

MINUTES

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 19, 2023

APPROVED BY
LAFAYETTE COUNTY
SCHOOL BOARD
ON 02/20/2024

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Tuesday, December 19, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Mrs. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney; and SRO Jay Harris. Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member was not present.

Administrators present were Mrs. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance; Mrs. Alissa Hingson, Director of Teaching and Learning Services; and Mr. Stewart Hancock, LHS 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 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 December 2023:

LES (K-2) – Britney Perez

LMS – Brayden Mortlock

LES (3-5) – Colton Burry

LHS – Rylan Miles

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

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHEERLEADING PROGRAM- Melissa Keen made a presentation to the board about the upcoming Special Olympics Cheerleading Program that will be held at Country Strong Gym Mayo. Superintendent Edwards and the School Board Members thanked Mrs. Keen for sharing the information about the program and wished her much success.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Amanda Hickman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Hickman noted one change to the agenda. Action Item 4.01 (1) *Recommendation Non-Instructional-* Approve Deborah Gordon for a Custodial position at LHS for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year needed to be added to the agenda. Mrs. Hickman asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with the change as noted above. The agenda was unanimously adopted following a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and the November 14, 2023 Organizational Meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

The consent items listed below were unanimously approved as recommended by Superintendent Edwards. This action was taken on a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Darren Driver.

3.01 Approve the following fundraising requests: Student Council, Ruby McCray, Sadie Hawkins Dance on 1/20/24; LES & LHS Gifted field trip, Wild Adventures, March 28, 2024

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 **SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES PERSONNEL ITEMS** – The personnel items listed below, as recommended by Superintendent Edwards, were unanimously approved following a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Darren Driver:

4.01 (1) *Recommendations– Non-Instructional-* Approve Dana Jackson for a Bus Driver position for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Recommendations- Non-Instructional- Approve Thomas Gibson for a Bus Driver position

for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year pending satisfactorily meeting all School Board employment requirements.

Recommendations- Volunteers- Approve the following individuals as volunteers for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year:

Ayleen Negrete- Soccer Program

Juan Molina- Soccer Program

Alex Lire- Soccer Program

- (2) Notice of Drop Participation- Paula Ginn, Assistant Principal at LHS has applied to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program.
- (3) Resignation- Approve resignation letter from Madison Byrd, LES Teacher, effective December 22, 2023.
- (4) Request for Family Medical Leave- Approve request from Barbara Folds, Bus Driver for Family Medical Leave from December 6, 2023- March 12, 2024.

4.02 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES MOU WITH NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE- Mr. Jeff Walker moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with North Florida College. Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Agreement on file in district office)

4.03 AGREEMENT WITH ASSESSMENT TECHNOLOGIES INSTITUTE APPROVED- The School Board unanimously approved the agreement with Assessment Technologies Institute on a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray. (Agreement on file in district office)

4.04 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT WITH ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY – Mrs. Alissa Hingson, Director of Teaching and Learning Services reviewed and explained the agreement. Following discussion, Mrs. Marion McCray moved to approve the Agreement. Mr. Jeff Walker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Agreement on file in district office)

4.05 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS- The instructional materials used to teach Reproductive Health and Disease were presented for review and approval. Following discussion, Mrs. Marion McCray moved to approve the Reproductive Health and Disease instructional materials. Mr. Jeff Walker seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous. (Instructional materials on file in district office)

4.06 SCHOOL BOARD POLICY REVISIONS APPROVED FOR ADVERTISING – Revisions to the following school board policy were presented for the School Board’s review and approval for advertising:

3.13 Revision School Volunteers

Superintendent Edwards explained the policy changes. Mrs. Marion McCray moved to approve the revised policy 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.

4.07 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TWO TEMPORARY GRANT FUNDED INSTRUCTIONAL POSITIONS – Mrs. Alissa Hingson, Director of Teaching and Learning Services reviewed and explained the the grant that would fund the instructional positions for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Following discussion, Mrs. Marion McCray moved to approve the two grant funded instructional positions. Mr. Darren Driver seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4.08 FIVE-YEAR DISTRICT FACILITIES WORK PLAN – The district’s Five Year Facilities Work Plan was presented for review and approval by Mr. Stephen Clark, Director of Support Services. Following discussion, Mr. Jeff Walker moved to approve the Five Year Facilities Work Plan. Mr. Darren Driver gave the second. Motion carried unanimously. (Five Year Facilities Work Plan on file in district office)

4.09 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENTS – The budget amendments named below were unanimously approved after a motion by Mrs. Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker: Contracted Fund No. 2 and Contracted Fund No. 3.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.01 Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds

5.02 November 2023 Invoices

5.03 Financial Statement


5.04 Supplemental Position Recommendation

6. CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input today.

ADJOURNMENT

With business complete, Mrs. Amanda Hickman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Robert Edwards, Superintendent
and Secretary to the School Board