

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

November 17, 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 November 17, 2022 with the following members:

Present: *Danny Lee, Norman Meadors, Dr. Robert Haynes, Linda Knox, Will Maddox, Tommy Davidson, Shelley Malsam, Chris Chandler, Terry Willis*

Absent: *Yolanda Coleman*

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

Dr. Haynes, Board Member, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held September 29, 2022 and Regular Called meeting held October 6, 2022, which had been emailed to the Board Members previously, were approved.

In recognition of Red Ribbon Week, Ms. Christy Chandler, Alternative School Principal and Drug Free/Safe School Coordinator, recognized the following essay winners: Grades K-2 – **Damon Vosburg**, Haynesville Elementary; Grades 3-5 – **Naomi French**, Haynesville Elementary; Grades 6-8 – **Jakayla Briggs**, Summerfield; and Grades 9 -12 – **Nakel Gill**, Haynesville Jr./Sr. High. Homer Police Chief, Van McDaniel, presented each student with a certificate and a \$25 gift card. Each student was congratulated for the hard work on their essays.

Mr. Martin, Child and Welfare Attendance Supervisor, commended Ms. Chandler, Alternative School Principal, and Ms. Dupree, KARE Program Coordinator for their dedication to the success of their students. He stated their tremendous impact on the students and Claiborne Parish is a better place because of their commitment to their students. Ms. Chandler updated the Board on the Alternative Program. There are currently 7 students in the program. Ms. Chandler stated she works with the student who may be having social or emotional issues. She teaches them that for every choice, there is a consequence. They discuss goal setting, character development, respect, and perseverance. She maintains constant contact with the parents and Mr. Martin. The students continue their school work through the Odysseyware or Google Classroom platforms. Last year, there was an 82% success rate with the students not returning to the Alternative Program. Ms. Dupree continued with informing the Board on the KARE Program. There are currently 14 students in the program. At this time, they are working on their End-of-Course testing. The students also work through the Odysseyware program. Ms. Dupree concluded with updates on a few of her former students. One is now a Freshman at SAU; another is attending Bossier Parish Community College in the Pharmacy Tech program, and a few are reserve police officers and plan on entering into law enforcement. Both of these programs are a valuable asset to our district.

Ms. Holland, Grant and IT Supervisor, requested approval of a camera bid received. The district received 6 bids by the deadline date of October 6th, 2022. The lowest bid received was for \$822,000 and also offers an option in five years, the ability to back up with a server, in lieu of a cloud-based back up, if needed. In addition, it will have sensors with the capability to detect vapors, such as THC, in hidden areas. The cameras will be paid from the ESSER II fund. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Knox. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Prior, Special Education Supervisor, requested approval of a classroom assistive technology bid. There were 3 bids received. Ms. Prior recommends the bid from Howard Technology Solutions in the amount of \$166,365. This will provide classroom assistive technology in 55 elementary classrooms. These will be paid for

by the ESSER II fund. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Meadors. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Kennedy requested to approve new policy IDDFC (Cameras in Special Education Classrooms). This is necessary due to legislative action stating cameras will be in all self-contained special education classrooms. Dr. Haynes made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Malsam. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Turner informed the Board that it will not be necessary to transfer money from the '78 sales tax fund this year for the 13th check. There also will be a slight increase in the amount paid to district employees. The check will be distributed on the first Friday in December.

Ms. Turner briefly discussed the October 2022 financials. There were no questions.

Superintendent’s Report:

- 1. Personnel Activity that has occurred since the October 6, 2022 meeting:

Personnel Actions – November 17, 2022

I. To be Hired:

a. Certified Teaching or Administrative Positions

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing
Cristy Willis-Homer High	Para	9/21/22	Beverly Ewing

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

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Deidra Williams	Bus Driver	10/21/22	Resigned
Leuthisa Lewis	Cafeteria Manager	10/31/22	Resigned

III. Transfers:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Slade Frith	Teacher	6/26/22	Replace Linda Robinson

- 2. Homer and Haynesville are both competing in round 2 of the play-offs this Friday night. Both games will be at home.
- 3. New phone system has been installed at Central Office.
- 4. Schools will be planning and preparing for Christmas programs when we return from Thanksgiving break.
- 5. The buses declared surplus will be at auction in Athens on December 3rd.
- 6. We are having a Christmas card contest and will choose from the elementary, middle school, high school, and an overall winner.
- 7. We have received an Excellent rating on our Annual Financial Report from the LDOE.
- 8. Ms. Claudia Haynes will be transitioning into a new role as the TAP Coordinator.
- 9. The School Improvement Plan will be presented before next month’s Regular Called Meeting.
- 10. A survey will be sent to all stakeholders on December 1st.
- 11. Ms. Brooks has written an educational blog for the Louisiana First Foundation.

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