

**MINUTES**  
**LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 21, 2025**

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Tuesday, January 21, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Darren Driver, Chairperson; Mrs. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Kimberly Adams, Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney and deputy Bobby Lawson. Mr. Jeff Walker, Member was not present. Administrators present were Mr. Scott Sadler, Director of Support Services; Mrs. Janene Fitzpatrick, Director of Teaching and Learning Services; Mrs. Lisa Newman, LES Principal, and Mr. Stewart Hancock, LHS Principal.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Darren Driver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Taylor McGrew gave the invocation and Mr. Robert Edwards led in 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 January 2025:

LES K-2- Avarie Brown  
LES 3-5- Patsy Elmore

LHS Middle School- Dennis Palma  
LHS High School- Mallory Moseley

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**

Mr. Darren Driver noted the following changes to the agenda:

**Addition**

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**4.09 Approve Fundraiser Request:**

- Alumni Baseball Game on Saturday, February 1, 2025.

- Softball to sell Shrimp Dinners for Alumni Game on February 1, 2025
- Baseball to sell Lafayette Hornet Blankets.

**Move Consent Item to Action Item**

~~3.01 Approve School Advisory Council members for LHS for the 2024-2025 school year.~~

4.10 Approve School Advisory Council members for LHS for the 2024-2025 school year.

The agenda was unanimously adopted with these changes following a motion by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and a second by Mrs. Marion McCray.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the December 17, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and January 9, 2025, Workshop were unanimously approved following a motion by Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mrs. Kimberly Adams.

## **3. CONSENT ITEMS**

The following consent item was unanimously approved on a motion from Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew:

3.02 Approve fundraiser date change for Jump Rope for Heart to February 18- March 5.

## **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 Mrs. Kimberly Adams:

### **4.01(1) Personnel Recommendations-**

- Approve Tara Johnson as a Substitute Custodian and Food Service Worker for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, pending meeting employment eligibility requirements.
- Approve the following for Substitute Instructional personnel, pending meeting employment eligibility requirements:
  - Lillian Moseley- LES
  - Patty Gray- LES & LHS
  - Charity Maurer- LES
  - Charlene Folsom- LES, LHS

**4.02 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES USE OF FOOTBALL FIELD-** Mr. Taylor McGrew moved to approve the use of the football field by LHS Alumni Soccer on Saturday, March 1, 2025. Mrs. Marion McCray seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**4.03 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AUDIT REPORT-** Superintendent Edwards explained the findings on the Internal Accounts Audit from Collins and Company and steps taken to correct them. Mrs. Marion McCray made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 Internal Accounts Audit Report, it was seconded by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and unanimously approved.

**4.04 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES SUBMISSION OF SPECIAL FACILITIES FUNDING CONSTRUCTION PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW-** Superintendent Edwards explained the Pre-Application Review is sending our findings to the Department of Education for them to send their team to examine our facilities based off our Castaldi Report and determine critical need. Mr. Taylor McGrew made a motion to approve the submission of the Special Facilities Funding Construction Pre-Application Review, it was seconded by Mrs. Kimberly Adams and unanimously approved.

**4.05 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT WITH eFMLA, INC-** After a time of discussion Mrs. Marion McCray made the motion to approve the agreement with eFMLA, Inc. It was seconded by Mr. Taylor McGrew and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**4.06 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES HOSPITAL HOMEBOUND POSITION-** Mrs. Janene Fitzpatrick explained the hospital homebound position and how it would work for the student and teacher filling that role. After a time of brief discussion Mr. Taylor McGrew made to motion to approve the Hospital Homebound position beginning January 27, 2025-March 4, 2025, possibly until the end of the school year. Mrs. Kimberly Adams seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**4.07 PUBLIC HEARING – SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES-** At 6:30p.m., Chairperson Darren Driver stated that the School Board would hold a public hearing in order to consider approval of the following revised school board policy, as advertised:

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>
6.216	Revision	Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)

The public hearing was conducted with no public comment. Mrs. Marion McCray made the motion to approve the revised policy as advertised. Mr. Taylor McGrew seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The regular meeting resumed at this time. (School Board policies are on file in district office and district website)

**4.08 BUDGET AMENDMENTS-** There were no budget amendments to approve.

**4.09 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FUNDRAISER REQUESTS-** The following fundraiser requests were unanimously approved on a motion from Mrs. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew:

- Alumni Baseball Game on Saturday, February 1, 2025.
- Softball to sell Shrimp Dinners for Alumni Game on February 1, 2025
- Baseball to sell Lafayette Hornet Blankets.

**4.10 SCHOOL BOARD MAKES A MOTION TO TABLE LHS SAC MEMBERS-** After a time of discussion a motion was made to table approving the LHS School Advisory Council Members because they currently do not meet the requirements as stated in the school board policy or governing by-laws. According to the policy and by-laws if the school is unable to recruit membership, then the school board is to assist with appointing members to the School Advisory Council to satisfactorily meet the designated criteria.

## 5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 5.01 Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds
- 5.02 December Invoices
- 5.03 Financial Statement
- 5.04 LES SAC Meeting Schedule
- 5.05 Instructional Materials Plan


## 6. CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input today.

## ADJOURNMENT

With business complete Mr. Darren Driver declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

  
 Darren Driver, Chairperson

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