

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 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 February 9, 2023 with the following members:

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

Absent: Stewart Griffin

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

Mr. Anderson, Board Member, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 12, 2023, which had been emailed to the Board Members previously, were approved.

Mr. Maddox, Board President, stated that the Standing Committees for 2023 will be as follows:

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD 2023 STANDING COMMITTEES

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Yolanda Coleman, CHAIR
Linda Knox
David Nokes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Patricia Stevens, CHAIR
Mark Perot
Roy Mardis

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Linda Knox, CHAIR
Tommy Davidson
Mark Perot

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Tommy Davidson, CHAIR
Mark Perot
David Nokes

DRUG COMMITTEE

Yolanda Coleman, CHAIR
David Nokes
Stewart Griffin

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Roy Mardis, CHAIR
Perry Anderson
Patricia Stevens

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Perry Anderson, CHAIR
Linda Knox
Stewart Griffin

Mr. Don Pledger, Claiborne Memorial Medical Center Chief Compliance Officer, gave the Board an update of the telemedicine program currently in our schools. The counts of students with parents ‘opting-in’ to the program are: Haynesville Public School (Pre-K through 12) – 239; Homer Public School (Pre-K through 12) – 380; and Summerfield Public School (Pre-K through 12) – 73. There are also 22 faculty ‘opt-ins’ to the program. To date, they have conducted 7 telemedicine visits between schools and their clinics. As awareness of this program spreads, they expect utilization to increase. Mr. Pledger introduced Ms. Abby McClendon. She will be the liaison between CMMC and the schools.

Superintendent Kennedy stated the Louisiana School Board Association (LSBA) Annual Conference is being held March 7th – 9th in Lake Charles. This would cause a conflict for the board members who will be attending the conference with the scheduled March 9th board meeting. Mr. Davidson made a motion to reschedule the board meeting to Thursday, March 16th, seconded by Ms. Knox. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Kennedy recognized the Distinguished School Board Members for the 2019-2022 term, Ms. Yolanda Coleman and Ms. Linda Knox. Both voluntarily completed a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of LSBA approved continuing learning units in the first year of their term (2019), and, six (6) hours of LSBA approved continuing learning units in each subsequent calendar year (6 or more in 2020, 6 or more in 2021 and 6 or more in 2022). Ms. Coleman and Ms. Knox were presented with a certificate from the LSBA recognizing this designation.

Superintendent Kennedy requested the Board approve a School Board Member Training Resolution recommended by the LSBA, making public record of the school board members who successfully completed the six hours of required training and all completed the one hour of ethics training for 2022. Motion was made by Mr. Anderson to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Davidson. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

School Board Member Training Resolution

WHEREAS, each member of a city and parish school board shall receive a minimum of six hours of training and instruction, as required by ACT 705 of the 2011 Louisiana Legislature; and

WHEREAS, this training and instruction shall consist of school laws of this state, laws governing the powers, duties, and responsibilities of city and parish school boards, educational trends, research and policy; and

WHEREAS, such instruction may be received from an institution of higher education in this state, from instruction sponsored by the State Department of Education, or by an in-service training program conducted by a city or parish school board central office or the Louisiana School Boards Association, or training provided at the national level; and

WHEREAS, each member of a city and parish board shall receive one hour of ethics training, per year, of their tenure as board member;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it become public record that Yolanda Coleman, Tommy Davidson, Linda Knox, William Maddox, and Shelley Malsam, members of the Claiborne Parish School Board, have successfully received and exceeded the six hours of required training as mandated by the Legislature of Louisiana and all board members have fulfilled the mandate of one hour of ethics training for the year 2022.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Superintendent of Claiborne Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at its regular School Board meeting on February 9, 2023.

William Kennedy, Superintendent
Claiborne Parish School Board

Ms. Turner briefly discussed the January financials.

Superintendent’s Report:

1. Personnel Actions that have occurred since the January 12, 2023 meeting:

Personnel Actions – February 9, 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
Lydel Wheeler-Homer High	Para	2/7/23	Gloria Ogden

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Karen Blackstock-SPED	Speech Path Assist	1/08/23	retired
Erica Heard-Homer	Bus Driver	2/02/23	resigned
NyKeria Mims-Homer Elem	Para	1/13/23	resigned

III. Transfers:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Claudia Haynes	TAP Coordinator	11/28/22	Replacing Courtney Smith

2. Reminder of Ethics training due by March 31st and Financial Disclosure form due by May 15th.
3. Mr. John Monzingo addressed the Board to inform them of a new scholarship established honoring his mother, Ms. Barbara Monzingo, who passed away from cancer two years ago. Ms. Monzingo was a long-time educator in Claiborne Parish and she loved and believed in all the children she taught. This will be a perpetual scholarship beginning in 2024 and will be awarded to a high school senior who will enter into college in the education field.
4. Ms. Teresa Raley, 4-H Agent, informed the Board she has retired effective January 31st with the LSU Ag Center. She thanked the Board for their support throughout the years and introduced Ms. Destiny Hightower as the new 4-H Agent for our parish.
5. Superintendent Kennedy reminded the Board recently Haynesville Jr./Sr. High was named a ‘Comeback Campus’ by the Louisiana Department of Education. Only 41 schools in the state received this recognition. The LDOE will visit their campus on Monday, February 13th.
6. FBLA Regionals were held last week. We have 24 students who qualified and will be attending the State Leadership Conference being held March 26 – 28 in Lafayette, LA.
7. Ms. Kersten Webb, a Homer High Senior basketball player, has been named by the LHSAA as an All-Academic student. The All-Academic Award Program recognizes the academic excellence of senior student-athletes who have attained a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) or higher. Ms. Webb has a 4.0 GPA. She will be honored at the March Madness State tournament in Hammond, LA.
8. Mr. Osbourne and Superintendent Kennedy met to discuss the Boys and Girls Club located at the Haynesville Elementary location. A decision should be made in April in regards to the lease agreement and also possibly moving the 5th grade back to the Haynesville Elementary location. The district would like for the Boys and Girls Club to continue to have use of space in the building, while also allowing Haynesville Elementary use of rooms in the building.
9. There are conversations in regards to a possible grant opportunity to prove high-speed internet to Claiborne Parish. Superintendent Kennedy will keep the Board informed.
10. There will be possible new board member training provided by Attorney Jon Guice in Lincoln Parish. If so, Superintendent Kennedy invited the new board members to attend.
11. The Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held February 23rd at the Claiborne Parish Fair Complex in Haynesville. The speaker will be U.S. Congressman, Mike Johnson.

- 12. Haynesville Elementary and Haynesville Jr./Sr. High have donated and will present a check to Minden St. Jude. This year they raised over \$4,500 (double from the past years) for this worthy cause to help patients and families searching for cures.
- 13. The Potluck Banquet will be held on March 18th at the Fair Barn in Haynesville.

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