October 12, 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 Brent Clemenz. Absent was Oscar Trujillo. 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 September 14, 2026, Regular Meeting, the September 28, 2026, Work Session, and the October 10, 2026, Executive 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, Clemenz.
Nays: None.
The motion carried.

5) Staff & Student Recognition

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

Earhart Elementary

Tree Lafayette came to do a presentation with Earhart's 3rd grade classes and planted two new trees in front of their building. This summer they were recognized as a National Tree Campus due to their partnership with Tree Lafayette.

Edgelea Elementary

As Edgelea has celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month, their 4th grade Multilanguage Students have been creating short videos to use on the morning announcements that share important parts of Hispanic culture. They were excited to let others know about their culture and the project also helped them continue to develop their speaking skills.

Miami Elementary

Miami 4th graders experienced modern manufacturing with hands-on activities from Lafayette's local industry during manufacturing week.

Miller Elementary

Miller is excited to announce their new Student Safety Patrol! Each month, they will have 4-5 new 4th graders serve the role. Their student patrol members are helping keep their school safe by

checking that hallways are free of spills, water fountains are working, fire extinguishers have a clear path and exit doors are secure.

Murdock Elementary

PSFTC started a new grant this fall called the Student Club Spark Grant, which provides funding to support student clubs in schools. Murdock is excited to share that three Murdock teachers received this grant! Kasie Slater will lead a Baseball Club/Sport this year. Her grant will help purchase equipment and gear so students can learn more about the sport and participate in hands-on activities. Lora Merkel, sponsor of their Language Club, received funding to purchase food items from different countries. Students will have the opportunity to learn about other cultures while tasting foods from the around the world. Kimmy Wright also received the grants and will be starting Murdock Mini Chefs. This club will help students learn how to make healthier food choices and prepare simple foods at home using a microwave or toaster oven. Murdock is excited to see these new opportunities come to life.

Oakland Elementary

Mr. Perry recently attended a two-day conference put on by the Indiana Office of School Safety. Oakland Elementary has already begun strengthening school security measures and refining existing procedures to enhance the safety of students and staff, such as arrival and dismissal routines, with continued efforts to identify opportunities to improve daily operations and emergency preparedness.

Vinton Elementary

Vinton Extra-Curricular events are in full swing! 3rd-4th Grade Boys Basketball, 3ed-4th Grade Choir and Purdue College Mentors have all started. In November they will start 4th Grade Girls Basketball. Their kids love participating in these after-school opportunities. They are blessed with staff and Purdue friends, who make this possible.

Sunnyside Intermediate School

Kaleigh Hesher and Eliza Talamantes, Multilingual Learner (ML) teachers at Lafayette Sunnyside, shared their students' projects on WLFI!

This past May, Sunnyside's fifth-grade multilingual learner students created an e-book highlighting rare animal species found in Indiana. Their goal was to raise awareness about these species, educate others about the importance of protecting them, and share ways people can help preserve Indiana's wildlife.

Their hard work and creativity have now received statewide recognition, as their projects were recently published by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Division of Fish & Wildlife!

Congratulations to Kaleigh, Eliza, and all of the fifth-grade students on this wonderful accomplishment! What a great way to showcase student learning while making a positive impact on our community!

Presented by Dr. Kathryn Reckard, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Tecumseh Junior High School

This evening, Tecumseh Junior High was proud to recognize four students from Ms. Jen Carmichael's class for their hard work and creativity in writing!

Joining us this evening were Principal Mr. Leffert, teacher Jen Carmichael, and students Aaliyah Stovall, Emmett Bisciglia, Aubriella Synesael, and Sebastian Washington. The students had the opportunity to share excerpts from the stories they have been working on in class.

We are proud of these young authors and excited to celebrate their creativity, imagination, and accomplishments!

Greater Lafayette Career Academy

The GLCA would like to recognize Jeff High School senior, Isaiah Correa. He is here this evening with his Auto 1 instructor Hayley Tragesser.

Isaiah was recognized with a LEVEL UP Award for demonstrating Responsibility, Initiative, and Teamwork! During the Go Kart Build, Isaiah stays after class almost every day to help clean and organize the Manufacturing Lab. Before leaving, he always checks to see if there is anything else that needs to be done—a great example of taking initiative and ownership without having to be asked. Isaiah brings that same work ethic to the classroom. He has been completing his bookwork a full week ahead of schedule, puts forth consistent effort in both the classroom and lab, and is always willing to lend a hand to his classmates. Isaiah understands that being Career Ready is about more than completing the task in front of you. It's about helping your team, taking responsibility, and seeing what needs to be done. Keep taking care of business and LEVELING UP, Isaiah!

