-12) 1046 - Reading Endorsement	9-12 Content Areas	Teacher is has appropriate skill level certification for students she is teaching. Collaborating with regular education teachers.
Taylor, Carolyn	LHS	Info and Comm Tech	1013 - Elementary Education Science 5-9 ESE	Business Education Teacher Out of Field for Business Education	Teacher is in field for majority of the day, this is a single course needed by administration.
Moreno, Julio Ismael	LHS	Spanish 1 and 2	1036 - Physical Education (K-12)	1054 - World Lang - Spanish Teacher Out of Field for Spanish	Teacher is on temporary certification - will need to take assessments this year.
Norris, Rebecca	LHS	Math for College Liberal Arts	1031 - Math (5-9)	1031 - Mathematics 6-12 Teacher Out of Field for Secondary Mathematics	Teacher is out of field for one class she is currently teaching. Passing score on Math 6-12 assessment is all that is needed.
Pearson, Kiffanie	LES	Second Grade	1007 - Agriculture	1013 - Elementary Education Teacher Out of Field for Elementary Education	Teacher is in second year of New Teacher Training and is on track as expected to be certified ahead of schedule.
Whitley, Brooke	LHS	Life Science	1068 - Agriculture	Middle Grades Science or Biology	New teacher from agriculture education program. Agriculture covers many sciences, but in this case the subject area exam will be needed.

Teachers Out of Field - English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Teacher	School	26-27 Teaching Assignment	Teacher's Current ESOL Qualifications	ESOL Points Required for Teaching Assignment	
Tanner, Dixie	LES	Second Grade	0 hours	Category 3 - Five 60 Hr Courses or ESOL Endorsement	Teacher is Out of Field for ESOL
Edwards, Jessica	LHS	Physical Education	0 hours	Category 1 - One 18 Hr Course	Teacher is Out of Field for ESOL
Edwards, Marcus	LHS	Physical Education	0 hours	Category 1 - One 18 Hr Course	Teacher is Out of Field for ESOL
Emerson, Cass	LHS	Agriculture	0 hours	Category 1 - One 18 Hr Course	Teacher is Out of Field for ESOL
Ferguson, Coley	LHS	Social Studies	0 hours	Category 2 - One 60 Hr Course	Teacher is Out of Field for ESOL
Land, Adam	LHS	ESE Support Facilitation	0 hours	Category 3 - Five 60 Hr Courses or ESOL Endorsement	Teacher is Out of Field for ESOL
Lee, Sarah	LHS	Biology/Environmental Science	0 hours	Category 2 - One 60 Hr Course	Teacher is Out of Field for ESOL
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The agenda was unanimously adopted as adjusted following a motion by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the August 18, 2026 Regular Meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

The following consent items were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker:

- **3.01** Approved School Advisory Council (SAC) Members for Lafayette Elementary School for the 2026–2027 school year.
- **3.02** Approved the District Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan for the 2026–2027 school year.

4. ACTION ITEMS

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

- **4.01(1) Recommendations:**
  - **Grounds Maintenance:** Approved Richard Covington as the Grounds Maintenance Technician for the remainder of the 2026–2027 school year.
  - **Food Service:** Approved Sharon Victoria Blanton as a substitute Food Service Worker for the remainder of the 2026–2027 school year. Approved Leah Taylor as a Part-Time Food Service Worker at Lafayette High School for the 2026–2027 school year *(Addendum)*.
  - **Transportation:** Approved Gerald Herndon as a Full-Time Substitute Bus Driver for the remainder of the 2026–2027 school year.
  - **Substitute Teachers:** Approved the following substitute teachers for the 2026–2027 school year, pending satisfactorily meeting employment requirements:

    Sara Brock- LES, LHS
    Courtney Daniels- LES
    Debra Irvin- LES, LHS
    James Irvin- LES (grade 5 only), LHS
    Kaitlyn Hernandez-Monroy- LES
    Aubriely Green- LES
    Katrina Smith- LES
    Lisa Hewett- LHS (grades 9-12 only)
    Kiley Beach- LES
    Gayle Thomas- LHS (grades 9-12 only)
  - **Out-of-Field Teacher List:** Approved the complete 2026–2027 Out-of-Field Teacher List *(Addendum)*.

