

# MINUTES

## LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

### REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 17, 2023

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Tuesday, October 17, 2023 beginning at 6:05 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chair; Mrs. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney; and School Resource Deputy Jacquelyn Clark. Mr. Jeff Walker, Member was not present.

Administrators present were Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance; Mrs. Alissa Hingson, Director of Teaching and Learning Services; and Mrs. Lisa Newman, LES Principal.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Amanda Hickman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Darren Driver 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 October 2023:

LES K-2, Emma Harper  
LES 3-5, Mark Haas

LHS Middle School, Adam Plummer  
LHS High School, Miguel Rosalio

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**

Mrs. Amanda Hickman noted one change to the agenda. The following action item was added to the agenda.

Action Item 4.07- Approve piggybacking on St. Johns County's Student Data Privacy Agreement Exhibit E with Certiport

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 Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the August 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting; September 3, 2023 Emergency Meeting; September 26, 2023 Executive Session; and the September 29, 2023 Special Session were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Darren Driver 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. Taylor McGrew gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous.

3.01 Approve 2023-24 LHS School Advisory Council Membership List

3.02 Approve additions to the 2023-24 LES School Advisory Council Membership List

3.03 Approve the following fundraising requests: LHS Drama, Sponsor Charles Wood, dinner show production on November 2 at 7:00 p.m., LHS Cafeteria; FBLA, Sponsor Toni Sherrell, student created items in the Promotional Enterprise Course

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**4.01 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES PERSONNEL ITEMS –** The personnel items listed below, as

recommended by Superintendent Edwards, were unanimously approved on a motion by

Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray:

4.01 (1) Recommendations- Non-Instructional- Approve Tara Johnson for the part-time Food Service Worker position at Lafayette High School for the 2023-2024 school year pending satisfactorily meeting all employee requirements.

Recommendations- Non-Instructional- Approve Jennifer Higginbotham for the District Administrative Assistant position at Lafayette District Schools for the 2023-2024 school year pending satisfactorily meeting all employee requirements.

Recommendations- Substitutes- Approve the following individuals as substitute workers for the 2023-2024 school year pending satisfactorily meeting all employee requirements.

Kim Townsend; Frankie Hofstetter; Ambar Hornback; Emma Rapp; Taylor Sodrel; Brittany Johnson; Cady Bronson; Theresa Lira-Ingram; Countney Daniels; and Gayle Thomas

Recommendations- Volunteers- Approve the following individuals as volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year pending satisfactorily meeting all school board requirements:

Jared Beauchamp- FFA Program

Zach Butler- FFA Program

Ernest Sodrel- Soccer Program

Karen James- LES Volunteer

Connor Ginn- FFA Program

Cathy Crossman- LES Volunteer

#### **4.02 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT-** Mrs. Tammi Maund

explained the 2022-2023 AFR Report. Following review and discussion, Mr. Taylor McGrew

made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 AFR Report. Mrs. Marion McCray gave

the second. The vote for approval was unanimous. (AFR on file in district office)

#### **4.03 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES COST REPORT-** Mrs. Tammi Maund reviewed the

2022-2023 Cost Report. Following discussion, Mrs. Marion McCray made a motion to

approve the 2022-2023 Cost Report. Mr. Darren Driver gave the second. The vote for

approval was unanimous. (Cost Report on file in district office)

#### **4.04 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:

- 3.06 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

Superintendent Edwards explained the policy changes. Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to

approve the revised policies for advertising. Mr. Darren Driver 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.

#### **4.05 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FLORIDA SAFE SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT TOOL**

**RECOMMENDATIONS-** Mr. Gerald Powers, Director of Safety and Mental Health gave a

summary of the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool Recommendations listed below:

##### **2.1.1 Objective**

To provide a safe learning environment for the students, educators, and staff of Lafayette County Schools through prevention, intervention, and emergency preparedness planning.

##### **2.1.2 Positive School Measures**

Both schools continue to excel in creating a positive school climate through leadership, teacher commitment, and student involvement. Based on the 21-22 review, LHS added an access control system to the gymnasium to reduce unauthorized use and both schools are currently pending the

addition of an access control system slated for installation in the summer of 2023, as well as expansion of security camera coverage.

##### **2.1.3 School Security Risk Assessment Results Summary**

The assessment identified areas at both schools that can be remedied with little to no funding. In

addition, there are areas that will require substantial long term commitments in funding including fencing additions/upgrades/repair, door hardening, video monitoring, and traffic calming measures.

##### **2.1.4 District Assessment Results Summary**

Assessment identified areas for improvement that require little to no funding; expansion of district wide training opportunities, and creation of a parent safety advisory committee to illicit feedback on safety measures being implemented.

##### **2.1.5 Strategies and Actions to be Taken**

Review safe schools funding and available grants to determine if any security recommendations can be addressed within the fiscal year within the current budget. Work with other district administrators (finance, support services) to develop an implementation plan to provide funding for long term security enhancements.

##### **2.1.6 Fiscal Impacts**

Based on assessment findings and recommendations the total fiscal impact over the next 3 years will exceed \$250,000. A non-competitive grant was received in 2022-2023 by the district in the amount of \$42,000. However, reliance on this school hardening grant cannot be considered for the long term. In addition, the district submitted and was approved for an appropriation from the

state in the amount of \$400,000 to install an access control system at both schools.

##### **2.1.7 Timelines**

Long term security enhancements should be expected to be completed over the next 1 - 3 years.

##### **2.1.8 Conclusion and Recommendations to the School Board**

Continued priority should be given to the expansion of security camera coverage and installation of an access control system at both LES and LHS.

Mr. Darren Driver moved to approve the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool

recommendations. Mr. Taylor McGrew seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

**4.06 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENTS** – No budget amendments this month.

**4.07 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES SDP AGREEMENT WITH ST. JOHNS COUNTY-** School Board unanimously approves piggybacking on St. Johns County Student Data Privacy Agreement with Certiport following a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Darren Driver.

## **5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

5.01 Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds

5.02 September 2023 Invoices

5.03 Financial Statement

5.04 Supplemental Position Recommendation Letters

5.05 FBLA Officer Leadership Day

## **5. CITIZEN INPUT**

There was no citizen input today

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With business complete, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. following a motion by Mrs.

Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Darren Driver.



Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Robert Edwards, Superintendent  
and Secretary to the School Board