

MINUTES
LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

The Lafayette County School Board convened in regular session, Tuesday, February 16, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Ms. Marion McCray, Vice-Chair; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member; Ms. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney; and Sherriff Brian Lamb. Administrators present were Mr. Joey Pearson, Director of Support Services; and Mr. Stewart Hancock, LHS Principal.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Amanda Hickman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Darren Driver gave the invocation and Superintendent Robert Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Ann Murphy, Town Mayor, made a presentation to the board about the "Welcome to Mayo" sign. She discussed the placement of the sign and requested that the sign be put on school property near the city limits. After some discussion, it was agreed upon to revisit this after a suitable location could be determined.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Amanda Hickman noted the following changes to the agenda: (1) Action Item 4.10 Approve budget amendments. (2) Action Item 4.11 Approve Don Baker as a substitute Bus Driver for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year beginning March 1, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Ms. Marion McCray, the agenda was unanimously adopted with the changes as noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 19, 2021 school board meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items today.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.01 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES PERSONNEL ITEMS – Superintendent Edwards recommended approval of the personnel items listed below. Following a motion by Mr. Darren Driver and a second by Ms. Marion McCray, the personnel items were unanimously approved as recommended by Mr. Edwards.

4.01 (1) Resignations – Luis Huerta Dominquez, Paraprofessional at LES effective date February 12, 2021.

4.01 (2) Recommendations – Instructional– Approve Marcus Edwards as a ALT/ISS Teacher for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Recommendations – Non-Instructional– Approve Jessica Edwards as a PE Paraprofessional at Lafayette Elementary School for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Recommendations – Out of Field Teacher – Approve Marcus Edwards, out of field assignment, Alternative Education and ISS.

4.01 (3) Approve Request for Family Medical Leave – Teodora Celedon, LES Teacher – 8 weeks beginning January 18, 2021

4.02 REVISIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES APPROVED FOR ADVERTISING –

Superintendent Edwards went over the revisions to policies 3.06 Safe and Secure Schools; 3.41 Service Animals; 5.19 Student Records; and 6.25 Military Leave. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Ms. Marion McCray to approve the policy revisions for advertising. The vote was unanimous. A public hearing will be held on this matter at the next regular school board meeting.

4.03 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES AUDIT REPORT – Report No. 2021-105, a Financial and Federal Single Audit of Lafayette County District School Board, for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 was presented for the Board's approval. Ms. Marion McCray moved to approve the audit report. Mr. Darren Driver gave the second. Motion carried unanimously. (Audit Report on file at district office)

4.04 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES LEASE/PURCHASE OF BUSES- Mr. Joey Pearson went over the current bus inventory and district needs. On a motion by Ms. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew, the School Board unanimously approved the lease/purchase of three school buses.

4.05 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FUNDRAISER REQUEST – The following fundraiser request was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Ms. Marion McCray: ADK Fundraiser, plant sell on March 27, 2021 at the empty grass lot in front of the high school.

4.06 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM ACTIVE INVENTORY – A

list of items to be removed from active inventory was presented for the School Board's review and approval. It was noted that these items are non-repairable and will be disposed of. Following discussion, Mr. Jeff Walker moved to approve the list of items to be removed from active inventory. Mr. Darren Driver gave the second. The vote for approval was unanimous. (List of items on file in district office)

4.07 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TRIP REQUESTS – On a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and

a second by Mr. Taylor McGrew, the following trip request was unanimously approved:

Senior Class to attend Grad Bash at Universal Studios on April 30 2021 in Orlando, FL.

4.08 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TRAVEL- The School Board unanimously approved on a

motion by Ms. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker, school board member,

Mr. Darren Driver's travel to the Florida School Board Association School Finance Forum.

4.09 EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH LAFAYETTE NURSING AND

REHABILITATION CENTER APPROVED- Superintendent Edwards explained the agreement. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Taylor McGrew and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker. Motion carried unanimously. (Agreement on file in district office)

4.10 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENTS – The following budget

amendment was unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Marion McCray and a second by Mr. Jeff Walker: Contracted Program Fund No. 6.

4.11 SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES PERSONNEL ITEM – Superintendent Edwards

recommended approval of the personnel item listed below. Following a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Ms. Marion McCray, the personnel item was unanimously approved as recommended by Mr. Edwards.

4.11 Approve Don Baker as a substitute Bus Driver for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year beginning March 1, 2021.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.01 Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds

5.02 January 2021 Invoices

5.03 Financial Statement

5.04 Upcoming LHS Events- Mr. Edwards discussed some of the upcoming school district events such as Prom; Kindergarten Graduation; 5th Grade Graduation; and High School Graduation. A discussion was had on how best to handle these events under COVID conditions. Several suggestions were made and discussed such as moving events to an outside location like the football field, or reducing the event size to one class at a time which also reduces the number in attendance. A decision was made to consult with both Principal's at each school and to have them get feedback/suggestions from the Teachers directly involved with these events. The Superintendent would then use this feedback to make decisions about upcoming school sponsored events.

5.05 Spring Ticket Taker, Dance Team Sponsor

5.06 Superintendent Edwards discussed hiring an additional PE paraprofessional for both Lafayette Elementary and Lafayette High School to assist during PE classes. These two positions would be paid for by ESSER money under the CARES Act funding. These positions will be temporary positions as long as funding is available or the district is able to find an alternate funding source and the positions are needed. Having an additional PE Coach at each school will allow for more separation among students and/or groups of students, therefore reducing the contact students have with other students outside of the group they move with throughout the day.

5.07 Mr. Taylor McGrew discussed animals being on campus during events such as during sporting events, and the possible dangers/risks involved. There was discussion about writing a district policy on this matter and placing signs at each school and all sporting event fields that would prohibit animals from being on campus. An exception would be granted for any service animals. The board agreed to discuss this more at a later time.

5.08 Mrs. Amanda Hickman discussed having a workshop concerning athletics at the end of the springs sports season possibly in April.

6. CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input today.

ADJOURNMENT

With business complete, Chairperson Amanda Hickman asked for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Jeff Walker and a second by Mr. Marion McCray.

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