

MINUTES

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

WORKSHOP, MARCH 18, 2014

The Lafayette County School Board held a workshop on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Mr. Timothy L. "Tim" Pearson, Vice-Chair; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member; and Ms. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney. Mrs. Reba Trawick, Member, was absent. The following items were discussed:

Voluntary Prekindergarten Program

Mr. Danny Glover, LES Principal, spoke with the School Board about the VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program) at Lafayette Elementary School. He explained that the program is broken down into two parts:

- VPK - 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Free (Reimbursed by Early Learning Coalition)
- School Readiness – 11:00 a.m. – 2:55 p.m. – Sliding scale or \$9.00 a day

Mr. Glover stated that Pre-K prepares children to be ready for school. Children who participate in high quality early childhood education programs develop better language skills, score higher in school-readiness tests and have better social skills and fewer behavioral problems once they enter school. Mr. Glover reported that the VPK Program at LES is growing. In 2012-2013 we had 2 teachers and served 22 children. In 2013-2014 we expanded to 2 teachers and 1 aide, currently serving 31 students. There is a possibility of expanding to 42 students in 2014-2015.

Mr. Glover also shared that the LES VPK Program had a readiness rate of 100% for the 2012-2013 school year and was the highest rated VPK Program in the county. Amy Garland and Nikki Wimberley

serve as our Pre-K teachers. April Williams is our Pre-K aide. These individuals were commended for an outstanding job.

District Credit Card

Superintendent Edwards and Tammi Maund talked with the School Board about obtaining a district credit card to be used for hotel reservations, certain purchases, etc. Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Maund have met with an American Express representative and will be meeting with a representative from Regions Bank in early April. Mr. Edwards explained that using a district credit card would save the district money while also reducing the amount of paperwork involved when employees make their own travel arrangements. Tammi Maund added that rules and procedures for using the credit card would need to be devised. Mrs. Maund will be meeting with the Finance Director at Dixie County School District to get more information on this. It was also noted that the card would remain in the district office. Superintendent Edwards stated that this may be an agenda item for the April meeting if all the details can get worked out by then.

Adjourn

Mrs. Hickman declared the workshop adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

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

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REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 18, 2014

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session Tuesday, March 18, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson, Mr. Timothy L. "Tim" Pearson, Vice-Chair; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member; Mrs. Reba Trawick, 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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion by Mr. Tim Pearson and a second by Mrs. Reba Trawick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the February 18 and March 4, 2014 school board meetings were unanimously approved following a motion by Mrs. Reba Trawick and a second by Mr. Tim Pearson. (Minutes to be typed in Minute Book)

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – The students named below were recognized for being selected

Student of the Month for March 2014:

LES (K-2) – Eden King

LMS – Graham Jackson

LES (3-5) – Page Henderson

LHS – Rachel Lake

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

SUNSHINE STATE SCHOLAR – LHS Principal, Stewart Hancock, introduced high school junior, Mariah Edwards and her family. Mariah was recognized for being selected as the Sunshine State Scholar for Lafayette School District. Mr. Hancock explained that Mariah was chosen for this honor because of her outstanding achievement and ability in the areas of science, technology, and math. The Superintendent and School Board congratulated Mariah and wished her well in her future endeavors.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR/SRP OF THE YEAR – Sunny Wimberley and Lucie Gresham were welcomed to the meeting. Mrs. Wimberley, a second grade teacher at LES, was recently named Teacher of the Year for Lafayette School District. Mrs. Gresham, receptionist/switchboard operator at LHS, was chosen as School Related Employee of the Year. The Superintendent and School Board congratulated Mrs. Wimberley and Mrs. Gresham and commended them for a job well done. Both ladies were presented a plaque in honor of their achievement.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mrs. Reba Trawick moved to approve all consent items as recommended by the Superintendent.

Mr. Darren Driver gave the second. Motion carried unanimously. These items are listed below:

- A. Approved requests for “illness in the line of duty” leave from the following employees:
Wade Ducksworth, Maintenance Technician, 8.00 hours for March 4, 2014
Dana George, Food Service Worker, 8 hours for March 6, 2014
- B. Approved addition to chaperone list for FBLA State Conference (Samantha Land, local EMT).

- C. Approved request for Mackenzie Smith to attend school in Lafayette County for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

ACTION ITEMS

The School Board reviewed the Interlocal Agreement between the Lafayette County School Board and the Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners for the construction of an emergency helipad (landing zone) on the NE corner of school board property adjacent to the Edward Perry Sports Complex. It was noted that this matter was discussed at length at the February 18, 2014 school board meeting (see 2/18/14 Minutes). Following discussion, Mr. Darren Driver moved to approve the Agreement as prepared by Ms. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson. Mr. Tim Pearson gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous. (Agreement on file in district office and Supplemental Minutes)

PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF NEW SCHOOL BOARD POLICY MANUAL – 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 school board’s new policy manual. The public hearing was conducted with no public comment. Mrs. Reba Trawick moved to approve the new Lafayette County School Board Policy Manual, as advertised. Mr. Jeff Walker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The regular meeting resumed at this time. (School Board Policy Manual on file in district office)

2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDARS APPROVED – The 2014-2015 School Calendar and 12-Month Calendar were presented for the School Board’s review and approval. The Calendars were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mrs. Reba Trawick. (School Calendars on file in district office and Supplemental Minutes)

PERSONNEL APPROVED TO GO ON 8TH GRADE TRIP – Following a motion by Mrs. Reba Trawick 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: Leah Jackson and Amanda Byrd, 8th grade sponsors; Robert Edwards, School Superintendent; and Sheriff Brian Lamb. The trip is scheduled for March 23-28, 2014.

SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES AUDIT REPORT – Report No. 2014-110, a Financial, Operational, and Federal Single Audit of Lafayette County District School Board, for fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 was presented for the Board's approval. Tammi Maund, Director of Finance, reported that we are working to correct any audit findings. Following discussion, Mrs. Reba Trawick moved to approve the audit report. Mr. Tim Pearson gave the second. Motion carried unanimously. (Audit Report on file at district office)

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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS APPROVED – The budget amendments listed below were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Reba Trawick and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker: *General Fund No. 4 and Contracted Program Fund No. 5.*

SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES ACTUARIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - Mr. Tim Pearson moved to approve an Actuarial Services Agreement with Stanley, Hunt, DuPree and Rhine. Mr. Darren Driver seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The actuarial study is required by GASB 45, which is an accounting and financial reporting provision requiring government employers to measure

and report the liabilities associated with postemployment benefits. (Agreement on file in district office)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- A. Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds.
- B. Purchase Orders
- C. Financial Statement.
- D. LHS Discipline Report – The School Board reviewed the LHS Discipline Report for the past month as prepared by Mr. Josh Akers, LHS Dean.

ADJOURN

With business complete, Mr. Darren Driver moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jeff Walker gave the second. Motion carried unanimously.

Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

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