## MINUTES LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP, JANUARY 9, 2025

The Lafayette County School Board held a workshop on Thursday, January 9, 2025, beginning at 5:00 pm. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Darren Driver, Chairperson; Mrs. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; Mrs. Kimberly Adams, Member; and Mrs. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney. In attendance from CRA Architects was Mr. Greg Kelly.

## Castaldi Report for Special Facilities Funding

Mr. Darren Driver started the meeting at 5:00 pm by welcoming everyone and turned things over to Superintendent Edwards. Superintendent Edwards explained that this meeting was just a step in deciding on if we would like to apply for Special Facilities Funding. He further explained that a Castaldi Report is a report used on government owned buildings to determine the conditions of the facilities for maintenance or demolition. In this situation the Castaldi Report is given to the Department of Education, and they make the final decision on what is done to those buildings. If we would like to apply for Special Facilities Funding the first deadline to meet would be applying by February 1, 2025. At our regularly scheduled board meeting the board, January 15, 2025, members will have the opportunity to decide if we would like to move forward in the process with the Special Facilities Funding.

Superintendent Edwards then invited Mr. Greg Kelly to come and present the Castaldi Report. Mr. Kelly provided board members with a Special Facilities Construction Procedural Checklist (per section 1013.64(2), Florida Statutes) and a Timeline for Funding. Mr. Greg Kelly had a PowerPoint presentation with an aerial view of our current schools and properties. The buildings were labeled by number and based on the findings of the Castaldi Report, the next couple of slides showed which buildings would be removed and which ones would need to be repurposed. Mr. Kelly explained several ways those buildings could be reused to accommodate

current needs within the district. During the entire presentation Mr. Greg Kelly answered all questions from board members and addressed any concerns. The School Board members thanked Mr. Greg Kelly for taking the time to meet with them and explaining the findings on the Castaldi Report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The workshop was adjourned at 6:27pm.

Darren Driver, Chairperson

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Robert Edwards, Superintendent and Secretary to the School Board