

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Lafayette County School District held on January 9, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the District Office in Oxford, Mississippi as advertised. The meeting was duly called to order in open session by Mr. Mike Gooch, President and member from district 4.

Members present were:

Dr. Jamie Anderson - Member from District 1
Mrs. Kimberly East - Member from District 2
Dr. Judith Thompson - Member from District 3
Mr. Mike Gooch - President and Member from District 4
Mrs. Kathy Worley - Secretary and Member from District 5

Present were:

Mr. Jay Foster - Superintendent
Mr. Shea Scott - Board Attorney

Visitors Present:

Mr. Patrick Robinson - Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Suzanne Ryals - Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Greg Lewis - Athletic Director
Mr. Chad Chism - Federal Programs Director
Mrs. Haley Wilson - Curriculum-Technology Specialist
Mr. Bryan White - Director of Finances
Mrs. Michelle Odom - Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Clerk
Mr. Jonathan Grantham - SRO
Major Harvey Rice - LHS ROTC Instructor
Mrs. Melalicia Caldwell - LUES Teacher

The pledge of allegiance was given by LHS Student, Cody Quarles. Cody was also recognized for being accepted into Flight Academy.

In the matter of agenda:

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mrs. Kathy Worley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). Mrs. Kathy Worley nominated Mr. Mike Gooch for the 2024 Board President. A vote was taken and passed 3-2 with Mrs. Judith Thompson, Mrs. Kathy Worley and Mr. Mike Gooch voting yay and Dr. Jamie Anderson and Mrs. Kimberly East voting nay. Mrs. Kimberly East

nominated Dr. Jamie Anderson for the position of Secretary. A vote was taken and passed 5-0.

In the matter of Minutes:

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the board minutes from December 5, 2023 and December 11, 2023. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

In the matter of Presentations:

Mr. Patrick Robinson recognized Mrs. Melalicia Caldwell as our Employee of the Month for December 2023.

In the matter of Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

In District matters:

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar. Mrs. Kathy Worley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve policy revision updates. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to approve the revision for Policy BBAA, Method of Election of Board Officers. Mrs. Kathy Worley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve an MDE grant to fund educator in residence position. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mrs. Kathy Worley made a motion to approve a new SPED Teacher Assistant position. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

In Fiscal matters:

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the monthly financial statements for November 2023. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). Exhibit #1

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to approve the December District Claim Docket #86237- #86587 and December OLSAT Claim Docket #512529-#512544. Mrs. Kimberly East seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). Exhibit #2

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve Fixed Asset Deletions for January 2024. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). Exhibit #3

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to approve the stolen property affidavit. Mrs. Kathy Worley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). Exhibit #4

In Personnel matters:

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the following personnel resignations:

Mrs. Emily East, LES Teacher Assistant effective 1-12-2024

Mr. Will Wolfe, Teacher LHS effective 1-9-2024

Mr. Dillon Helm, Teacher LMS effective 6-30-2024

Mr. Olten Kent, Teacher OLSAT effective 1-4-2024

Ms Lindsey King, Custodian LUES effective 12-4-2023

Ms Sherreda Hilliard, Cafeteria effective 1-4-2024

Mrs. Kathy Worley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to approve the following personnel recommendations:

Cassandra Veasey, LUES SPED Teacher Asst. Grade 1 Step 1 effective 1-10-2024

Pamela Reno, LES Special Needs Asst, Grade 1 Step 0 replacing Gabrielle Smith

Rusty Pinion, Maintenance

Tracie Riddle, LCSD Resource Coordinator, Grade AA Step 16

Anna Bruno, Computer Science Teacher, Grade A Step 0 to replace Tracie Riddle

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Mrs. Kathy Worley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The LCSD Superintendent Evaluation 2024 was reviewed.

In Student matters:

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to approve the student transfer request from the Water Valley School District. Mrs. Kathy Worley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

In Transportation matters:

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the following field trips:

LHS students to Rowan Oak, Veterans Home, Gulfport MS

LMS students to Oxford Health and Rehab

Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

In Information matters:

School recognition by MDE for A rating.

A date for the February Work Session was discussed

ATSI reports were reviewed as well as an update to discipline procedures for vaping offenses.

Mr. Mike Gooch made a motion to enter Closed Session to consider an Executive Session.

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

Mrs. Kathy Worley made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

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

Mr. Mike Gooch announced to the public that the board was entering Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

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

Mr. Mike Gooch announced to the public that the board was exiting the Executive Session and returning to open session.

Mr. Mike Gooch made a motion to enter Closed Session to consider an Executive Session.

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

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, including the superintendent's evaluation. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mr. Mike Gooch announced to the public that the board was entering into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

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Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to exit the Executive Session. Mrs. Kathy Worley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

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In closing:

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The meeting was adjourned.


Chairman


Superintendent

ATTEST: _____
Secretary