

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

January 12, 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 January 12, 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.

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

Mr. Brian Flynn, Clerk of Court, administered the Oath of Office to the Board Members for the term of 2023-2026.

Mr. Mardis made a motion to nominate Ms. Coleman as President, seconded by Mr. Nokes. A motion was then made by Mr. Davidson to re-elect Mr. Maddox as President, seconded by Ms. Knox. By a roll call vote of 4 yays, 6 nays, motion to elect Ms. Coleman as President did not pass.

|                  | YAYS | NAYS | ABSTAINED | ABSENT |
|------------------|------|------|-----------|--------|
| Patricia Stevens |      | X    |           |        |
| Stewart Griffin  | X    |      |           |        |
| Yolanda Coleman  | X    |      |           |        |
| Perry Anderson   |      | X    |           |        |
| Linda Knox       |      | X    |           |        |
| William Maddox   |      | X    |           |        |
| Tommy Davidson   |      | X    |           |        |
| Roy Mardis       | X    |      |           |        |
| David Nokes      | X    |      |           |        |
| Mark Perot       |      | X    |           |        |

Motion to re-elect Mr. Maddox as President passed by a roll call vote of 6 yays, 3 nays, 1 abstained.

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|------------------|------|------|-----------|--------|
| Patricia Stevens | X    |      |           |        |
| Stewart Griffin  |      |      | X         |        |
| Yolanda Coleman  |      | X    |           |        |
| Perry Anderson   | X    |      |           |        |
| Linda Knox       | X    |      |           |        |
| William Maddox   | X    |      |           |        |
| Tommy Davidson   | X    |      |           |        |
| Roy Mardis       |      | X    |           |        |
| David Nokes      |      | X    |           |        |
| Mark Perot       | X    |      |           |        |

A motion was made by Mr. Davidson to re-elect Ms. Knox as Vice-President, seconded by Mr. Anderson. A motion was also made to nominate Ms. Coleman as Vice-President by Mr. Mardis, seconded by Mr. Griffin. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 7 yays, 3 nays to re-elect Ms. Knox as Vice-President.

|                  | YAYS | NAYS | ABSTAINED | ABSENT |
|------------------|------|------|-----------|--------|
| Patricia Stevens | X    |      |           |        |
| Stewart Griffin  | X    |      |           |        |
| Yolanda Coleman  |      | X    |           |        |
| Perry Anderson   | X    |      |           |        |
| Linda Knox       | X    |      |           |        |
| William Maddox   | X    |      |           |        |
| Tommy Davidson   | X    |      |           |        |
| Roy Mardis       |      | X    |           |        |
| David Nokes      |      | X    |           |        |
| Mark Perot       | X    |      |           |        |

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 15, 2022, which had been emailed to the Board Members previously, were approved.

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Kennedy expressed appreciation and gratitude to the board members for their service, dedication and focus on the well-being and achievement of our students throughout the district, especially during this past year. He requested adoption of a resolution declaring January 2023 as a Louisiana School Board Recognition Month. Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Knox. Motion passed by a vote of 10 yes, 0 no.

## SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the mission of public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members are responsible for ensuring the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Superintendent William Kennedy, do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the Claiborne School Board and proclaim January 2023 as

**SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH** in Claiborne Parish School District. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's children.

**IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF**, I hereby affix my signature this 12th day of January, 2023.

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Superintendent

Ms. Twyla Hilton, Instructional Supervisor, introduced the following Students of the Year: Adyline Tinsley – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Haynesville Jr./Sr. High; Zy’Riah Winzer – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Homer Jr. High; Eleanora Hollis – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Haynesville Jr./Sr. High. Ms. Hilton presented each student with a plaque. Ms. Hilton and Superintendent Kennedy praised and congratulated these students for their outstanding achievements and efforts. They will now be competing in regional competition.

Ms. Hilton also recognized and presented a plaque to the following New Teachers of the Year: Adrienne Willis (Elementary – Homer), De’Aquanita Jackson (Jr. High – Homer) and Dustin Danzie (High School – Homer). These new teachers have been teaching less than a year and are valuable assets in our classrooms. Ms. Hilton thanked them for their dedication to our students.

Ms. Hilton recognized the following Teachers of the Year and presented each with a plaque: Melissa McEachern (Elementary - Haynesville), Amanda Garner (Jr. High – Haynesville), and Chris Hightower (High School – Summerfield). Ms. Hilton commended them on the impact they make on students and the love they have for each of them. Superintendent Kennedy stated there is no substitute for a great teacher and our district has some of the best. He commended and thanked all of the teachers who were recognized this evening. These teachers also will be competing at the regional level soon.

The Principals of the Year were recognized and presented with a plaque to the following recipients: Monica Morrow (Summerfield), Chris Brooks (Haynesville Jr./Sr.), and Lee Simms (Homer High). Superintendent Kennedy stated these Principals truly care for their students and make a difference in their lives. Their commitment and hard work are appreciated tremendously and he thanked them for all of their efforts. The honorees will compete at the next level as well.

