

MINUTES

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 21, 2020

The Lafayette County School Board convened via the web in regular session, Tuesday, April 21, 2020 beginning at 6:00 pm. Due to COVID 19 and Executive Orders from the Governor, the April board meeting was conducted virtually using Google Meet. Those in attendance for the meeting were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Ms. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; and Ms. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney. Administrators present were Mrs. Alissa Hingson, Director of Teaching and Learning Services; Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Financial Services; Mr. Adam Walker, Network Administrator; Mr. Stewart Hancock, LHS Principal; Mr. Stephen Clark, LES Principal; Mr. Gerald Powers, Director of Safety and Mental Health; and Mr. Joey Pearson, Director of Support Services. Mrs. Lisa Hancock, Instructional Technology Coach/District Testing Coordinator was also in attendance to assist with any technical issues during the online board meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Amanda Hickman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Mr. Darren Driver gave the invocation and Superintendent Robert Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Amanda Hickman noted the following changes to the agenda: (1) *Addition to Action Item 4.14 – Approve Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent. (motion by Ms. Marion McCray, second by Mr. Taylor McGrew, unanimously approved); (2) Addition to Action*

Item 4.15 – Approve LES Internal Accounts Signatures. (motion made by Mr. Taylor McGrew, second by Mr. Darren Driver, unanimously approved); (3) Withdraw Action Item 4.07- Approve 2020-2021 K-12 Reading Plan as it had not been released by the State at the time of this scheduled board meeting. Mrs. Hickman asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with the changes as noted above. On a motion by Ms. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker, the agenda was unanimously adopted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the March 17, 2020 school board meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Ms. Marion McCray.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

The consent agenda items listed below were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Ms. Marion McCray.

3.01 Approve FDLRS Project Application for 2020-2021

3.02 Approve Federal Title Project Applications for the 2020-2021 school year
Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund
Title III, Part A – English Language Acquisition
Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
Title V, Part B, Subpart 2 – Rural and Low-Income Students Program

3.03 IDEA Part B and IDEA Preschool applications

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 **SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES PERSONNEL ITEMS** – Superintendent Edwards recommended approval of the personnel items listed below. After a motion by Mr. Jeff

Walker and a second by Mr. Darren Driver, the personnel items were unanimously approved.

4.01 (1) Notice of Retirement – Francene Folsom, LES Teacher. Mrs. Folsom’s last day of employment will be June 30, 2020.

4.01 (2) Recommendations – Substitute Worker – Approve Summer Livingston as substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

4.01 (3) Approve requests for “Illness in the Line of Duty” Leave- Approve Jeannette Williams, paraprofessional for 145 hours of ILD leave 2/28/20 – 4/7/2020.

4.02 **SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH SETEL-** Mr. Adam Walker, Network Administrator explained the details of the agreement. Mr. Walker said it is for SM fiber and Cat6 runs. Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the SETEL Agreement. Mr. Jeff Walker gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous. (Agreement on file in district office)

4.03 **SCHOOL BOARD MAKES A MOTION TO TABLE LES AND LHS STUDENT HANDBOOKS-**
After some discussion about the grading scale section (numeric grading scale, Val/Sal conversion table) in the 2020-2021 LHS student handbook a motion was made to table Action Item 4.03-Approve LES and LHS Student Handbooks for the 2020-2021 school year pending more information or possible workshop. Mr. Darren Driver made a motion to table both handbooks until a later board meeting, seconded by Ms. Marion McCray. Motion was unanimously approved.

4.04 **PUBLIC HEARING – REVISIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY** - At 6:30 pm., Chairperson Amanda Hickman stated that the School Board would hold a public hearing in order to consider revisions to the following school board policy, as advertised: *Policy 6.09- Florida*

Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program. The public hearing was conducted with no public comment. Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the revised policy, as advertised. Mr. Darren Driver 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)

4.05 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL EQUITY UPDATE – The 2019-2020 Lafayette School District Annual Educational Equity Update was presented for the Board’s approval. The Equity Update was unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Darren Driver. (Equity Update on file in district office)

4.06 LES FUNDRAISER REQUESTS APPROVED FOR 2020-2021 – A list of fundraiser requests submitted by LES for the 2020-2021 school year was presented for the School Board’s approval. The fundraiser requests were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Ms. Marion McCray. (List of fundraising activities on file in district office)