Oakland Academy

Oakland Academy would like to honor two seniors this evening, Oliver Cope and Kaelyn Kirk.

Ms. Summers, Oakland English teacher states, "Oliver has really taken advantage of all the things we offer here at Oakland. He uses his time wisely, uses resources appropriately, and is always such a positive influence in the classroom. He always has some amazing inputs to our discussions and goes above my expectations when completing his assignments. He is so determined to graduate this year, and I think we could all learn something from his perseverance." Congratulations, Oliver!

Ms. Larkey, Oakland Math teacher states, "Kaelyn Kirk is putting in a lot of great strides towards graduating early and working with teachers on how to do so. She is not only striving to finish on a timeline, but her math skills have grown so much in the last 4 years I have gotten to work with Kaelyn. She has put so much time and effort into understanding what she is doing and it really shows in her work." Congratulations, Kaelyn!

Jefferson High School

From Jeff High School we had Mr. Brian Bettag, Ms. Jill Rubacha, and students involved in

the outstanding robotics program here to give the board an update on what they have been up to since their last visit to one of the board meetings.

6) **Recommendations**

A.) Special Education MOU

The administration recommended approval of the two Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) between Lafayette School Corporation and West Lafayette School Corporation pertaining to special education services, as presented.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion, seconded by Mx. Barrett, for the approval of the MOUs between the Lafayette School Corporation and West Lafayette School Corporation as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barrett, Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin, Clemenz.
Nays: None.
The motion carried

B) Bauer MOU

The administration recommended approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Bauer Family Resources and the Lafayette School Corporation regarding the establishment and coordination of services for eligible preschool children ages 3–5.

Mr. Clemenz made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bultinck, for the approval of the MOU between the Lafayette School Corporation and Bauer Family Resources as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barrett, Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin, Clemenz.
Nays: None.
The motion carried

C) 21st Century CCLC-Bauer

The administration recommended approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Lafayette School Corporation and Bauer Family Resources pertaining to the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Cohort 13, as presented.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bultinck, for the approval of the MOU between the Lafayette School Corporation and Bauer Family Resources regarding the 21st Century CCLC as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barrett, Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin, Clemenz.
Nays: None.
The motion carried

D.) Vinton 4 Day- Week 2027-2028 Calendar

The administration recommended approval of the Vinton Elementary 4-Day Week Calendar as presented. If the State does not approve Vinton Elementary's request to continue the 4-day school week, the school will follow the traditional Lafayette School Corporation calendar.

Mr. Bultinck made the motion, seconded by Mr. Clemenz, to approve the 2027-2028 Vinton Elementary 4-Day Week Calendar as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barrett, Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin, Clemenz.
Nays: None.
The motion carried

E.) 1st reading of Board Policies-L4420 Law Enforcement Agency Relations, I609 Acceptable Use, J310 Attendance and Truancy & G4360 Reporting Threats, Intimidation, Battery, and Harassment

The following board policies were presented for their first reading:

- L4420 – Law Enforcement Agency Relations
- I609 – Acceptable Use
- J310 – Attendance and Truancy
- G4360 – Reporting Threats, Intimidation, Battery, and Harassment

No action was required by the Board, as this was the first reading of the policies.

F.) **Approval of the Proposed 2027 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan**

The attached package included all documents necessary for the Board to adopt the budgets for the various funds present in September, as well as the plan documents for the capital Projects Fund and Bus Replacement Fund. The Board received a budget booklet at a work session in August, and held a public hearing on the budgets and plan documents in September. At this meeting, the administration will recommend approval of State Form 4, and the various resolutions necessary for plan approval, as well as the P.L. 191 budget goals, the resolution to issue tax anticipation warrants, and the resolution for the 2027 budget hearing. This action should conclude the matters needed from the Board for the 2027 budget process.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Clemenz, for the approval of the Proposed 2027 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan
Roll Call: Ayes: Barrett, Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin, Clemenz.
Nays: None.
The motion carried

