

September 14, 2026

1) Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lafayette School Corporation was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Julie Peretin. Those present were invited to stand and join the Board in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

2) Roll Call

On call of the roll board members present were Ebony Barrett, Dr. Margaret Hass, Dr. Robert Stwalley, Steve Bultinck, Julie Peretin and Oscar Trujillo. Absent was Brent Clemenz. Also present was Counsel Bob Laszynski.

3) Public Participation on Agenda Items

No one from the public addressed the Board.

4) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 4, 2026 Executive Session, the August 10, 2026, Regular Meeting, the August 10, 2026, Executive Session, the August 24, 2026, Special Board Meeting and the August 24, 2026, Work Session were presented for approval.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bultinck, to approve the minutes as presented. There were no additions or corrections to these minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barrett, Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin, Trujillo.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

5.) Staff & Student Recognition

Presented by Dr. Alicia Clevenger, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Earhart Elementary

Ziegler Subaru of Lafayette has paired with Earhart and Adopt a Classroom to donate \$10,000 that goes directly towards supplies that the teacher can purchase for their classroom. They also hosted a school supply drive and donated backpacks, lunchboxes, and school supplies for their families in need.

Edgelea Elementary

Principal Greg Louk recognized one of their Edgelea students, Oliver Workman, for an extraordinary achievement in mathematics.

During his third-grade year, Oliver was nominated for the National Math Stars program, a nationwide initiative designed to identify and support students with exceptional mathematical talent. Nominations were limited to students performing in the top two percent statewide.

Over the summer, Oliver completed rigorous, multi-stage selection process that included advanced problem-solving assessments, spatial reasoning evaluations, and family interviews. Of nearly 8,700 students who applied nationwide, around 500 were ultimately selected.

Edgelea was thrilled to announce that Oliver successfully completed the process and have official been named a National Math Star.

Miami Elementary

All of Miami Kindergarteners completed PLTW module Structure and Function: Exploring Design with great success. The students had a great time applying the design process to build a house that could withstand the “huff and puff” of the big bad wolf (small leaf blower).

Miller Elementary

Principal Erin Phillips wanted to recognize Ms. Patty CasaSanta. During 2nd grade lunch, Ms. Patty noticed a student who was chewing on his water bottle. The cap lodged in his throat and began choking. She rushed in and began the Heimlich maneuver and dislodged the cap. Miller and the family are thankful for Ms. Patty.

Murdock Elementary

43% of Murdock students stay after school every day at FOCUS. During FOCUS, students can be paired with Big Brothers and Big Sisters, work on skills with Read to Succeed volunteers, among many other opportunities.

Oakland Elementary

Oakland held its first Back to School Bash for students and families on August 20th. Over half of their families participated in this event, which provided a safe space for fellowship while offering food, games, activities, community resources, and opportunities to meet Ace, the Aviator’s mascot, and one of LPD’s K9s. It was a wonderful evening of connection and community, and a great way to kick off the school year together.

Vinton Elementary

Anshi Shastry’s Essential Skills classroom is starting a coffee business! They are taking online orders from the staff, then using that visual to organize orders and ingredients. They will deliver the coffee and tea to staff at the end of the week. Proceeds will help fund their weekly community outings.

Vinton 3rd grade classrooms are once again receiving weekly CATCH lessons from Tammy Martin- one of their favorite partners from Purdue Extension Tippecanoe County. CATCH curriculum focuses on physical activity, nutrition and healthy snacks. The kids love trying new fruits and vegetables each week. This program lasts for 6-weeks.

Sunnyside Intermediate

During eLearning on September 9, all 5th and 6th grade math teachers participated in a full day of professional development custom built for Sunnyside by Jessica Miller of Keep Indiana Learning. Teachers examined the Indiana Mathematics Frameworks and proficiency-level progressions while exploring strategies, models, and representations that help students develop a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts. Throughout the day, teachers applied this learning to upcoming standards and considered how it can guide instructional decisions, reveal

student thinking, and provide appropriate support or extension based on each student's level of understanding.

**Presented by Dr. Kathryn Reckard, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Tecumseh Junior High School
Oakland Academy**

From Oakland Academy, Mrs. Parthun is excited to share those students in the new Career Explorations Work-Based Learning class are volunteering at the Food Finders Fresh Market during one class period. Students gain valuable employability skills through hands-on tasks such as sorting food, stocking shelves, and packaging produce. This partnership provides Food Finders with dedicated volunteers while giving students meaningful real-world work experience.

Jeff High School

Mark Myers and a group of choir students highlighted the outreach they do within the Lafayette community.

Lafayette Virtual Academy

From Lafayette Virtual Academy, Mrs. Payton is happy to report that we have 120 students enrolled in our first year as a new school. Our goal was to have 100 students so we have exceeded that goal! Mrs. Payton reports that some of the students are new to LSC from other districts.

