STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Lafayette County School District held on March 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of Central Office , Oxford, Mississippi as advertised. The meeting was duly called to order in open session by Mr. Mike Gooch, President and Member from District 4.

Approved by
Lafayette County School Board
4.3.23
Date

Members present were:
Dr. Jamie Anderson - Member from District 1
Mrs. Kimberly East - Member from District 2
Mrs. Kathy Worley – Secretary and Member from District 5
Dr. Judith Thompson - Member from District 3

Present:
Mr. Jay Foster - Superintendent and Executive Secretary
Mr. Shea Scott – School Board Attorney

Visitors Present:
Ms. Suzanne Ryals – Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Patrick Robinson – Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Bryan White – Director of Finances via Google Meet
Mr. Chad Chism – Federal Programs Director via Google Meet
Mrs. Haley Wilson – Technology/Curriculum Specialist
Mrs. Leslie Covington – Special Services Director
Mrs. Michelle Odom- Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Greg Lewis - Athletic Director
Mrs. Cara Buffington - ERCD Director
Mrs. Renee Whiteaker - Quest Teacher
Mr. Ryan Bain - Community Church Oxford
Mr. Fish Robinson - Community Church Oxford
Mrs. Paula Gibbs - LES Principal
Mr. Thomas Tillman - LUES Principal
Mr. James Everett - LMS Principal
Dr. Glenn Kitchens - LHS Principal
Mrs. Katie Goodwiller - Teacher
Mrs. April Rowland - Teacher
Mrs. Ribbon Shaw - Teacher (NBCT)
Mrs. Tonya Woods - Counselor Secretary
Parents of the year - Whitney Pullen, Sara Nowell, Pam Swain and Vicki Lindsey

The pledge to the flag was given by Cort Hill and Nolan Benedict, second grade students. Invocation was given by Dr. Judith Thompson.

In the matter of agenda:

Mrs. Kathy Worley made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mrs. East seconded the motion. Mr. Mike Gooch made a motion to move two personnel issues in 9.2.1 to executive session. Dr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Dr. Jamie Anderson made a motion to approve the February 2023 Board minutes. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

In the matter of Presentations:

Mr. Patrick Robinson introduced the employee of the month for February, Mrs. Jennifer Wood, LHS Counseling Secretary.

The 2022-2023 Parents of the Year were recognized at this time by district principals.

Mrs. Paula Gibbs recognized Mrs. Ribbon Shaw for her efforts in receiving her National Board Certification.

Parents, teachers, guests and principals left the meeting at this time.

Mrs. Cara Buffington gave an update on the February 2023 ECRD report.

Mrs. Renee Whiteaker presented a powerpoint on the progress of our gifted students. Mrs. Katie Goodwiller presented two second grade students who wrote and published a book. Together they walked us through this process.

Teachers and students left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Fish Robinson presented to the board his appreciation for allowing Community Church Oxford to hold services in our gym and what needs they can help the district with in the future.

In district matters:

Dr. Jamie Anderson made a motion to approve the January 2023 Financial Statements. Mrs. Kimberly East seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). (See Exhibit #1)

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the following March 2023 claim docket. District Claims #83608-#83866 and OLSAT Claims #512389-#512400. Dr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). (Exhibit #2)

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the March Fixed Asset deletions and the OLSAT Deletions. Dr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). (See Exhibit #3)

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to approve the MOU between LCSD and MS Community College Board for funds to assist in paying costs of projects. Mrs. Kimberly East seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). (Exhibit #4)

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve a new bank account for the purpose of deposit for funds allotted by the state to assist in paying costs associated with local projects. Dr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). (Exhibit #5)

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the Financial Audit Proposal. Dr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). (Exhibit #6)

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to approve the Financial Audit Contract with St. Clair CPA, LLC. Dr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). (Exhibit #7)

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to approve the request for use of facilities from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Dr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to approve the SPED Personnel Request for 2023-2024. Mr. Mike Gooch seconded the motion. Mrs. Leslie Covington gave an overview of the need for these positions. After a brief discussion, Dr. Jamie Anderson made a motion to table the 5 Teacher units pending further information and discussion and approve the hearing impaired unit. Mrs. Kimberly East seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the addition of two PreK classrooms for the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Dr. Jamie Anderson made a motion to approve the Bus motor repair memo. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). (Exhibit #8)

In consent agenda:

Dr. Jamie Anderson made the motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

District:
Holidays 2023-2024 (Exhibit #9)
LMS ATSI Board Report March 2023
LHS ATSI Board Report March 2023
Return to School Plan Review
Equipment Donation (See Exhibit #10)

Personnel-Recommendations:
Mariah Buford-Asst. Track Coach
Patricia Camp-Full Time Bus Driver, Grade 3 Step 20
Christy Glass-LES TA effective 2-16-23
Bobby Morgan-Bus Shop Mechanic
Anthony Hart-Head Football Coach
Eric Robertson-LHS Principal

Personnel Resignation/Retirement:
Resignation - Lindsey James, PreK TA eff 2-3-23
Resignation - Meredith Coots, LES PreK 3 Teacher eff. 5-25-23
Resignation - Jeffrey Bell, JROTC Teacher eff. 3-4-23 (Amended end Date)
Resignation - Melissa Allen, LES TA eff 2-3-23
Resignation - Emily Hill, LES Teacher eff. 5-31-23
Resignation - Swayze Elliott, LMS Teacher eff. 6-30-23
Resignation- Mary Rayburn, LMS Teacher eff. 5-27-23
Resignation - Kayla Brown, LUES Teacher eff. 5-25-23
Retirement - William Josh Reagan, LUES Teacher eff. 5-25-23
Retirement - Dina Andrews, LUES Counselor, eff. 6-30-23

Student Transfer/Release:
Request to Attend LCSD - Charlotte Wilson - South Panola

Transportation Matters:
LES Student Field Trips
LUES Student Field Trips
LMS Student Field Trips
LHS Student Field Trips

Mrs. Kimberly East seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Information Matters:
Mr. Bryan White reviewed the current status of the 3 Mill Note.

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to close the meeting to consider an executive session to discuss Personnel issues. Dr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters including employment of specific individuals. Mrs. Kimberly East seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

Mr. Gooch announced that the Board was entering into a closed session to discuss personnel matters including employment of specific individuals.

Mrs. Kathy Worley made a motion to approve the employment of Anthony Hart as the high school football coach and Eric Robertson as the high school principal. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to Exit the Executive Session. Dr Judith Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mr. Mike Gooch announced to the public that the board had exited the executive session.

In closing:

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). The meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Superintendent

ATTEST: Kathy Woodley
Secretary