

MINUTES

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Tuesday, November 14, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Mrs. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member; Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney; and SRO Jay Harris. Mr. Darren Driver, Member was not present. Administrators present were Mrs. Alissa Hingson, Director of Teaching and Learning Services; Mr. Gerald Powers, Director of Safety and Mental Health; Mrs. Lisa Newman, LES Principal; Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance; and Mr. Stewart Hancock, LHS Principal.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Amanda Hickman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Taylor McGrew gave the invocation and Superintendent Edwards led 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 November 2023:

LES (K-2) – Hailey Branch

LMS – Derrick Harris

LES (3-5) – Makiyah Fletcher

LHS – Devin Mathis

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

ASPIRING LEADERS PROGRAM- Katey Melland, Kerry Melland, and Kyla Serrano were recognized for completing the NEFEC lead Aspiring Leaders Program. Superintendent Edwards and the School Board Members congratulated these three teachers for going above and beyond what is asked of them by volunteering and successfully completing the program. NEFEC's Aspiring Leaders Program is designed for experienced teachers with leadership potential who desire to explore the possibility of becoming a school leader.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Amanda Hickman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Hickman noted two changes to the agenda. Action Item 4.01 (1) Recommendation Non-Instructional- Approve Brandi Creech for the part-time Food Service position at LHS for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year needed to be added to the agenda and under Action Item 4.07 Policy No. 3.22 needed to be withdrawn from the agenda. Mrs. Hickman asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with the changes as noted above. The agenda was unanimously adopted following a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the September 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and October 17, 2023 Executive Session were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

The consent items listed below were presented for approval. Mrs. Marion McCray moved to approve all consent items. Mr. Jeff Walker gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous.

3.01 Approve the following fundraisers: FBLA, Sponsor Toni Sherrell, Hot Chocolate sales before school in the courtyard dates TBA; Car Wash with hot chocolate & bake goods sales on a Saturday in Dec/Jan TBA

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

4.01 (1) Recommendation- Volunteer- Approve Madison Shaw as a Volunteer at LES for the 2023-2024 school year pending satisfactorily meeting all school board requirements.

4.01 (2) Notice of Retirement - Approve retirement letter from Wade Ducksworth, Maintenance Technician, effective January 5, 2023.

Notice of Retirement- Approve retirement letter from Mary Bunner, Custodian, effective January 31, 2023.

Notice of Retirement- Approve retirement letter from Tensy Robinson, Food Service

Worker, effective May 24, 2024.

4.01 (3) Request for Leave of Absence- Approve request from Darby Smith for a leave of absence from January 27, 2024 through May 28, 2024.

4.01 (4) Resignation- Approve resignation letter from Tara Johnson, LHS Food Service Worker (part-time), effective November 16, 2023.

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4.02 TRIP REQUEST APPROVED BY SCHOOL BOARD— The school board approved the following trip request:

Senior Beta Club, Sponsor Joycelyn Cook to attend the Florida State Beta Club Convention in Orlando, Florida on January 26-28, 2024. Mrs. Marion McCray moved to approve the trip. Mr. Jeff Walker seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

4.03 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES STUDENT DATA PRIVACY AGREEMENT- Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the new Student Data Privacy Agreement. Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Agreement on file in district office)

4.04 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TURNITIN AGREEMENT WITH LEON COUNTY- School Board unanimously approves piggybacking on Leon County's Student Data Privacy Agreement with TurnItIn following a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

4.05 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES UNIFORM GUIDANCE PROCEDURES- Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance, reviewed and discussed the Uniform Guidance Procedures. After discussion, Mr. Jeff Walker moved to approve the Uniform Guidance Procedures. Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous. (Procedures on file in district office)

4.06 PUBLIC HEARING – SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES - At 6:30 p.m., Chairperson Amanda Hickman stated that the School Board would hold a public hearing in order to consider approval of the following new/revised school board policies as advertised:

- 3.06 Revision Safe and Secure Schools
- 4.12 Revision Instructional Materials Selection
- 4.13 Revision Educational Media Materials Selection
- 4.27 New Operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones)
- 5.13 Revision Zero Tolerance

- Opt.1 5.15 Revision Administration of Medication
- 5.19 Revision Student Records
- 5.40 Revision Children of Military Families
- 6.39 Revision Report of Misconduct
- 8.04 Revision Emergency Drills
- 8.32 Revision Smoking and Tobacco Free Environment
- 6.216 Revision Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)
- 7.40 Revision Online Educational Services Agreements/Contracts

The public hearing was conducted with no public comment. Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the new/revised policies as advertised. Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The regular meeting resumed at this time. (School Board Policies on file in district office and district website)

4.07 SCHOOL BOARD POLICY REVISIONS APPROVED FOR ADVERTISING – Revisions to the following school board policies were presented for the School Board’s review and approval for advertising:

- 3.13 Revision School Volunteers
- ~~3.22 New Internet Safety~~ (Withdrawn from the agenda)

Superintendent Edwards explained the policy changes. Mr. Jeff Walker moved to approve the revised policies for advertising. Mr. Taylor McGrew gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous. A public hearing will be held on this matter at the next regular school board meeting.

4.08 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES SAFE SCHOOLS CANINE GRANT- Mr. Gerald Powers, Director of Safety and Mental Health reviewed and discussed the Safe Schools Canine Grant. The grant was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray. (Grant on file in district office)

4.09 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT SIVIC- After discussion, Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the Agreement with Sivic. Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Agreement on file in district office)

4.10 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SERVICES CONTRACT- Superintendent Edwards reviewed and discussed the Administrative Law Judge Services Contract. Mrs. Marion McCray

moved to approve the Administrative Law Judge Services Contract. Mr. Jeff Walker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Agreement on file in district office)

4.11 STAFFING SPECIALIST POSTION- After much discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Jeff Walker to table *Action Item No. 4.11 Approve new Staffing Specialist position.* No second motion was made therefore, the motion died and did not pass.

4.12 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – The budget amendment named below was unanimously approved after a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew: Contracted Fund No. 1.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 5.01 Principal’s Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds
- 5.02 October 2023 Invoices
- 5.03 Financial Statement
- 5.04 Supplemental Position Recommendation

6. CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input today.

ADJOURNMENT

With business complete, Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion. Mrs. Amanda Hickman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Robert Edwards, Superintendent
and Secretary to the School Board