Tecumseh Junior High School

Assistant Principal – Tanya Koeppen introduced special education teacher Ms. Breanna Ellington and recognized her for her outstanding work.

6) Recommendations

A.) Approval of 2027-2023 Superintendent's Contract

The Lafayette School Corporation's Board of Trustees recommended the appointment of Dr. Kathryn Reckard as the next Superintendent of the Lafayette School Corporation and recommended approval of her contract for the 2027–2030 term, as presented.

Mr. Bultinck made the motion, seconded by Dr. Stwalley, the approval of the 2027-2030 Superintendent's Contract as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barrett, Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin.

Abstain: Trujillo.

Nays: None.

The motion carried

B) Public Hearing of the Lafayette Education Association and the Lafayette School Corporation Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Administration opened the public hearing in regards to negotiations with LEA at 7:30 pm. After no public comments were made the hearing was closed at 7:32 pm.

C) Public Hearing on the Proposed 2027, Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan

The Administration presented the overall budget and appropriate plan documents to the Board at the work session on August 24, 2026. At that meeting, it was explained that the budget and plan document public hearing would be advertised. Legal ads were posted on our website and that of the Gateway system accordingly. It would, therefore, be appropriate for the Board President to open and close the three different hearings to this effect as follows:

- 1.) President Julie Peretin opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2027, Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and the Bus Replacement Plan as advertised at 7:30pm. After no public comment-closed hearing at 7:32pm

D.) TJHS Field Trip Request

The administration recommended approval of the Tecumseh Junior High School eighth-grade field trip to Washington, D.C., scheduled for May 23–25, 2027, to provide students with an educational tour focused on American government and history.

Mx. Barrett made the motion, seconded by Dr. Hass, to approve the TJHS Field Trip Request as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barrett, Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin, Trujillo.

Nays: None.

The motion carried

E.) 2027-2028 LSC Traditional School Calendar

The administration recommended approval of the 2027-2028 LSC Traditional School Calendar as presented.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Trujillo, to approve the 2027-2028 LSC Traditional School Calendar as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barrett, Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin, Trujillo.

Nays: None.

The motion carried

7) Employee Recommendations

The Administration recommended approval of the following employee requests:

Resignation

Claudia Corez, Recess and Cafeteria Supervisor, Miami, effective July 10, 2026

Timothy Green, Custodian, JHS, effective August 17, 2026

Amanda Heninger, COTA, Itinerant, effective August 5, 2026

Jeffrey Hickman, Behavior Facilitator, GLASS, August 1, 2026

Angela Hunter, Custodian, Glen Acres, effective August 17, 2026

Luz Miranda Salazar, Custodian, Hiatt, effective July 31, 2026

Tammy Payne, Custodian, TJHS, effective July 21, 2026

Jenny Rooze, Title I, GLASS, effective May 15, 2026

Tyler Vaughn, Computer Technician, Technology, effective September 20, 2026

Jill Weaver-Beams, Transportation Dispatcher, Transportation, effective September 4, 2026

Megan Wien, Paraprofessional, Linnwood, effective July 20, 2026

Termination

Cheryl Minneker, Alternative, Durgan, effective August 11, 2026

Chris Moser, Music Asst, JHS, effective September 11, 2026

Retirement

Brinda Goans, Grounds, Facilities, effective August 13, 2026

Les Huddle, Superintendent, Lafayette School Corporation, effective June 30, 2027

John Satterfield, Teacher, JHS, effective August 1, 2027

Employment

Erick Alvarado-Cuevas, Boys Soccer Coach, TJHS (new)

Cassandra Banderas, Bus Driver, Transportation (new)

Nancilee Bunn, Nurse, All Buildings (new)

Bailey Burns, Paraprofessional, Murdock (replacement)

Marsha Burt, Bus Aide, Transportation (new)

Brittany Carroll, Cafe Supervisor, Earhart (replacement)

Anthony Charlesworth, Custodian, Linnwood (replacement)

Keri Clark, Paraprofessional, Durgan (replacement)

Juvenus Coleman, Recess Supervision, Glen Acres (new)

Samuel Collins III, Student Success Coordinator, TJHS (replacement)

Paityn Drake, Assistant Cheer Coach, JHS (replacement)

Kirsten Foster, Gate Guard, Transportation (replacement)

Trisha Fultz, Bus Aide, Transportation (new)

Cynthia Garvey, Paraprofessional, Miami (replacement)

Roy Goodman, Recess Supervision, Glen Acres (replacement)

Elaina Gorringer, Girls Volleyball Coach, TJHS (new)

Cyndy Graves, Office Admin Assistant, TJHS (replacement)

