

MINUTES

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

WORKSHOP, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

The Lafayette County School Board held a workshop on Tuesday, February 17, 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:

WeatherSTEM Presentation

Superintendent Edwards introduced Mr. Ed Mansouri, WeatherSTEM creator/founder, and his team, Mr. Luke Hunnewelle and Mr. Michael Haughton, to the workshop. Mr. Edwards explained that he was contacted by WeatherSTEM several weeks ago about our school district becoming a WeatherSTEM Donation Site.

Mr. Mansouri followed with a very informative and interesting workshop on the WeatherSTEM Unit that was installed at Lafayette High School today. Mr. Mansouri began by explaining that WeatherSTEM is an educational product focused on meeting the needs of students, teachers, and school administrators. From a curriculum perspective, WeatherSTEM offers 21st century learning using STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)-based and standards aligned lessons, dynamically integrated with live measurements from weather instruments located on campus. From a safety perspective, WeatherSTEM offers both lightning detection and wet bulb globe temperature measurements that help keep students safe and parents informed.

The Lafayette County High School WeatherSTEM Unit (<http://lafayette.weatherstem.com/lhs>) is an integration of weather sensors, the data gathered and stored by the sensors, and a dynamic display of the data in a website that showcases the current weather, weather forecasts, data mining

tools, lessons and activities, weather notifications, and more. Mr. Mansouri gave a review of the following:

Station Page – The station page is a web portal that serves live weather data and sky images collected from the WeatherSTEM Unit.

Data – All data gathered by the sensors on the WeatherSTEM Unit are stored and can be mined in a variety of ways.

Personalize – Personal accounts provide access to customizable weather notifications and alerts sent to a variety of devices. For example, you can have an alert sent to you anytime the temperature is predicted to be below 32 degrees, etc.

Learn – A growing library of lessons and activities contains an integration of the data and sensors into STEM-based curriculum. Mr. Mansouri stated that he would be happy to set up a follow-up workshop with teachers who are interested in using this information in the classroom.

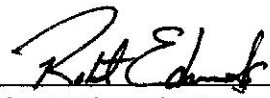
The Superintendent and School Board thanked Mr. Mansouri and his team for their informative presentation and for providing Lafayette School District the opportunity to become a WeatherSTEM Donation Site with no costs to the school district. It was agreed that WeatherSTEM will be a valuable resource to our school and community.

Adjourn

The workshop was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.


Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Robert Edwards, Superintendent
and Secretary to the School Board

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REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, February 17, 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

Mrs. Amelia Hill, with the Florida Department of Corrections (MCI), addressed the School Board concerning the National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community. Mrs. Hill stated that she will be attending the conference on behalf of the Department of Corrections. The conference is housed in the Division of Victim Services and Criminal Justice Programs and functions as part of the Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute. The conference is scheduled for May 27-29, 2015 in Tampa, FL. Mrs. Hill explained that she will attend the conference this year to learn more about the programs, partnerships, and services that may be available to assist in reducing crime in our community. Mrs. Hill went on to say that next year she would like for the school board to consider partnering with DOC-MCI to identify two or so high school students to send to the conference with her and possibly SRO Tysall. The Superintendent and School Board were in agreement that this may be something the district should look into. Mrs. Hill stated that she will begin working on the criteria to be used for selecting students to participate in this conference as

well as the costs involved. The Superintendent and School Board thanked Mrs. Hill for her presentation and agreed that this could be a very beneficial program to our school and community.

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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

LES (K-2) – Emily Reyes

LMS – Iridian Rodrigues

LES (3-5) – Trey Henderson & Braylon Ferrell

LHS – Tedd Sumner

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 asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. On a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray, the agenda was unanimously adopted by the School Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the January 20, 2015 school board meetings were unanimously approved following a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew. (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 Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Darren Driver. The items are described below:

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3.01 Personnel: (a) Resignation – Instructional Personnel – Accepted letter of resignation from Sheilah Broughton, Teacher/Media Specialist, effective March 2, 2015.

(b) Drop Participants – Donald Baker, Assistant Mechanic, 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.

Cecelia Kelley, LES Secretary, has applied to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program beginning 01/01/2015 with a DROP termination and resignation date of 12/20/2019.

(c) Recommendation – Non-Instructional – Approved Vivian Taule for the position of Food Service Manager for the school district.

Request for “Illness in the Line of Duty” Leave – Approved request from Alma Huerta-Dominguez, Teacher, for 1.50 hours of ILD leave for January 2015.

