JUNE 9, 2025 MINUTES
LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
The Lawrence County Board of Directors met in regular session on Monday, June 9, 2025, in the boardroom of the Superintendent's Office. Vice President, Pat Roby called the meeting to order and Vickie Mitchell offered the prayer.

Vice President Pat Roby requested a motion to authorize Jacob Kersey, the current high school principal and incoming superintendent, to act on behalf of the superintendent for the meeting due to Mr. Belcher's absence for medical reasons. Scott Brady moved to approve the authorization. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

MINUTES
Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey presented the minutes of the regular May meeting and the Special May meeting for approval. Vickie Mitchell moved to approve the minutes of the board meeting as presented. Adam Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey called for nominations for new board officers. Joe Penn moved to elect Brittany Farmer as President of the School Board for the 2025-2026 school year. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Joe Penn moved to elect Adam Davis as Vice President. Scott Brady seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Joe Penn moved to elect Kai Rorex Board Secretary. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey stated to the Board that according to Act 671-2003 the Board must name one of its members as the primary dispersing officer. Mr. Kersey proposed Vickie Mitchell serve as the dispersing officer for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Joe Penn moved to approve Vickie Mitchell as the dispersing officer of the Lawrence County School Board. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

The next item of New Business was to elect Jacob Kersey as Ex-Officio Officer. Vickie Mitchell moved to elect Jacob Kersey. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS
Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey moved to the Superintendent's Report. The first item was Old Business. Mr. Kersey updated the Board on the parking lot project and summer maintenance plans.

NEW BUSINESS
The next item was New Business. Adam Davis moved to approve payment of the bills. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey gave an update on the Financial Reports.

Annual nurse report was presented to the Board.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey recommended the Board approve the HSR student insurance contract for the 2025-2026 school year. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Kai Rorex seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey requested approval to transfer $546,238 to the building fund. Joe Penn moved to approve the transfer. Adam Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey informed the Board of the transfer of Nicole Brand from the Sloan Hendrix School District, Lily Ann Varney to the Paragould School District, Goku Eddy and Dakota Robertson to the Hoxie School District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
At 5:48 p.m. President Farmer requested the Board go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.
At 6:11 p.m. the Board reconvened and conducted the following business:

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey made the recommendation to employ Madelyn Heard as Literacy Coach. Joe Penn moved to approve the recommendation. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey made the recommendation to employ Carlan Hurt as an elementary teacher. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey made the recommendation to employ Latricia Meyer as a Special Education teacher for the district, with the stipulation all licensure requirements will be achieved. Vickie Mitchell moved to approve the recommendation. Adam Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey made the recommendation to employ Tashena Tate as High School Principal. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Adam Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey made the recommendation to employ Tyler Roby as Mid-Level Assistant Principal. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Adam Davis seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval. Pat Roby abstained from the vote.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey made the recommendation to employ Seth Hart as the High School Baseball Coach. Joe Penn moved to approve the recommendation. Kai Rorex seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey made the recommendation to employ Chad Broadway as the High School Softball and Assistant Basketball Coach. Adam Davis moved to approve the recommendation. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey made the recommendation to employ Jeff Blake as the Athletic Director. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey made the recommendation to employ Ashton Roby as the ALE Director. Kai Rorex moved to approve the recommendation. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval. Pat Roby abstained from the vote.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey made the recommendation to move Sarah Moore to the Assistant Coach for softball position with the understanding she will receive the stipend for head coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Adam Davis moved to approve the recommendation. Scott Brady seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey made the recommendation to reassign Blake Coffman as the Assistant High School Baseball Coach. Pat Roby moved to approve the recommendation. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey made the recommendation to employ Jeremy Crawford as the IT Assistant. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey made the recommendation to employ Thomas Cromeans for maintenance. Vickie Mitchell moved to approve the recommendation. Kai Rorex seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey made the recommendation to employ Charlotte Husek as a custodian. Adam Davis moved to approve the recommendation. Joe Penn seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey recommended the Board approve changing the current 240 day custodian contract of Samantha Collins to a 178 paraprofessional aide contract. Scott Brady moved to approve the recommendation. Pat Roby seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey recommended the Board employ Sarah Fowler as a childcare worker. Adam Davis moved to approve the recommendation. Vickie Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Acting Superintendent Jacob Kersey recommended the Board make the following changes to the 2025-2026 school year: Admin Assistant $1500, Assistant Principal salary $80,000, addition of Elementary Athletics Director $2500. Adam Davis moved to approve the recommendation. Scott Brady seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS
In Other/Miscellaneous Business, the next Board meeting is July 8, 2025.

Adam Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott Brady seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Kai Rorex, Secretary