

# MINUTES

## LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

### WORKSHOP, JANUARY 19, 2017

The Lafayette County School Board held a workshop on Thursday, January 19, 2017 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mrs. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; and Ms. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney. Mr. Jeff Walker, Member, was absent.

#### **Representatives With CTS Group Meet With School Board**

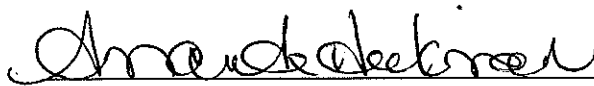
Mr. Paul Angerbach and Mr. Eric Wyers, with Florida CTS Group, met with the School Board. The CTS Group is an energy services company that develops and implements comprehensive energy efficiency projects. CTS Group works with school districts to find ways they can save money and use the savings to install turn-key facility upgrades. Mr. Angerbach explained that they recently met with Superintendent Edwards and Joey Pearson to discuss how CTS Group can help our school district make facility improvements/upgrades. He added that CTS Group has performed a feasibility study of our facilities to identify savings that can help fund needed upgrades to be installed under Section 489.145 Florida Statutes. Under Section 489.145 Florida Statutes, state agencies are able to enter into a guaranteed energy, water, and wastewater performance savings contract with an approved contractor. The energy and operational savings generated by the improvements are used to help offset the initial cost. Mr. Wyers and Mr. Angerbach provided an informational power point presentation that outlined the recommended facility improvements, program funding, financial impact and estimated savings, as well as a timeline for project completion. The Superintendent and School Board thanked Mr. Angerbach and Mr. Wyers for the presentation and will be making a decision on this matter in the next few weeks.

**Stewart Hancock, LHS Principal Meets With School Board**

LHS Principal, Stewart Hancock, met with the School Board regarding proposed changes in the LHS Library to meet evolving student needs. He informed board members that grants will be applied for to assist in this endeavor. Some of the proposed changes include spaces for small groups, collaborative, and project based learning. Mrs. Cheryl Pulliam, with Three Rivers Library System, was also present to discuss the online library access provided to students and the community. Students are reading and suggesting books of interest, and the program seems well received. Melissa Keen, with the Lafayette County Public Library, also addressed the School Board. Mrs. Keen talked about the various activities and services provided by the public library. The Superintendent and School Board thanked these individuals for sharing this information.

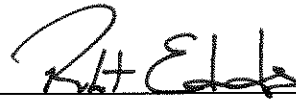
**Adjournment**

With all items discussed the workshop was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

Attest:



Robert Edwards, Superintendent  
and Secretary to the School Board

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## LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

### REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 19, 2017

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Thursday, January 19, 2017 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Present 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. Mr. Jeff Walker, Member, was absent.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** - The students named below were recognized for being selected

*Student of the Month* for January 2017:

LES (K-2) – Brandon Reyes

LMS – Karlos Murphy II

LES (3-5) – Pearl Moreno

LHS – Christian Negrete

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 also advised that Action Item 4.03 (*FCA Leadership Retreat*) has been withdrawn as the retreat has been cancelled. Mrs. Hickman 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 15, 2106 school board meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew. (Minutes to be typed in official Minute Book)

## **3. CONSENT ITEMS**

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

- 3.01 Approved requests for the following students to participate in the dual enrollment program at NFCC: Eli Morgan, Audrey Jackson
- 3.02 Approved requests for the following student to attend school in Lafayette County for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year: Sidney Parris

## **4. ACTION ITEMS**

- 4.01 Personnel: Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve all personnel items as listed below. Mrs. Marion McCray gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous.

(a) Drop Participant - Kanda Jackson, District Bookkeeper, has applied to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program beginning 01/01/2017 with a DROP termination and resignation date of 12/31/2021.

(b) Recommendations: Substitute Worker – Approved Rebecca Ross as a Substitute Custodian/Food Service Worker for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. We have received a satisfactory fingerprint/background check on Ms. Ross.

