

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 8, 2023

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a regular session at the Claiborne Parish School Board Office in Homer, Louisiana at six o'clock June 8, 2023 with the following members:

Present: Patricia Stevens, Stewart Griffin, Yolanda Coleman, Perry Anderson, Linda Knox, William Maddox, Tommy Davidson, Roy Mardis, David Nokes, Mark Perot

Absent:

There was also present Mr. William Kennedy, Secretary of the Board.

Mr. Maddox, Board President, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held May 9, 2023, and the Regular Called Meeting held May 11, 2023, which had been sent electronically to the Board Members previously, were approved.

Due to July 4th holiday, Superintendent Kennedy requested to reschedule the July board meeting from Thursday, July 6th to Thursday, July 13th. Mr. Mardis made a motion to approve rescheduling the July board meeting to Thursday, July 14th, seconded by Mr. Griffin. Motion passed by a vote of 10 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Kennedy stated ESSER III funds are budgeted for the 2023-24 school year with the current \$20/per day additional substitute pay. He opened discussion on further substitute pay options for this school year and suggested future discussions for the 2024-25 school year take place next summer. The question was asked of principals present for the board meeting what they feel are possible reasons the number of substitutes has not risen, despite the increase in pay. This agenda item will be placed on next month's board meeting (July 13) for recommendations and request to approve the substitute pay scale for the 2023-24 school year.

Mr. Kennedy made a request to announce the Guardian Journal as the official journal from July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024. Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion passed by a vote of 10 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Bosby requested to approve the bid for serving lines for Haynesville High (\$46,732.62), Homer High (\$75,476.86), and Summerfield (\$42,584.55) cafeterias from Associated Food Equipment and Supplies. Motion to approve the bid was made by Mr. Mardis, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Motion passed by a vote of 10 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Kennedy asked the Board to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Kristi Mayfield, LPC. This agreement provides a range of services for persons experiencing symptoms of mental illness. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Knox. Motion passed by a vote of 10 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Kennedy requested to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Northwestern State University Dual Enrollment Program. This agreement establishes conditions under which Northwestern State University offers classes for college credit. Motion was made by Mr. Anderson to approve, seconded by Mr. Mardis. Motion passed by a vote of 10 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Turner, Business Manager, briefly discussed the May 2023 financials and provided the Board with the Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Superintendent’s Report:

- 1. Personnel Actions that have occurred since the May 11, 2023 meeting:

Personnel Actions – June 8, 2023

I. To be Hired:

- a. Certified Teaching or Administrative Positions

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing

- b. Classified, Support, Bus Drivers or Other Non-Certificated Positions

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Della Middleton	Speech Path	6/2/23	Resigned
Stephanie Shepherd	Pupil Apr Coord	6/22/23	Resigned
Jordan Bostick - Summerfield	Teacher	5/19/23	Resigned
Andrea Tinsley - Hay Elem	Teacher	5/19/23	Resigned
Emerald Rummel - Hay Elem	Para	5/19/23	Resigned
Mark Bahr - Homer Elem	Teacher	5/19/23	Resigned
Shanda Gann - Homer Elem	Teacher	5/19/23	Resigned
Brittany Mondelo - Homer Elem	Teacher	5/19/23	Resigned
Angelia Lee - Homer Jr	Teacher	5/19/23	Resigned
Dustin Danzie - Homer High	Teacher	5/19/23	Resigned
Deborah Morgan - Homer High	Teacher	5/19/23	Resigned
Melanie Scruggs - Homer High	Teacher	5/19/23	Resigned

III. Transfers:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason

- 2. Superintendent Kennedy expressed his gratitude for the years of service from Ms. Janet Holland, Federal Grants Supervisor. Ms. Holland will be retiring at the end of June. Ms. Holland thanked the Board for their support throughout the years and asked for continued support of the staff and faculty.
- 3. Ms. Alex Feaster was announced as the new Homer High Principal. Mr. Lee Simms was announced as the new Haynesville Jr./Sr. High Principal. Mr. Chris Brooks was announced as the new Secondary Supervisor.
- 4. Mr. Griffin, Board Member, has penned an amendment to the principal’s job description. This has been sent to our attorney to review before proceeding. There will be an Educational Committee meeting scheduled for further discussion by the Board.

5. Jumpstart Summers is taking place now with 55 students participating in CNA, EMR, Welding, Drone, and NCCER Core courses. When courses are completed and passed, students will receive a \$1,500 stipend.
6. Attorney Jon Guice will provide a training session for board members at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 12th, at the Homer High Cottage. This will provide 2 CLU hours.
7. Summer Camp began this week. There are approximately 110-115 students at Haynesville Elementary, 215 students at Homer Elementary, and 65 students at Homer Jr. High. The campers are learning through fun activities and experiments.
8. There will be a LSBA Zoom call on Monday morning at 10:00 if board members would like to log in and watch discussing the Legislative Session.
9. Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Summerfield has inquired about purchasing 2.5 acres belonging to the school district which runs alongside their church property. They would like to use this property as a church cemetery. Superintendent Kennedy will investigate the steps that would need to be taken, if approved by Board.
10. Blood Drive at Claiborne Memorial Medical Center will be on Wednesday, June 14th.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

William Maddox, President
Claiborne Parish School Board

ATTEST:

Mr. William Kennedy, Secretary
Claiborne Parish School Board