4.08 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES AUDIT REPORT – Report No. 2020-142, a Financial and Federal Single Audit of Lafayette County District School Board, for fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 was presented for the Board’s approval. Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the audit report. Ms. Marion McCray gave the second. Motion carried unanimously. (Audit Report on file at district office)

4.09 LES FIELD TRIP REQUESTS APPROVED FOR 2020-2021 – A list of field trip requests submitted by LES for the 2020-2021 school year was presented for the School Board’s

approval. The field trip requests were unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew. (List of field trips on file in district office)

- 4.10 CONTROLLED OPEN ENROLLMENT PLAN APPROVED** – Superintendent Edwards presented the 2020-2021 Controlled Open Enrollment Plan for the School Board’s review and approval. Controlled Open Enrollment provides parents/guardians with the opportunity to apply to a school other than the one to which their child is assigned based on their residential address. The Lafayette County Schools COE is governed by School Board Policy 5.033. Ms. Marion McCray moved to approve the 2020-2021 Controlled Open Enrollment Plan. Mr. Darren Driver gave the second which was unanimously approved. The 2020-2021 Controlled Open Enrollment Application window is May 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020. (COE Plan on file in district office)

- 4.11 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES EMERGENCY ADOPTION OF POLICY 2.051-EMERGENCY POLICY RELATING TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS-** Following discussion, Mr. Jeff Walker moved to approve the policy. Ms. Marion McCray seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. (Policy on file in district office)

- 4.12 BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT** – The bill list was unanimously approved for payment following a motion by Ms. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew. (Bill list on file with Supplemental Minutes)

- 4.13 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENTS** – The budget amendments named below were unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Darren Driver: General Fund No. 4; Contract Program Fund No. 7; CO & DS #1.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.01 Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds

5.02 Financial Statement

5.03 March Invoices 2020

5.04 Mr. Edwards discussed possible Graduation ceremony to be held once the Governors Executive Order has been lifted. Mr. Edwards would like to be able to have a normal graduation ceremony, possibly later in the summer or after school starts back for the 2019-2020 graduating seniors. May have the ceremony on a Saturday morning when cooler and less chance of rain than in the evening.

Mr. Edwards also discussed the Jr./Sr. Prom and postponing it to a later date as well.

After some questions were posed there was some discussion about pushing summer school back some. Mr. Edward's shared that the hope is if we push summer school out a little that we can have it face to face, but currently planning to continue with distant learning plan through the summer until the Governors Executive Order is lifted.

Mr. McGrew discussed the status of the 8th grade trip. The 8th grade trip had still not been cancelled by us as of the date of this meeting. Mr. Edwards and the 8th Grade Sponsors, along with help provided by DOE and the Governor's office has been trying to work with Gerber Tours on reimbursement/refunds since March 23. Mr. Edwards will keep the School Board members abreast about the progress.

5.05 Discussions were had about how things were progressing under the school closures due to COVID19. Mr. Edwards asked each administrator to give an update. Mr. Joey Pearson, Director of Support Services discussed the meal plan and how well the bus deliveries were going. Mr. Pearson said he has received a lot of positive feedback from staff and parents. There was a brief discussion by Tammi Maund, Director of Finances about payroll/budget going forward after COVID 19. Mrs. Alissa Hingson, Director of Teaching and Learning Services discussed the distance learning services still be given to ESE students. Talked about the progress so far and the plans going forward. Mrs. Hingson said that overall things are going very well. Mr. Gerald Powers, Director of Safety and Mental Health said that our school district is continuing to monitor and provide mental health services to our students. Mr. Adam Walker, Network Administrator and Mrs. Lisa Hancock, Instructional Technology Coach/District Testing Coordinator were asked about distant learning and technology issues. Both Mr. Walker and Mrs. Hancock said that over all things were going well and there were no issues of note. Mr. Stewart Hancock, Principal at LHS, updated everyone on the routine each week for students, teachers, and staff with distance learning at LHS. Mr. Stephen Clark, LES Principal, discussed distance learning at LES and said he is very pleased. Mr. Clark said that overall it is going very well.

6. CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input today.

ADJOURNMENT

With business complete, Mrs. Amanda Hickman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Robert Edwards, Superintendent
and Secretary to the School Board