

MINUTES

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

WORKSHOP, JANUARY 20, 2015

The Lafayette County School Board held a workshop on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Mr. Jeff Walker, Vice-Chair; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mrs. Marion McCray, Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; and Ms. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney. The following items were discussed:

Tammi Maund, Finance Director, Presents Review of Financial Statements

Tammi Maund gave a review of the various financial reports that are given to board members each month. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions about these reports.

Demolition & Removal of Buildings on School Board Property

Discussion was held regarding the possible demolition and removal of buildings (old wooden house and white block house) located at the corner of Hawkins Street and East Main Street. Various options for use of the white block house were mentioned. It was noted that the white block house would require much renovation to make it suitable for staff and/or student use. Joey Pearson stated that it would take about \$200,000.00 to bring the white block house up to code. Joey Pearson talked about the sealed bids we received last week for demolition and removal of the buildings from the property. He noted that the bids were lower than expected. The bids will be presented for school board action at the regular meeting today following the workshop. The Board agreed that these buildings are becoming a liability to the school district and that a decision needs to be made on how we should proceed in this matter.

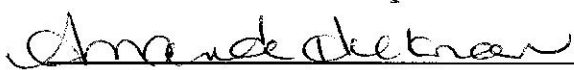
Other Concerns

Master Board Certification Program – Participation in the 2015-2016 Master Board Program was discussed. Superintendent Edwards noted that this program is offered once every two years. Participants are involved in learning activities that are specifically fashioned to meet the needs of school board members. The participation fee for the Master Board Program is \$4,200.00.

Vision and Dental Insurance – Vision and dental insurance with The Standard was discussed. It was noted that several employees have had issues with the new insurance. Superintendent Edwards and Tammi Maund stated that they have passed these concerns on to Lance Braswell with Farm Bureau Insurance, and Brad Hoard, with US Employee Benefits.

Adjourn

The workshop was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Robert Edwards, Superintendent
and Secretary to the School Board

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REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 20, 2015

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, January 20, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Mr. Jeff Walker, Vice-Chair; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mrs. Marion McCray, Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; and Ms. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input today.

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - The students named below were selected as *Student of the Month* for January 2015:

LES (K-2) – Ashlyn Condy

LMS – Grace Jackson

LES (3-5) – Jaden McRoberts

LHS – Sarah Jackson

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 that there was an addendum to the regular agenda. She then asked for a motion to adopt the agenda including the addendum. On a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mr. Darren Driver, the agenda, including the addendum, was unanimously adopted by the School Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the December 16 and December 18, 2014 school board meetings were unanimously approved following a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker. (Minutes to be typed in Minute Book)

3. CONSENT ITEMS

The consent agenda, as recommended by Superintendent Edwards, was unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew. The items are described below:

- 3.01 Personnel: (a) Drop Participant – Sheree Kelly, Secretary to Supt./School Board, has applied to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program beginning 03/01/2015 with a DROP termination and resignation date of 02/29/2020.

(b) Request for Family Medical Leave – Approved request from Alicia Prine, Teacher, for family medical leave (tentative dates – Feb. 9 – April 3, 2015).

Request for "Illness in the Line of Duty" Leave – Approved request from Alma Huerta-Dominguez, Teacher, for .50 hours of ILD leave on December 9, 2014.

Recommendations – Substitute Worker – Approved Gwen Vann as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

Recommendations – Volunteer Coaches – The individuals listed below were unanimously approved to be added to our approved list of volunteer coaches for the 2014-2015 school year, pending our receipt of a satisfactory fingerprint/background check:

Darren Powe – Football Program
Lance Walker – JV Softball Program
Richard McDonald – MS Softball Program

- 3.02 Approved Career Pathways Articulation Agreement between North Florida Community College and District School Board of Lafayette County. (Agreement on file in district office)

- 3.03 Approved Career Pathways Articulation Agreement between Taylor Technical Institute and District School Board of Lafayette County. (Agreement on file in district office)

- 3.04 Approved request for Brianna Powe to participate in the dual enrollment program at NFCC for the 2014-2015 school year.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4.01 **SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY** – On a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker, the School Board unanimously approved a Resolution on Assessment and Accountability. The Resolution asks that the Governor of Florida, the Florida Legislature, the Florida Department of Education and the Florida State Board of Education provide no less than a three-year transition period for the accountability and measurement of the full implementation of the Florida Standards. This would include a three-year delay in the use of Florida State Assessment results to determine student promotion, graduation, school grades, as well as teacher and administrator evaluation. (Resolution on file in district office)
- 4.02 **PERSONNEL APPROVED TO GO ON 8TH GRADE TRIP** – Following a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mr. Darren Driver, the individuals named below were unanimously approved to go on the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. and Lancaster, Pennsylvania: Debbie Singletary and Melissa Law, 8th grade sponsors, with trip expenses to be paid by the 8th grade class; and School Resource Officer, Jacquelyn Tysall, with trip expenses to be paid by the school board. The trip is scheduled for March 19-26, 2015.
- 4.03 **SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT WITH LAFAYETTE HEALTH CARE** – On a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker, the School Board unanimously approved an Agreement with Lafayette Health Care of Mayo, Florida. This agreement provides a program in which students participating in the Lafayette High School Allied Health