Frank Hatke, Lunch Supervision, Glen Acres (replacement)

Regina Hatke, Lunch Supervision, Glen Acres (replacement)

Tre'Shon Heard, ISS Assistant, JHS (replacement)

Latonya Jackson, Bus Attendant, Transportation (new)

Danielle Jensinger, Nurse, Sunnyside & TJHS (new)

Maria Jimenez, Recess Supervision, Glen Acres (replacement)

Rozena Johnson, Title 1 Aide, Miller (new)

Otto "Fred" Koning, Head Boys Golf Coach, JHS (replacement)

John Krell, FOCUS Program Tutor, Murdock (new)

Theresa Laskos, Lunch Supervision, Glen Acres (replacement)

Cheyenne Lowrance, Paraprofessional, Edgelea (replacement)

Patrice Matthews, Cafeteria Supervisor, Glen Acres (replacement)

Aleq Michael, Custodian, JHS (replacement)

Elizabeth Nesius, Paraprofessional, Linnwood (replacement)

Dana Richardson, Technician, Technology (change in wages/salary/title)

Lisana Robles, Interventionist, St. Boniface (new)

Keirsten Russell, Lunch/Recess Supervisor, Miami (replacement)
Josiah Shafer, Boys Tennis Coach, TJHS (new)
Mary Shultz, Paraprofessional, Earhart (replacement)
Richard Stevens, Assistant Football Coach, JHS (replacement)
Robert Stwalley IV, Custodian, TJHS (replacement)
Ashley Swing, Lunchroom Supervisor, SIS (replacement)
Ashley Swing, Bus Aide, Transportation (new)
Iesha Updshaw, Paraprofessional, Earhart (replacement)
Melissa Valencia, Paraprofessional, Edgelea (replacement)
Justyce Velten, Recess Supervisor, Earhart (replacement)
Kevin Vi, Cafe/Recess Supervisor, Edgelea (replacement)
Myra Villalva, Lunch Supervisor, SIS (replacement)
Sarah Warford, Cafe/Recess Supervisor, Miami (replacement)
Maricela Wilson, Paraprofessional, Earhart (replacement)

Conflict of Interest

Frank Hatke, Cafe Supervisor, Spouse of Regina Hatke, Cafe Supervisor, Glen Acres Elementary
Regina Hatke, Cafe Supervisor, Parent of Megan Hatke, Principal, Glen Acres Elementary
Frank Hatke, Cafe Supervisor, Parent of Megan Hatke, Principal, Glen Acres Elementary
Kathrine Myers, Cafe Supervisor, Spouse of Richard Myers, Cafe Supervisor, Glen Acres Elementary
Robert Stwalley IV, Custodian, TJHS, Child of Dr. Robert Stwalley III, School Board Member

Mr. Bultinck made the motion to approve the employee recommendation as presented, seconded by Mx. Barrett.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barrett, Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin, Trujillo.

Nays: None

The motion carried.

8) Acceptance of Gifts

The following donations were received during the month of August 2026: Jefferson HS Extra-Curricular programs received monetary donations totaling: 1,000.00. A summary of clubs receiving the funds and complete list of donors.

Summary of Jeff HS donations:

It's My Closet-	\$500.00	Carlynn Smith
Special Education-	\$500.00	Carlynn Smith

Mr. Bultinck made the motion, seconded by Mx. Barrett, to approve acceptance of gifts presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barrett, Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin, Trujillo.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

9) Treasurer

A) The Financial Reports will be filed for audit.

B) The Administration recommended approval of the vendor claims and ratification of payrolls.

Dr. Stwalley and Mr. Cloum received and reviewed all dockets prior to the Regular Board Meeting.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Trujillo, to approve vendor claims and ratify payrolls.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barrett, Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin, Trujillo.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

10) Information Only

Mr. Huddle informed the Board that the corporation is continuing to monitor potential funding cuts and other changes being considered through legislation. He also reminded the Board that the November 9, 2026 Board meeting will need to be rescheduled due to the ISBA Region IV meeting being held that evening. The meeting will be moved to either November 10 or November 16, 2026, with the final date to be determined.

11) Board Reports

Dr. Stwalley provided an update from the quarterly ISBA meeting. The Superintendent of Public Education indicated that the legislative plans for public education remain uncertain; however, school corporations should anticipate additional cuts to public education.

Mr. Clemenz and Dr. Hass attended the CRV meeting at Earhart Elementary School. They appreciated the opportunity to hear directly from staff regarding the school's strengths, positive aspects, and areas identified for improvement.

12) Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

No one from the public addressed the board.

13) Adjournment

There being no further business to present, Board President Peretin called for a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made by Dr. Stwalley, seconded by Mx. Barrett and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Julie Peretin, President

Ebony Barrett, Secretary