7) Employee Recommendations
The Administration recommended approval of the following employee requests:
Resignation
Cassandra Banderas, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective September 13, 2026
Tiera Barrett, Girls Volleyball Coach, TJHS, effective August 1, 2026
Abgail Bergdorff, Title 1 Assistant, Miller, effective July 29, 2026
Kaitlyn Blair, Nurse, All Buildings, effective August 27, 2026
Bailey Burns, Paraprofessional, Murdock, effective September 9, 2026
Elizabeth Butler, Recess/Lunch Supervisor, Miller, effective September 3, 2026
Louise Condron, Paraprofessional, Earhart, effective September 17, 2026
Sandra Cunningham, SLP, Sunnyside, effective October 2, 2026

Jasmine Czalbowski, Title I, Glen Acres, effective July 21, 2026
Beau DeVoss, Recess & Lunch Supervisor, OES, effective July 28, 2026
Caitlyn DeVoss, Paraprofessional, Earhart, effective September 11, 2026
Debbie Evans, Lunch & Recess Supervisor, OES, September 10, 2026
Lorita Goodwin-Clemmons, Job Coach, JHS, effective August 5, 2026
Carol Huffman, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective September 4, 2026
Sam Jensen, Color Guard Co-Director, JHS, effective September 1, 2026
Joe Johnson Jr, Cafe & Lunch Supervisor, Miller, effective August 6, 2026
Johanna Lopez, Title I Aide, Murdock, effective August 26, 2026
Keygan Martin, ISS Asst, TJHS, effective July 23, 2026
Kaleb McClannen, Football Coach, TJHS, effective August 1, 2026
Jonathan Phiilips, Unified Track Coach, JHS, effective July 13, 2026
Rick Mitchell, Recess & Cafe Supervisor, Miami, effective September 14, 2026
Brooke Pirtle, Paraprofessional, Vinton, effective July 15, 2026
Kathy Polen Korty, Library Aide, OES, effective September 22, 2026
Blakely Pruett, Custodian, Sunnyside, effective September 25, 2026
Ashton Robertson, Paraprofessional, Vinton, effective July 25, 2026
Alexandria Stoker, Behavior Facilitator, Learning Center, effective September 23, 2026
Sarah Swanson, Band Office Asst, TJHS, effective October 2, 2026
Iesha Upshaw, Paraprofessional, Earhart, effective August 24, 2026
Kelon Williams, Wrestling Coach, TJHS, effective August 1, 2026
Kelon Williams, Football Coach, TJHS, effective August 1, 2026
Kelon Williams, Track Coach, TJHS, effective August 1, 2026

Termination

Retirement
Kathy Carmin, Media Specialist, TJHS, effective June 7, 2027
Jackie Griffin, Receptionist, JHS, effective October 23, 2026
Joy Johnson, Routing Coordinator, Transportation, effective September 11, 2026

Leave
Micaela Hix, 6th Grade Science/SS, Sunnyside, effective October 30, 2026- January 4, 2027

Employment
Chuck Ave, Girls Golf Coach, JHS (replacement)
Brandon Banta, Bus Mechanic, Transportation (replacement)
Amani Byrd, Title I Aide, Miller (new)
Michael Cardwell, Custodian, Hiatt (replacement)
Noah Daniel, Recess/Cafe Supervisor, OES (replacement)
Jamie Dillard, Recess Supervisor, Glen Acres (replacement)
Theo Dulcice, FOCUS Program, Murdock (new)
Anna Etherington, Dispatch, Transportation (replacement)
Anna Etherington, Routing Coordinator, Transportation (replacement)

Claire Fowler, FOCUS Program, Murdock (new)
Rhonda Friend, Recess/Cafe Supervisor, OES (replacement)
Marquia Harris, Paraprofessional, Murdock (replacement)
Deanna Hershberger, ISS Asst, TJHS (replacement/change in wages)
Nolan Klutze, Computer Technician, Technology (replacement)
Saida Martinez, Lunch Supervisor, Sunnyside (replacement)
Briana Melton, Recess/Lunch Supervisor, Miller (replacement)
Ben Miller, Robotics Coach, JHS (new)
Kristina Mirick, Interventionist, Lafayette Christian (new)
Christina Molina, Interventionist, Central Catholic (new)
Erin Nichols, Music Sectionalist, JHS (new)
Clayton Richard, Football Coach, TJHS (new)
Noah Ringstrom, Computer Technician, Technology (replacement)
Hylinn Row, Recess Supervision, Glen Acres (new)
Dahlia Vera, Nurse, Earhart (replacement)

