

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

December 15, 2022

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a regular session at the Claiborne Parish School Board office in Homer, Louisiana at six o'clock December 15, 2022 with the following members:

Present: Danny Lee, Dr. Robert Haynes, Linda Knox, William Maddox, Thomas Davidson, Shelley Malsam

Absent: Norman Meadors, Yolanda Coleman, Chris Chandler, Terry Willis

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 regular meeting and the Accountability Overview Meeting held on November 17, 2022, which had been emailed to the Board Members previously, were approved.

Superintendent Kennedy recognized the retiring and outgoing board members for their years of service to Claiborne Parish School Board. They were presented with a plaque and thanked for their support through the years. Retiring board members are Mr. Danny Lee (28 years) and Dr. Robert Haynes (14 years). Outgoing board members are Ms. Shelley Malsam (8 years), Mr. Chris Chandler (8 years), and Mr. Terry Willis (4 years).

Mr. Kennedy requested permission for principals and master teachers to travel out of state to the 2023 NIET/TAP National Conference. The conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 23-24. It will be approximately 18 faculty that will be attending from Claiborne Parish. Dr. Haynes made a motion to approve permission, seconded by Mr. Davidson. Motion passed by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Kennedy discussed the current LAMP interest rates, which are 4.01% as of today. He has spoken with representatives with Gibbsland Bank and Trust and First Guaranty Bank in regards to possibly transferring a portion of money from our investment fund accounts with each to LAMP. He stated the funds can be moved into and from LAMP as often as needed, without penalties. The interest rate would be monitored often to ensure the interest rate is steady or rising. A motion to approve the transfer of investment funds to LAMP was made by Ms. Malsam, seconded by Mr. Davidson. The motion passed by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Micki Turner, Business Manager, informed the Board the 2022 13th check for school employees was distributed on Friday, December 2nd. It was slightly higher than the prior year's check.

Ms. Turner briefly discussed the November 2022 financials.

Personnel Actions – December 15, 2022

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
Todd Chiasson	Bus Driver	12/1/22	Diedre Williams
Erica Green	Café Manager	12/5/22	Leuthisia Lewis
Katherine Finley	Café Tech	12/6/22	LTS

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Courtney Smith	TAP Coordinator	11/18/22	Resigned
Courtney Cox	Para	12/1/22	Resigned
Patrick Shelman	Para	12/16/22	Resigned
Terri Fedrick	Business Manager	12/31/22	Resigned
Mike Blackwelder	Bus Driver	12/31/22	Resigned
Patti Collins	Bus Aide	12/31/22	Resigned
Donna Gryder	Para	12/16/22	Retired

III. Transfers:

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

1. Superintendent Kennedy reminded the Board of any training hours needed for this year and also, disclosure forms that will still be needed for outgoing board members.
2. The January board meeting will be held on January 12th.
3. The recently declared surplus buses were sold at the Gantt Auction. The district received \$34,065 from the sale of the buses.
4. Ms. Holland, Federal Grants Supervisor, will be retiring in June 2023. Ms. Holland’s replacement will begin training with her in January.
5. Congratulations to Haynesville Jr./Sr. for being named a Comeback Campus from the Louisiana Department of Education. There were 41 schools in the state recognized with this distinction. This recognition is given to schools demonstrating significant gains such as increasing percent of students scoring mastery and above on the statewide assessment, increasing student ACT scores, and decreasing percent of students scoring unsatisfactorily on the statewide assessment.

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