Motion was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to set the date/time for Regular Board Meetings for the first Thursday after the first Sunday of each month at 6 PM. Motion passed by a vote of 10 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Kennedy read into the minutes the following training hours for each board member for 2022.

|                   | Ethics | Camp. Fin. | Sexual Harassment |           |            | Safety In Schools |          |        |
|-------------------|--------|------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|----------|--------|
| NAME              | Online | Online     | Online            | 2/10/2022 | 3/6-8/2022 | On-Demand         | 11/17/22 | TOTALS |
| Danny Lee         | 1.0    | 1.0        |                   | 1.5       |            |                   |          | 3.50   |
| Linda Knox        | 1.0    | X          | 1.0               | 1.5       |            | 4.0               | 1.0      | 8.50   |
| Yolanda Coleman   | 1.0    | 1.0        |                   | 1.5       | 10.75      | 2.0               |          | 15.25  |
| Dr. Robert Haynes | 1.0    | 1.0        | 1.0               | 1.5       |            |                   | 1.0      | 5.50   |
| Norman Meadors    | 1.0    | 1.0        |                   |           |            |                   | 1.0      | 3.00   |
| William Maddox    | 1.0    | 1.0        |                   | 1.5       |            | 2.0               | 1.0      | 6.50   |
| Tommy Davidson    | 1.0    | 1.0        | 1.0               | 1.5       |            | 4.0               | 1.0      | 9.50   |
| Shelley Malsam    | 1.0    | 1.0        | 1.0               | 1.5       |            | 4.0               | 1.0      | 9.50   |
| Chris Chandler    | 1.0    | 1.0        |                   |           |            |                   |          | 2.00   |
| Terry Willis      | 1.0    | X          |                   |           |            |                   |          | 1.00   |

- Online - Annual Ethics Training - 1 CLU Hr.
- Online - Campaign Finance - 1 CLU Hr. (Due within 4-year term)
- Online - Sexual Harassment Training - 1 CLU
- 2/10/22 LSBA Policy Mindset - 1.5 CLU Hr.
- 3/6-8/22 LSBA Annual Convention 10.75 CLU hrs.
- LSBA On-Demand Safety in Schools - 4.0 CLU hrs.
- 11/17/22 Accountability Overview - 1.0 CLU Hr.

Mr. Kennedy requested approval of the renewal lease agreement with the Boys and Girls Club at the Haynesville location. This is a 3-year term agreement. A public comment was made by Ms. Brooks, Haynesville Elementary Principal, asking the Board to consider postponing this decision until possibly May until more research can be done. She stated Haynesville Elementary is at full capacity on room space and perhaps the building could be used for their school needs. She encouraged the Board to contact the Boys and Girls Club to find out how many children are being serviced each day. She would like to have further conversations about what is the best use of that building. After discussion between board members and the school’s attorney in regards to the lease terms, a motion to table Item #14 to a later date was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Nokes. Motion passed by a vote of 10 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Turner, Business Manager, discussed the salary supplement which was paid on Friday, January 6, 2023. The 2022-23 supplement check was \$768.18 for professionals and \$384.09 for support personnel.

Ms. Turner briefly discussed the December 2022 financials.

Superintendent’s Report:

Personnel Actions – January 12, 2023

I. To be Hired:

a. Certified Teaching or Administrative Positions

| Name                              | Position   | Effective | Replacing     |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| Mark Bahr- Homer Elem             | Teacher    | 1/3/23    | LTS           |
| Jennifer Nicole Smith- Homer Elem | Teacher    | 1/3/23    | Courtney Cox  |
| Bewanichi Sheppard                | Supervisor | 1/3/23    | Janet Holland |

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

| Name                    | Position | Effective | Replacing     |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Donna Gryder-Homer Elem | Bus Aide | 1-3-23    | Patti Collins |

II. Resignations, Retirements:

| Name                      | Position  | Effective | Reason   |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Gloria Ogden-Homer High   | Para      | 1-2-23    | Resigned |
| ShaKima Turner-Homer High | Café Tech | 1-2-23    | Resigned |
| Erin Cornelius-Homer High | Café Tech | 1-2-23    | Resigned |

III. Transfers:

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

1. A Strategic Plan Update will be given soon. Superintendent Kennedy will ask the Board on possible dates for this meeting.
2. Ms. Turner, Business Manager, went over the payroll and insurance information for new board members.
3. Haynesville Jr./Sr. was named a “Comeback Campus” by the State.
4. School will be closed on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
5. Professional Development will be on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. No school for students.
6. LSBA will be having a legislative luncheon in Baton Rouge on February 9<sup>th</sup> and a conference in Lake Charles on March 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

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William Maddox, President  
Claiborne Parish School Board

ATTEST:

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Mr. William Kennedy, Secretary  
Claiborne Parish School Board