

# **MINUTES**

## **LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

### **REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 16, 2021**

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Tuesday, March 16, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Ms. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member; Ms. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney; and School Resource Deputy Jacquelyn Clark. Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member was not present. Administrators present were Mrs. Alissa Hingson, Director of Teaching and Learning Services; Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance; Mr. Stewart Hancock, LHS Principal; and Mr. Stephen Clark, LES Principal.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Two presentations were made. The first presentation was made to the board by Sara Lind, Partnership for Strong Families out of Gainesville, Florida about the need for local foster parents. Their goal is to try and keep kids with local families. The second presentation was made by Superintendent Edwards and Mr. Stewart Hancock, Principal at Lafayette High School. A presentation was made to the board and community members present to recognize Miss Tori Lyons as the Teacher of the Year for 2022. She was presented with a plaque to congratulate her on this achievement.

## **1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Amanda Hickman noted that there were a few changes to the agenda and she went over the changes as noted on the Addendum listed below:

### **REMOVE**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

(1) Action Item 4.02 Personal: (1) Recommendations- Non-Instructional, Bus Driver, Substitute Workers- The position of Bus Driver has been moved to the April board meeting due to the applicants not completing all the necessary requirements for employment at Lafayette District Schools in time for the March board meeting.

(2) Action item 4.08- 2020-2021 Multi-Tiered System of Supports Manual-

Manual is incomplete and not ready for review and approval at the March board meeting.

4.11 Approve internet contract with Windstream- Contract with Windstream is no longer needed.

### **ADDITION**

### **ACTION ITEM**

Action Item 4.02 Personal: (1) Recommendations- Non-Instructional, Bus Driver, Substitute Workers- 4.13 Approve Kyle Halfacre as a volunteer coach/assistant. Mr. Halfacre will be working with our FCA program and has satisfactorily met the necessary school board requirements.

Mrs. Hickman asked for a motion to adopt the agenda and addendum as read. On a motion by Ms. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Darren Driver, the agenda and addendum were unanimously adopted.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the February 16, 2021 school board meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker.

## **3. CONSENT ITEMS**

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

- 3.01 Approve Federal Title Project Applications for the 2021-2022 school year
  - (1) Title I, Part A - Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged
  - (2) Title I, Part C – Migrant Education Program
  - (3) Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund
  - (4) Title III, Part A: English Language Acquisition
  - (5) Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
  - (6) Title V, Part B, Subpart 2: Rural and Low-Income Students Program
  - (7) Title IX, Part A – Education for Homeless Children and Youth Project

- 3.02 Approve IDEA Part B and IDEA Preschool applications

## **4. ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.01 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TWO PE AIDE PARAPROFESSIONAL POSITIONS-**

Superintendent Edwards discussed the PE Aide Paraprofessional Positions and explained that one PE Aide would be placed at the high school and one would be placed at the elementary school. These two positions are considered temporary and will be paid for

using the CARES Act funding. On a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Ms.

Marion McCray the vote for approval was unanimous.

#### **4.02 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES PERSONNEL ITEMS – Superintendent Edwards**

recommended approval of the personnel items listed below. After a motion by Ms. Marion

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

approved.

- 4.02(1) Recommendations- Non-Instructional- Approve Ralee Moseley for the PE Paraprofessional position at Lafayette High School for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Recommendations- Non-Instructional- Approve Dustin Hart for the PE Paraprofessional position at Lafayette Elementary School for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Recommendations – Substitute Workers – Approve the following individuals to serve as substitute workers for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

Isabelle Baker

Shelby Walker

Mary Powers

Charlie James

- 4.02(2) Request for “Illness in the Line of Duty” leave - Approve request from Sabrina Gilbert, LES Custodian, for 31.5 hours of “Illness in the Line of Duty” leave.

#### **4.03 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR - The 2021-2022 School**

Calendar and 12-Month Calendar were presented for the School Board’s approval.

Following discussion, Mr. Jeff Walker moved to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar and

12-Month Calendar as presented. Ms. Marion McCray gave the second. The vote for

approval was unanimous. (Calendars on file in district office)

**4.04 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FSBA ANNUAL DUES FOR PAYMENT - Mr. Darren Driver**

moved to approve payment of the 2021-2022 Florida School Boards Association annual dues in the amount of \$7,319.00. Mr. Jeff Walker gave the second, which was unanimously approved.

