

# MINUTES

## LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

### REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 17, 2026

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Tuesday, March 17, 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; Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney and Deputy Bobby Lawson. Administrators present were Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance, Mrs. Janene Fitzpatrick, Director of Teaching and Learning, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

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

LES K-2- Anthony Martinez  
LES 3-5- Averiana Houston

LHS Middle School- Kylee Cooper  
LHS High School- Neveah Watkins

Each student received congratulations from the Superintendent and School Board along with a Certificate of Award and Student of the Month notebook.

#### **1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**Removal**

#### **4. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **4.16 Approve revised Uniti Solutions Service Agreement.**

The agenda was unanimously adopted following a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** The minutes from the February 17, 2026, Workshop, February 17, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, and February 19, 2026, Special Session were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

#### **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 Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker:

##### **4.01 (1) Personnel Recommendations-**

- Approved Dana Putnal for the Guidance Counselor Position at Lafayette Elementary School for the 2026-2026 school year.
- Approved Jami Henderson as a full-time Food Service Worker at Lafayette Elementary School for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

##### **4.01 (2) Resignations-**

- Approved resignation from Brittany Johnson as a Full-Time Food Service Worker at Lafayette Elementary School effective March 20, 2026.

##### **4.01 (3) Illness in the Line of Duty-**

- Approved 6 hours of Illness in the Line of Duty leave for Brittany Peterson due to an on-the-job injury on February 23, 2026.

**4.02 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TRIP REQUESTS-** The following trip requests were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and seconded by Mrs. Kimberly Adams:

- VPK/Pre-K Field Trip to Taylor Gymnastics
- Safety Patrol/Student Council to Lake City Bowling and Chick-fil-A

**4.03 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES 2025-2026 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PLAN-** Mrs. Janene Fitzpatrick, Director of Teaching and Learning, explained the need to adjust the timeline for the ELA textbook adoption due to materials not being properly advertised and to allow time to determine whether new materials are needed. If the District moves forward with adopting new materials, a Public Hearing will be held on April 7, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Kimberly Adams made a motion to approve the amended timeline for the 2025-2026 Instructional Materials Plan. Mr. Taylor McGrew seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**4.04 SCHOOL BOARD MAKES A MOTION TO TABLE CONTROLLED OPEN ENROLLMENT PLAN-** Mrs. Janene Fitzpatrick, Director of Teaching and Learning, notified the Board that she had initially planned to keep the plan as is and simply update the dates for the upcoming school year; however, upon further review, she determined that updates were needed to the waitlist language to provide greater clarity. Mrs. Marion McCray made a motion to table the 2026-2027 Controlled Open Enrollment Plan and revisit it at the April School Board meeting. Mr. Taylor McGrew seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**4.05 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR & 12-MONTH CALENDAR** Following a time of brief discussion, Mr. Jeff Walker made the motion to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar and 12 Month Calendar. Mrs. Kimberly Adams seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**4.06 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES 2026-2027 FSBA ANNUAL DUES-** Mr. Taylor McGrew made the motion to approve the 2026-2027 Florida School Board Association (FSBA) Annual Dues. Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**4.07 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH PALMS MEDICAL GROUP-**

Superintendent Edwards explained this agreement allows student-athletes to receive sports physicals at no cost and continues the existing agreement previously in place. Mrs. Marion McCray made the motion to approve the Affiliation Agreement with Trenton Medical Center, Inc., d/b/a Palms Medical Group (PMG) for

school based services. Mr. Jeff Walker seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING- SCHOOL START TIMES-** At 6:30pm, Mr. Darren Driver convened the scheduled public hearing and opened the floor for public comment regarding a potential change to school start times. There was no public comment. The regular meeting convened at this time.

**4.08 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT REPORT NO 2026-111-** Report No. 2026-11, a Financial and Federal Single Audit of Lafayette County District School Board, for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, was presented for the Board's approval. Mrs. Marion McCray moved to approve the audit report. Mr. Jeff Walker gave the second. Motion carried unanimously. (Audit Report on file at district office)

**4.09 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT-** Mr. Jeff Walker made a motion to approve the Emergency Transportation Agreement with Lafayette Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Mrs. Kimberly Adams seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**4.10 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES BIDS FROM WOOD'S ELECTRICAL SERVICES-** Mr. Scott Sadler explained the bids received from Wood's Electrical Services and that it would be to replace the canopy lighting in the walkways at LES and LHS. Following a time of discussion, Mrs. Kimberly Adams made the motion to approve the bids from Wood's Electrical Services. Mr. Taylor McGrew seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**4.11 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES ADDITIONAL SIGNATURE FOR INTERNAL ACCOUNTS-** Mrs. Marion McCray made the motion to approve adding Caitlin Brady as an additional signature for internal accounts at Lafayette Elementary School for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Kimberly Adams seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**4.12 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES SOCCER ALUMNI USE OF FOOTBALL STADIUM AND FIELD-** Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the use of the football field by LHS Alumni Soccer. Mrs. Kimberly Adams seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**4.13 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT WITH M&S EXAMINERS-** Mr. Robert Edwards,

Superintendent explained that the district has had a longstanding working relationship with M&S Examiners for on-site drug screenings and DOT physicals for our bus drivers. Mr. Jeff Walker made the motion to approve the agreement with M&S Examiners. Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**4.14 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES REVISED QUEST DIAGNOSTICS AGREEMENT-** Mr. Robert Edwards,

Superintendent explained that, upon further review of the previously signed agreement, Mrs. April Young, Personnel Specialist discovered there was an exclusivity clause. Upon further conversations with Quest, they agreed to remove that from the agreement language. Mr. Taylor McGrew made the motion to approve the revised agreement with Quest Diagnostics. Mrs. Kimberly Adams seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**4.15 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FLORIDA PREPAID SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT-** Mrs.

Janene Fitzpatrick, Director of Teaching and Learning explained that this agreement with Florida Prepaid would provide the district Prepaid Scholarship for this school year and next school year, we just have to advertise on social media and parent communication avenues a certain number of times. Mr. Jeff Walker made the motion to approve the Florida Prepaid Superintendent Scholarship Participation Agreement. Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**ITEM 4.16 WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.**

**4.17 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES DRAFT ECTAC AGREEMENT FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR-** Following

a time of brief discussion Mrs. Marion McCray made the motion to approve the draft ECTAC Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year. Mrs. Kimberly Adams seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

#### **4.18 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENTS-**

The following budget amendments were unanimously approved on a motion from Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams: Contract Program #3.

#### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

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

#### **6. CITIZEN INPUT**

There was no Citizen Input.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With business complete, Mr. Darren Driver declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Darren Driver, Chairperson

ATTEST:   
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Robert Edwards, Superintendent  
and Secretary to the School Board