

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

Minutes of a Special Called Meeting of the Board of Education of the Lafayette County School District held on August 1, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. in the Central Office, Oxford, Mississippi as advertised. The meeting was duly called to order in open session by Mr. Mike Gooch, 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. Chad Chism - Director of Federal Programs
Mr. Bryan White - Director of Finances
Mrs. Haley Wilson - Curriculum-Technology Specialist
Mrs. Michelle Odom- Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Mrs. Leslie Covington - Director of Special Services
Mr. Greg Lewis - Director of Athletics
Mr. Grant Crockett - Director of The TECH
Mr. Andy Paul - Maintenance
Officer Michael Beville - SRO
Officer Rowland Carothers - SRO

Approved by
Lafayette County School Board

9-5-2023

Date

In the matter of agenda:

Mrs. Kathy Worley made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to amend the agenda by moving the first attachment of 7.14 to 7.14A. Dr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the Board Minutes from July 13, 2023 and July 22, 2023. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

In the matter of Presentations:

Maintenance gave an update of the current status of all summer projects. A slide show was presented to show the work that has been completed.

Officers Bevill and Carothers updated on the safety procedures that are in place.

Mr. Chad Chism reviewed the project plans and progress being made. Dr. Jamie Anderson was in favor of moving forward with additional roof repairs found over the summer pending receipt of a quote not to exceed seventy thousand dollars. Mrs. Kimberly East seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

In the matter of Public Comments:

There were no public comments

In Fiscal matters:

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

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to approve the FY2024 Ad Valorem Tax Levy Resolution. Mrs. Kimberly East seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). Exhibit #2

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the August District Claim Docket numbers 84961-85134 and OLSAT numbers 512449-512456. Mrs. Kathy Worley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). Exhibit #3

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the fixed asset deletions from The TECH. Dr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0). Exhibit #4

Mr. Paul, Officer Bevill and Officer Carothers left the meeting at this time.

In District matters:

Dr. Jamie Anderson made a motion to approve the contractual agreement with Wood Security for the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to approve the contractual agreement with LPEC for Special Services for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Kathy Worley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the agreement for Professional Development with Kids First for the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Dr. Jamie Anderson made a motion to approve the request to use facilities. Mrs. Kathy Worley seconded the motion. After a brief discussion Dr. Jamie Anderson made a motion to table the request pending further information. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed (4-1) with Mrs. Kimberly East voting nay.

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the supplemental salary request for additional work performed by the LHS counseling secretary post resignation. Mrs. Kathy Worley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to approve the following Personnel Resignation/Retirement:

Kendall Cos, LES TA effective 7-20-23

Tony Wortham, Full time Bus Driver effective 7-13-23

Shelly Martin, LES Pre-K TA, effective 7-27-23

Keunte Hill, LUES Custodian, effective 8-4-23

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

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the following Personnel recommendations:

Hattie Hadorn, LMS Custodian effective 7-31-23, Grade 1 Step 8

Jasmine Vaughn, LUES TA, effective 7-27-23, Grade 1 Step 1

Anna Bruno, LUES TA effective 7-27-23, new position

Tony Wortham, Substitute Bus Driver, effective 8-2-23

Tacy Craine, Full time Bus Driver effective 8-2-23, Grade 4 Step 19

Trey Henry, Full time Bus Driver effective 8-2-23, Grade 3 Step 2

Additional Coaches Supplements 2023-2024 Due to a typographical error in the amount awarded, Dr. Jamie Anderson made a motion to amend the amount received by J. Lindsay. Mrs. Kimberly East seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Easton Hall, LHS SPED TEacher replacing Crystal Riehle
Amy Mooney, Central Office Receptionist, Grade 4 Step 5, replacing Joy Hankins Beard
Laticia James, Benefits Specialist Compensation Increase, Grade 4 Step 20
James Smith, Substitute Custodian
Sabirna Jackson, Substitute Custodian
Hollie Odum, Athletic Secretary, supplemental pay, replacing Joy Hankins Beard.
Mrs. Kathy Worley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Dr. Judith Thompson made a motion to approve the following additions to Personnel Recommendations:

Cathy Reese, LES Library Assistant, Grade 1 Step 1
Tracy Young, LES TA, Grade 1 Step 7, replacing Shelly Martin
Haley Lajaunie, LES TA, Grade 1 Step 1, replacing Shelby Brown
Mrs. Kimberly East seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The request for a student transfer to Oxford School District died due to lack of motion.

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the student release requests to attend Lafayette County School District and employee student transfer requests for the 2023-2024 school year . Dr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to approve the student transfer request to attend Lafayette County School District for the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion. After a brief discussion the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mrs. Kathy Worley made a motion to approve the following transportation matter:
LUES 3rd grade to Bull Bottom Farms 10-20-23

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

In Information matters:

Mr. Greg Lewis submitted information from DATS, LLC regarding Drug and Alcohol Testing. He gave an overview of how it has been implemented in the past and what changes we need to make to accommodate the rise in student numbers. Procedure suggestions were made and will be reviewed.

The September meeting was set for Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.
2023-2024.

Mr. Foster reviewed and discussed the out of district student procedures in an effort to assure that every student is considered.

Mr. Chism informed the board of the changes on the policies to be reviewed for August.

Mr. Grant Crockett gave an update on the progress at The TECH. Many improvements are being made to the structure of the building. He also updated the status of all classes. Mr. Mike Gooch requested that we consider forming a committee of 12-15 members for the purpose of future happenings at The TECH. A request was made to hold a board meeting at the TECH.

Haley Wilson left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Mike Gooch made a motion to enter a closed session to consider an executive session. Mrs. Kimberly East seconded the motion and the motion passed (5-0).

Mrs. Kimberly East made a motion to enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an individual student and parent issue and to discuss the prospective purchase, sale, or leasing of lands. Dr. Judith Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

Mr. Gooch announced to the public that the Board was entering into an executive session to discuss an individual student and parent issue and to discuss the prospective purchase, sale, or leasing of lands.

No actions were taken in the executive session following discussion.

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

Mr. Mike Gooch announced to the public that the board was exiting the Executive Session.

In closing:

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

No.

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The meeting was adjourned.



Chairman



Superintendent

ATTEST: 
Secretary