

MINUTES
LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL SESSION, DECEMBER 7, 2016

The Lafayette County School Board convened in special session on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Amanda Hickman, Chairperson; Mrs. Marion McCray, Vice Chair; Mr. Darren Driver, Member; Mr. Jeff Walker, Member; and Mr. Taylor McGrew, Member. Ms. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson, School Board Attorney, was not present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Amanda Hickman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Superintendent Edwards welcomed members of the SACS CASI (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement) AdvancED Systems Accreditation External Review Team. Team Members introduced themselves: Ms. Kathy Sergeant, Lead Evaluator; Mr. Charles Dailey, Associate Lead Evaluator; and Team Members, Mr. Jeff Garthwaite, Ms. Martha Cieplinski, and Dr. Charlotte Draper. Ms. Sergeant stated that they have had an enjoyable experience visiting with the superintendent, school board, school administrators, school staff, students, and community members during the past three days.


PRESENTATION


At this time, the AdvancED Lead Evaluator, Ms. Kathy Sergeant, presented the Oral Exit Report for District Accreditation via a power point presentation. Following the presentation, Ms. Sergeant stated that the AdvancED Systems Accreditation External Review Team will recommend to the SACS CASI Board of Directors that Lafayette District Schools maintain district accreditation as a quality school system. Once approved, the district and all its schools are thereby accredited. An official written report will be drafted and sent to Superintendent Edwards within four to six weeks.

The Superintendent, School Board, and school administrators expressed their appreciation to the SACS AdvancED Systems Accreditation External Review Team for their professionalism and long hours of hard work during the past three days. The school district will continue to monitor accreditation requirements for the school system and will initiate steps to address the recommendations in the report.

ADJOURN

Following the SACS District Accreditation Oral Exit Report, Mrs. Amanda Hickman declared the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.


Amanda Hickman, Chairperson

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