

# MINUTES

## LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

### WORKSHOP, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

The Lafayette County School Board met in workshop session on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 immediately following the regular board meeting. In attendance were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Mrs. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; and Ms. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney. Jeff Walker, Member was not present. Administrators present were Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance and Mr. Stephen Clark, Director of Support Services.

#### **Electric Bus Charging Station Infrastructure**

Mr. Stephen Clark, Director of Support Services reviewed and discussed the electric bus charging station infrastructure. He presented the board with an estimate from an Electrical Contractor that explained all the services that would be provided for the EV Bus Charging Station. He explained that after grants of \$60,000 from EPA and \$41,000 from Duke that there would be approximately a \$10,000 dollar out of pocket expense for the district to complete the charging station infrastructure. He further explained that there would be a wait time to get the charging station completed. There is an estimated 182 working days wait time to get the panel box for the infrastructure. Much discussion was had and board members shared their thoughts.

#### **LES Basketball Courts**

Mr. Clark briefly discussed the courts at Lafayette Elementary School. He received an estimated quote of around \$150,000 to redo the courts. This is on the five-year work plan for our district. There is no plan at this time to move forward with redoing the courts at LES.

#### **Schneider Electric**

Mr. Clark gave a brief overview regarding the need for a district wide facilities energy assessment. He contacted two other school districts and one county about their experience and results with Schneider

Electric. All were satisfied with the results and stated they would be willing to do it again. Schneider Electric wrote up a grant proposal explaining what the engineers would evaluate at our facilities regarding our current electricity usage and the proposal for the changes that can be made to save our district money. Schneider Electric guarantees the savings to the district. After discussion, the board members opted to hold another workshop inviting Schneider Electric to come and give a presentation about their services.

**Adjournment**

The workshop was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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