**4.05 SCHOOL BOARD CONDUCTS PUBLIC HEARING - At 6:30 p.m. Chairperson Amanda**

Hickman announced that the School Board would go into a public hearing to consider approval of the revisions/changes to the following policies as advertised:

*3.06 Safe and Secure Schools*

*3.41 Service Animals*

*5.19 Student Records*

*6.25 Military Leave*

With no concerns/comments being expressed, Mr. Darren Driver moved to approve the revisions to the school board policies listed above. Mr. Jeff Walker gave the second.

Motion carried unanimously. The regular meeting resumed at this time.

**4.06 SUMMER SCHOOL CALENDARS APPROVED BY SCHOOL BOARD – The 2021 LES and**

LHS Summer School Calendars were unanimously approved by the School Board following a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mr. Darren Driver. (Summer School Calendars will be posted on district website and are on file in district office)

**4.07 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES THE EDUCATIONAL PLANT FIVE YEAR SURVEY REPORT-**

Superintendent Edwards talked with the Board about the findings on the Educational Plant Five Year Survey Report that is conducted every five years and the improvements and renovations to be made. After discussion, Ms. Marion McCray moved to approve the

Educational Plant Five Year Survey Report. Mr. Darren Driver seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

**4.08 ACTION ITEM 4.08 WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA- 4.08 Approve the 2020-2021**

Multi-Tiered System of Supports Manual was withdrawn from the agenda because it was incomplete and not ready for approval at the time of the board meeting.

**4.09 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES REVISIONS/CHANGES IN THE 2020-2021 LAFAYETTE**

**ESE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES** – Mrs. Alissa Hingson, Director of Teaching and Learning Services explained the changes and revisions to the ESE policies and procedures. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Jeff Walker, seconded by Ms. Marion McCray it was unanimously approved.

**4.10 EDUCATIONAL NETWORKS OF AMERICA INTERNET CONTRACT APPROVED – Mr.**

Adam Walker discussed and answered questions about the internet contract agreement via phone. Following a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mr. Darren Driver the vote for approval was unanimous. (Agreement on file in the district office)

**4.11 ACTION ITEM 4.11 WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA- 4.11 Approve internet contract**

with Windstream. This action item was withdrawn from the agenda because it was no longer needed due to the school board contracting with another company for internet services.

**4.12 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT** – The budget amendment named

below was unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and second by Mr.

Jeff Walker: *Contracted Program Fund No. 7.*

**4.13 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION FOR VOLUNTEER**

**COACH/ASSISTANT-** On a motion by Ms. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Darren

Diver, Mr. Kyle Halfacre was unanimously approved as a volunteer coach/assistant. Mr.

Halfacre will be working with our FCA program and has satisfactorily met the necessary

school board requirements to serve as a volunteer.

**5.00 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**5.01** Principal's Monthly Report on Internal Funds

**5.02** Financial Statement

**5.03** February Invoices 2021

**5.04** Superintendent Edwards- Discussion regarding possibly adding a new position. Primary duties would center around Human Resources and other district level duties. Such as Title Projects and Adult Education.

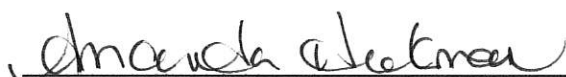
**6.0 CITIZEN INPUT**

There was no citizen input today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With business complete, Mrs. Amanda Hickman asked for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was

adjourned at 7:35 pm after a motion by Ms. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker.



Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Robert Edwards, Superintendent  
and Secretary to the School Board

**MINUTES**  
**LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**SPECIAL SESSION, MARCH 30, 2021**

The Lafayette County School Board convened in special session Tuesday, March 30, 2021 immediately following the public hearing on instructional materials. Present were Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Ms. Marion McCray, Vice Chair; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member present via phone; and Ms. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney. Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member, was absent. Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, joined the meeting via telephone. It was noted that Superintendent Edwards was attending the ISRD Conference in Gainesville, Florida this week.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Amanda Hickman called the special session to order.

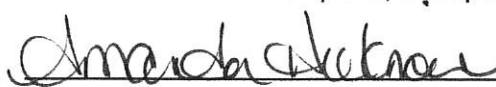
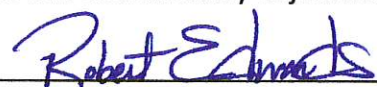
**2. ACTION ITEMS**

2.01 **PUBLIC HEARING-** Mrs. Hickman called the public hearing on instructional materials to be used for the 2021-2022 school year as advertised to order at 5:00 p.m. With no citizen input the public hearing was concluded on a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Ms. Marion McCray the vote was unanimous. With the public hearing business concluded the special session hearing resumed.

2.02 **SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES THE 2021-2022 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS –** The instructional materials to be used and purchased for use for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mr. Darren Driver.

**ADJOURN**

With business complete, the special session was unanimously adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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