Program may acquire clinical experience at Lafayette Health Care. The students in this program are preparing to become Certified Nurse Assistants. (Agreement on file in district office)

4.04 CLASS SIZE COMPLIANCE PLAN – Following discussion, Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the 2014-2015 Class Size Reduction Compliance Plan. Mrs. Marion McCray gave the second, which was unanimously approved. A summary of the school’s plan states that Lafayette High School did not correctly identify blended learning courses. Our plan in the future, to avoid this happening again, is to make sure we identify and properly code those courses before the end of the survey 2 state processing window. (Class Size Compliance Plan is on file in district office)

4.05 FUNDRAISER REQUESTS APPROVED BY SCHOOL BOARD – The following fundraiser requests were presented for the Board’s approval: (1) Kindergarten Class – Raffle for \$100.00, for the month of February 2015; (2) LHS Baseball – Rib Sale, January 31, 2015; (3) Sixth Grade Class – Sale of Krispy Kreme Donuts, February 17-24, 2015. The fundraiser requests were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker.

4.06 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR USE OF LHS GYM – A request from the Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners for use of the LHS Gym for the county youth basketball program was presented for the School Board’s approval. The request was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray. The youth basketball league will use the gym on Saturday mornings from January 10, 2015 through March 7, 2015.

- 4.07 **REVISIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY** – Revisions to the school board policy *Challenged Materials* were reviewed. Following discussion, it was agreed that a “reasonable notice” provision should be added to the policy. The Challenged Materials policy revisions were unanimously approved for advertising on a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mr. Darren Driver. A public hearing will be held on this matter at the next regular school board meeting. (School board policies on file in district office)
- 4.08 **SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES GMP FOR DEMOLITION & REMOVAL OF BUILDINGS ON SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY** – After reviewing the bid tabulation sheet, Mr. Darren Driver moved to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price, in the amount of \$13,211.00, for Demolition and Removal of Buildings on School Board property located at the corner of Hawkins Street and East Main Street. Mrs. Amanda Hickman gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous. (Bid Information on file in district office)
- 4.09 **BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT** – The bill list, as presented ready for payment, was unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray. (Bill list on file with Supplemental Minutes)
- 4.10 **BUDGET AMENDMENTS APPROVED** – The following budget amendments were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker: *General Fund No. 5 and Contracted Program Fund No. 5.*
- 4.11 **CHANGE OF DATE FOR MARCH 2015 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** – Superintendent Edwards informed the Board that he would like to attend a legislative dinner meeting in Tallahassee on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. Noting that March 17 is our regular scheduled

school board meeting, Mr. Edwards recommended that the meeting be changed to Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Following discussion, Mr. Jeff Walker moved to change the regular March school meeting to Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Taylor McGrew gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 5.01 Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds.
- 5.02 LHS Discipline Report. The School Board reviewed the LHS Discipline Report for the month, as prepared by Mr. Josh Akers, LHS Dean. There were 8 total referrals from 12/09/2014 – 01/09/2015. Discipline offenses broken down by offense type were also included in the report.
- 5.03 Purchase Orders.
- 5.04 Financial Statement.
- 5.05 Banking Issue – Superintendent Edwards informed the Board that last week the district finance staff discovered that several checks had fraudulently passed through our accounts payable fund. The incident was reported to the Lafayette County Sheriff's Office and Drummond Bank has replaced the unauthorized withdrawals from the accounts payable fund.
- 5.06 WeatherSTEM Donation Program – Superintendent Edwards gave an update on the WeatherSTEM Donation Program. The WeatherSTEM team will be here on February 17 to install the equipment. They will also be at the school board workshop on February 17 to answer any questions the Board may have.
- 5.07 Student Due Process Hearings – Superintendent Edwards informed the School Board that we will be scheduling three Student Due Process Hearings in the next few days. Monday, February 2, 2015 (Professional Development Day), was suggested as a possible date to hold these hearings.
- 5.08 Teacher Recruiting – Superintendent Edwards reported that he and several area superintendents recently visited UF, FAMU, and Florida State concerning teacher recruitment.

ADJOURNMENT

With business complete, Mr. Taylor McGrew made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Marion McCray followed with a second. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Robert Edwards, Superintendent
And Secretary to the School Board