Recommendations: Volunteer Worker at LES – Approved Nancy Beckham as a volunteer to assist at Lafayette Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year. We have received a satisfactory fingerprint/background check on Ms. Beckham.

Recommendations: Volunteer Coaches – Approved the following individuals to serve as a volunteer assistant coach (Girls Softball) for the 2016-2017 school year: Troy Hamlin and

Timberly Steichen. We have received a satisfactory fingerprint/background check on Mr. Hamlin and Ms. Steichen.

(c) Approved Request for Family Medical Leave – Approved request from Shatara Blake, Paraprofessional, for six weeks family medical leave beginning March 20, 2017. Ms. Blake plans to return to work May 1, 2017.

(d) Resignation – Accepted letter of resignation from Brittany Jackson, LHS Teacher, effective January 6, 2017.

4.02 **NEW SCHOOL BOARD POLICY** – The following new school board policy was presented for the School Board’s review and approval for advertising: *Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care*. The new policy states that the school district shall collaborate with child welfare agencies to ensure educational stability for children in foster care. Following discussion, Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the new 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. (School Board Policies on file in district office and district website)

4.03 **ITEM WITHDRAWN FROM AGENDA - FCA TRIP REQUEST** – This item was withdrawn from the agenda. Derek Garland, FCA Advisor, called earlier today and advised that the retreat has been cancelled.

4.04 **FUNDRAISER REQUESTS APPROVED** – The following fundraiser requests were presented for school board approval: (1) JV & C-Team Softball – 50/50 Raffle, January 23 – February 6, 2017; (2) Softball Program – Fan Cloth Sale, February 6-17, 2017. Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the fundraiser requests. Mrs. Marion McCray gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous. (List of fundraisers on file in district office)

- 4.05 **SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR USE OF 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. Darren Driver and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray. The youth basketball league will use the gym on Saturday mornings from January 7, 2017 through March 11, 2017.
- 4.06 **PERSONNEL APPROVED TO GO ON EIGHTH GRADE TRIP** - Following discussion, Mrs. Marion McCray moved to approve the individuals named below to go on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. and Lancaster, Pennsylvania: Lisa Newman and Teodora Celedon, 8<sup>th</sup> grade sponsors, with trip expenses to be paid by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class; and School Resource Officer, Jacquelyn Knight, with trip expenses to be paid by the school board. Mr. Taylor McGrew gave the second which was unanimously approved. The trip is scheduled for March 10-16, 2017.
- 4.07 **SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES CHANGE OF DATE FOR FEB. 2017 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** – The regular school board meeting for the month of February is scheduled for the third Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Superintendent Edwards advised that he will be attending a NEFEC Foundation for Rural Education Excellence meeting in Tallahassee that evening. Therefore, Mr. Edwards recommended that the regular meeting be moved to Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Darren Driver moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to move the meeting to Thursday, February 23. Mrs. Marion McCray gave the second which was unanimously approved.

4.08 **BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT** – The bill list was unanimously approved for payment following a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mr. Darren Driver. (Bill list on file with Supplemental Minutes)

4.09 **BUDGET AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY SCHOOL BOARD** – The budget amendment listed below was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew: *Contracted Program Fund No. 4.*

**5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

5.01 Principal’s Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds.

5.02 Purchase Orders.

5.03 Financial Statement.

5.04 FCA – Rescue Youth Rally, February 19, 2017 in the LHS Cafetorium at 6:00 p.m.

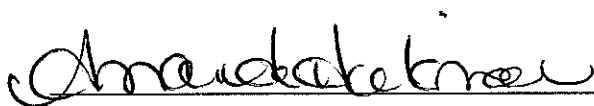
**6. CITIZEN INPUT**


There was no citizen input today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With business complete, Mrs. Marion McCray moved to adjourn. Mr. Darren Driver gave the second.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

  
Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

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