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McCoy, Hannah	LES	PreK ESE Teacher	1013 - Elementary Education 1077 - ESE (K-12) 1048 - Reading Endorsement	1041 - PreK/Primary Ed Teacher Out of Field for PreK	Teacher is currently working on PreK Endorsement.
Barnard, Kyla	LHS	Access Academics 9-12	1013 - Elementary Education 1077 - ESE (K-12) 1048 - Reading Endorsement	9-12 Content Areas	Teacher is has appropriate skill level certification for students she is teaching. Collaborating with regular education teachers.
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  - **Volunteers:** Approved the following volunteers for the 2026–2027 school year:

    Matt Howell- Football
    Richard Covington- Football
    Brandon Hewett- Baseball
    Adam Walker- Baseball
    Dustin Geiger- FCA

- **Coaches & Athletic Assistants:** Approved athletic appointments for the 2026–2027 school year:
Marcus Edwards-Strength Coach

BASKETBALL
Terrill Murphy- Varsity Boys Coach
Otis Williams- Assistant Varsity Boys Coach
Terrill Murphy- JV Boys Coach
Otis Williams- C-Team Boys Coach
Jasmine Lewis- Varsity Girls Coach
Paris Edwards- Assistant Varsity Girls Coach
Marcy Richardson- JV Girls Coach
Charles Wood- C-Team Girls Coach

SOCCER
Arturo Negrete- Varsity Boys Coach
Joan Negrete- Assistant Varsity Boys Coach
Uriel Posada- MS/JV Boys Coach
Jessica Edwards- Varsity Girls Coach
Ayleen Negrete- Assistant Varsity Girls Coach
Maria Huerta- MS Girls Coach

TRACK
Marcus Edwards- Boys Coach
Otis Williams- Girls Coach

BASEBALL
Gerald Powers- Varsity Coach
Matt Tompkins- JV Coach
Jared Moseley- C-Team Coach*

SOFTBALL
Brian Pittman- JV Coach

**pending eligibility requirements*

- **4.01(2) Resignation:**
Approved the resignation of Sherry Byrd as a Food Service Worker, effective August 14, 2026.

4.02 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES 2026–2028 SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES PLAN – The 2026–2028 School Health Services Plan for Lafayette County was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

4.03 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FUNDRAISER REQUESTS – The fundraiser request for the Lafayette FFA Alumni Dinner scheduled for October 16, 2026, was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

4.04 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM ACTIVE INVENTORY – A list of items to be removed from active inventory was presented for the School Board's review and approval. It was noted that the listed items would be transferred, donated, sold, or disposed of in accordance with the Florida Statues Chapter 274 and the Lafayette County School Board's policies and procedures on the sale, transfer, or disposal of property. Mrs. Kimberly Adams made a motion to approve removal of items from active inventory and was seconded by Mr. Taylor McGrew. The motion was carried unanimously.

4.05 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES UNIFORM STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT CALENDAR – The Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar for the 2026–2027 school year was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

ITEM 4.06 WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.

4.07 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES CAREER DUAL ENROLLMENT ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH BIG BEND TECHNICAL COLLEGE – The 2026–2027 Career Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement between Lafayette County School Board and Big Bend Technical College was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

4.08 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES CAREER DUAL ENROLLMENT ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH RIVEROAK TECHNICAL COLLEGE – The 2026–2027 Career Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement between Lafayette County School Board and Riveroak Technical College was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 P.M.

SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES REVISIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES – At 6:30 p.m., Chairperson Darren Driver opened the public hearing to consider proposed revisions to School Board Policies. There was no public input. Following discussion, the policy revisions listed below were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray:

Policy #	Status	Policy Title
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

The public hearing was closed and the regular meeting resumed at this time.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Board received the following items for information:

- **5.01** Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds
- **5.02** August Invoices
- **5.03** Financial Statement
- **5.04** 2025–2026 School Inspection Report

6. CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input today.

ADJOURNMENT

With business complete Mr. Darren Driver declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Darren Driver, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Robert Edwards, Superintendent
and Secretary to the School Board