3.02 Approved Christine Vervisch to transport students on Gifted field trip to Medieval Times in Orlando, FL on March 6, 2015. This recommendation is contingent upon Mrs. Vervisch having a satisfactory driver’s license record check and the appropriate insurance coverage. Mrs. Vervisch is on our approved substitute teacher list.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 **SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES POLICIES FOR ADVERTISING** – The following was presented for the School Board’s review and approval for advertising: (1) New school board policy – *Hazing*; and (2) Revisions/updates to various school board policies based on legislative changes and to reflect editorial, grammatical, and citation edits. Following discussion, Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the new policy and policy revisions 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.

4.02 **PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT REVISIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY** - At 6:30 p.m., Chairperson Amanda Hickman stated that the School Board would now hold a public hearing in order to consider approval of the following, as advertised: Revisions to the following school

board policy – *Challenged Materials*. The public hearing was conducted with no public comment. Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the revised policy, as advertised. Mr. Darren Driver seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The regular meeting resumed at this time. (School Board Policy Manual on file in district office)

4.03 **SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES (SP&P) DOCUMENT** – Mrs. Marion McCray moved to approve the Special Programs and Procedures (SP&P) Document as submitted by Gina Hart, Director of Teaching and Learning Services. Mr. Taylor McGrew gave the second, which was unanimously approved. Florida Statutes requires that district school boards submit to the Dept. of Education proposed procedures for the provision of special instruction and services for exceptional students once every three years. This document is required in order for a school district to be eligible to receive state or federal funding for special education and related services for exceptional students. (SP&P Document on file in district office)

4.04 **REVISED AGREEMENT BETWEEN LCSB AND LAFAYETTE HEALTH CARE, MAYO, FL - A** revised Agreement between LCSB and Lafayette Health Care, Mayo, FL was presented for the Board's approval. It was noted that this agreement was originally approved at the January 20, 2015 school board meeting. Stephen Clark, LHS Assistant Principal, explained that Mr. Rich Wisdahl, Lafayette Health Care Administrator, has requested a minor change in the wording of the agreement under the Indemnification Heading, No. 2 to state that *The LCSB and LHS shall indemnify and hold harmless the Healthcare Agency from any acts of negligence of the instructors and students while in the Healthcare Agency within the scope of the Certified Nursing Assistant Program*. Following discussion, Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the

revised agreement with Lafayette Health Care, Mayo, FL. Mrs. Marion McCray gave the second, which was unanimously approved. (Agreement on file in district office)

4.05 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT WITH OAKRIDGE ASSISTED LIVING, MAYO,

FL – On a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Darren Driver, the School Board unanimously approved an Agreement with Oakridge Assisted Living, Mayo, FL. This agreement provides a program in which students participating in the Lafayette High School Allied Health Program may acquire clinical experience at Oakridge Assisted Living. The students in this program are preparing to become Certified Nurse Assistants. (Agreement on file in district office)

4.06 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TRIP REQUEST – Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the

following trip request: *FBLA State Conference in Orlando, FL, March 19-22, 2015*. Mrs. Marion McCray gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous.

4.07 FUNDRAISER REQUEST APPROVED – On a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mr.

Darren Driver, the following fundraiser request was unanimously approved: *LHS Soccer – Car Wash, June 5, 2015*. (Fundraiser requests on file in district office)

4.08 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES PAYMENT OF FSBA ANNUAL DUES – Following discussion,

Mrs. Marion McCray moved to approve payment of the 2015-2016 Florida School Boards Association annual dues in the amount of \$6,646.00. Mr. Taylor McGrew gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous.

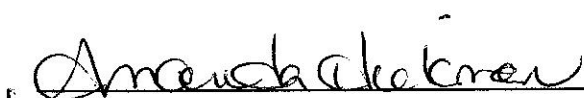
- 4.09 **BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT** – The bill list, as presented ready for payment, was unanimously approved following a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew. (Bill list on file with Supplemental Minutes)
- 4.10 **BUDGET AMENDMENTS APPROVED** – The following budget amendments were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray: *General fund No. 6 and Contracted Program Funds No. 6.*


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 36 total referrals from 01/10/2015 – 02/09/2015. Discipline offenses broken down by offense type were also included in the report.
- 5.03 Purchase Orders.
- 5.04 Financial Statement.
- 5.05 **Reminder** – Change of Date for regular March 2015 school board meeting. Mr. Edwards reminded board members that the March meeting will be held on Monday, March 16. Andrea Messina, with the Florida School Boards Association, will present a workshop on the roles and responsibilities of Superintendents and School Board members. The workshop will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With business complete, Mr. Darren Driver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Marion McCray followed with a second. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.


Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

ATTEST: 
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