

MINUTES
LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Tuesday, February 20, 2024 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; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney; and Sheriff Brian Lamb. Administrators present were Mrs. Alissa Hinson, Director of Teaching and Learning Services; Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance, Mrs. Lisa Newman, LES Principal; and Mr. Steward 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 February 2024:

- Students of the Month – Superintendent Edwards

LES (K-2) – Lilly Rodriguez
LES (3-5) - Isabella Yaun

LMS Middle School – Liam Boatright
LHS High School – Rylee Funkhouser

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

TEACHER OF THE YEAR – Sandy Bass was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs. Bass, who teaches at LES, was recently named Teacher of the Year for Lafayette School District. Mrs. Lisa Newman, LES Principal, shared a few words about Mrs. Bass. The Superintendent and School Board congratulated Mrs. Bass and commended her for a job well done. Mrs. Bass was presented a plaque in honor of her achievement.

SRP of the Year – Amanda Byrd was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs. Byrd, Data Entry Clerk for LHS, was recently named SRP of the Year for Lafayette School District. Mr. Stewart Hancock, LHS Principal, shared a few words about Mrs. Byrd. The Superintendent and School Board congratulated Mrs. Byrd and commended her for a job well done. Mrs. Byrd was presented a plaque in honor of her achievement.

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 4.101 (1) Recommendation Substitute Food Service Worker – Approve Harold Lebo for Substitute Food Service Worker at LES and LHS for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year needed to be added to the agenda. Additionally, Action Item 4.101 (5) Request for “Illness in the Line of Duty” leave – Approve request from Wade Ducksworth, Maintenance Technician, for 8.0 hours of ILD leave for December 13, 2023. 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. Darren Driver and a second was made by Mr. Taylor McGrew.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the December 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and January 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

The consent items listed below were presented for approval. Mrs. Marion McCray moved to approved all consent items. Mr. Darren Driver seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

3.01 Approve the following fundraiser: FBLA, Sponsor Toni Sherrell, Sponsor Letters – Collect sponsorships March – May 2024.

3.02 Approve the following fundraiser: LES Photos with the Easter Bunny at Parent Involvement Night or Parent Conference Evening.

3.03 Approve the following fundraiser: LES Rada Cutlery fundraiser, April 1-12, 2024 for Awards and Incentives.

3.04 Approve the following fundraiser: LHS FBLA Sponsor Letters – collect sponsorships (duplicate of 3.01)

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.101 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 the motion was seconded by Mr. Darren Driver:

4.01 (1) Recommendations – Non-Instructional – Approved Megan Hawkins as Secretary to the Superintendent and School Board for Lafayette District Schools, pending meeting all employment requirements, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Recommendations – Non-Instructional – Approved Taylor Sodrel as the Bookkeeper at Lafayette High School for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Recommendations – Non-Instructional – Approved Rachely Brown as a Paraprofessional at Lafayette High School for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Recommendations – Volunteer – Approved Davey Walker as a volunteer for the Baseball Program for the 2023-2024 school year.

Recommendations – Substitutes – Approved the following as Substitute Teachers, pending meeting all employment requirements, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year: Shyann Ault, David Brooks, Natalia Escamilla, Katlyn Englehart, Ladasia Brown, and Sam Chiong. Approved Harold Lebo as a Substitute Food Service Worker at both LES and LHS for the remainder of the 2023- 2024 school year. Approved Bruce Donaldson as a Substitute Bus Driver for Lafayette District Schools for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

4.01 (2) Resignations – Approved resignation letter from Brooke Dickerson, LHS Bookkeeper, effective February 9, 2024. Also, approve resignation letter from Bruce Donaldson, Bus Driver, effective January 29, 2024.

4.01 (3) Family Medical Leave – Approved request from the following for Family Medical Leave:

Pam Cornell, LES Paraprofessional, for Family Medical Leave from January 8, 2024 – February 16, 2024.

Kacia Colson, LES Inclusion ESE Teacher, for Family Medical Leave for January 16, 2024 – February 23, 2024.

Courtney Cornell, LES Paraprofessional, for Family Medical Leave for January 22, 2024 – March 1, 2024.

4.01 (4) Out of Field Teacher Addition – Approved adding Lindsey Jones to the Out of Field Teacher list for ESE.

4.01 (5) Illness in the Line of Duty – Approved request for “Illness in the Line of Duty” leave from Wade Ducksworth, Maintenance Technician, for 8.0 hours of ILD leave for December 13, 2023.

4.02 TRIP REQUESTS APPROVED BY SCHOOL BOARD – The school board approved the following

trip request: 1) Seniors to Grad Bash in Orlando, FL on April 26, 2024; 2) FBLA Skills USA State Conference in Jacksonville, FL on April 14-17, 2024; 3) Beta – National Beta Club Convention in Savannah, GA on June 16-19, 2024; 4) Gifted Field Trip to St. Augustine, FL in late April. Mrs. Marion McCray moved to approve the trips requested and Mr. Darren Driver seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4.03 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES SUMMER FOOD NUTRITION PROGRAM (HB #227 “Ms. Willie Ann Glenn Act”) - Mr. Jeff Walker moved to approve the Summer Food Nutrition Program and Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4.04 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES NEARPOD, INC STUDENT DATA PRIVACY AGREEMENT – Mrs. Marion McCray moved to approve the Nearpod, Inc. Student Data Privacy Agreement and Mr. Jeff Walker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4.05 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES KINETIC BUSINESS INET AGREEMENT - Mr. Taylor McGrew

moved to approve the Kinetic Business INET Agreement and Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

4.06 PUBLIC HEARING - SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS –

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:

1) Instructional Materials

The public hearing for Instruction Materials was conducted with no public comment.

Mr. Darren Driver moved to approve the Instruction Materials as advertised. Mr. Taylor McGrew seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

2) 8.05+ – Disaster Preparedness Policy Revision

The public hearing for the revision of Policy 8.05+ Disaster Preparedness as advertised was conducted with no public comment. Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the Policy 8.05+ Disaster Preparedness revision as advertised. Mr. Jeff Walker 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 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – The budget amendment named below was unanimously approved after a motion was made by Mr. Taylor McGrew and seconded by Mr. Darren Driver: Contract Program Fund Numbers 4 and 5

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 5.01 Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds
- 5.02 January 2024 Invoices
- 5.03 Financial Statement
- 5.04 Supplemental Position Recommendations

6. CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input today.

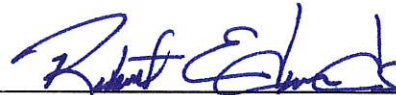
ADJOURNMENT

With business complete, Chairperson Amanda Hickman asked for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker.



Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Robert Edwards, Superintendent
and Secretary to the School Board