Conflict of Interest
Charles Ave, Golf Coach,JHS, spouse of Ana Ave, ECE Director, Linnwood
Mauri Byrd, Cafe/Recess Supervisor Miller, Parent of Amani Byrd, Title 1 Aide, Miller
Marquia Harris, Paraprofessional, Murdock, Sibling of Marquita Harris, Library Aide, Murdock
Mikesha Row, Building Nurse, Glen Acres, parent of Hylinn Row, Recess Supervisor, Glen Acres
Noah Ringstrom, Computer Technician, Technology, sibling of Abigail Ringstrom, Teacher, Earhart
Noah Ringstrom, Computer Technician, Technology, child of Michelle Ringstrom, Teacher, JHS

Additional Resignation after the Original Agenda was Prepared
David Scott Cronk, Football Assistant, JHS, effective June 1, 2026
Robert Jones, Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach, JHS, effective September 28, 2026
Seth Jones, Assistant Football Coach, JHS, effective July 27, 2026
Shaela Kult, 4th Grade Teacher, Glen Acres, effective August 3, 2026
Kassandra Lane, 4th Grade Teacher, Miami, effective August 3, 2026
Dan Ricksy, Assistant Football Coach, JHS, effective July 27, 2026
TJ York, Assistant Football Coach, JHS, effective July 27, 2026

Additional Employment After the Original Agenda was Prepared
Matthew Adams, Football Coach, JHS (replacement)
Joseph Clayton, Bus Driver, Transportation (new)
Lance Crowder, Football Coach, TJHS (new)
D'Neisha Henry, Girls Volleyball Coach, TJHS (new)
Levi Johns, Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach, JHS (replacement)
Chase Lay, Paraprofessional, Durgan (replacement)
Samantha Long, Interventionist, St. Boniface (new)
Alex Michel, Boys Soccer Coach, TJHS (new)
Elizabeth Sands, Case Conference Specialist & Diagnostician, Edgelea & Murdock (new/change in wages/salary)

Erica Torres, Bus Driver, Transportation (new)

Mr. Clemenz made the motion to approve the employee recommendation as presented, seconded by Mr. Bultinck.
Roll Call: Ayes: Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin, Clemenz.
Abstain: Barrett
Nays: None
The motion carried.

8) Acceptance of Gifts

The following donations were received during the month of September 2026:

Jefferson HS Extra-Curricular programs received monetary donations totaling: 3,850.00. A summary of clubs receiving the funds and complete list of donors.

Summary of Jeff HS donations:

Band Dept.:	$1,250.00	Maurie Denney
Athletic Dept.:	$2,550.00	Maurie Denney
Girl's Volleyball:	$50.00	Lou Nash

Mr. Bultinck made the motion, seconded by Dr. Hass, to approve acceptance of gifts presented.
Roll Call: Ayes: Barrett, Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin, Clemenz.
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. Bultinck, to approve vendor claims and ratify payrolls.
Roll Call: Ayes: Barrett, Hass, Stwalley, Bultinck, Peretin, Clemenz.
Nays: None.
The motion carried.

10) Information Only

Mr. Huddle informed the Board that last Friday marked the end of the first nine weeks of school and that Fall Break for all schools will begin next week.

11) Board Reports

Ms. Peretin and Dr. Stwalley provided an update on the ISBA Conference they recently attended. Ms. Peretin also informed the Board that she has been named the Region IV Director for ISBA and will be leading the next regional meeting in November.

Mx. Barrett shared that she had the pleasure of attending the Hall of Fame inductions. She enjoyed the variety of experiences represented and how those experiences continue to impact individuals into adulthood. She noted that the students were very inspired by the event. Mx. Barrett also brought to the Board's attention that Jane Denney spoke during the September Work Session, but her comments were not included in the minutes. She requested that this be added to the minutes.

Dr. Hass shared that she attended the Masquerade Ball with Mx. Barrett and had a fabulous time.

Lastly, the Board was informed that the next round of CRVs will take place at Glen Acres this Thursday and at Hiatt the week following Fall Break.

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 Mr. Clemenz and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Julie Peretin, President Ebony Barrett, Secretary