

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 10, 2023

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a regular session at the Claiborne Parish School Board in Homer, Louisiana at six o'clock August 10, 2023 with the following members:

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

Absent: Linda Knox

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

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

Mr. David Robinson, Homer High FBLA Sponsor, introduced Ms. Z'riah Buggs, who recently competed in the FBLA National Conference. Ms. Buggs stated although their team did not win, it was a great learning experience and they are looking forward to the next National Conference in Florida. She stated she enjoyed the networking connections she was able to form with other students. It benefits her to be able to ask questions about their projects and also, make new friends.

Superintendent Kennedy requested to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Career Compass. They provide college and career coaching to our high school seniors. This year they will also assist high school freshmen and sophomores on preparing and having earlier conversations with them to develop a plan. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Kennedy requested approval for a Memorandum of Understanding with Webster Parish Head Start. Webster Parish Head Start operates the Claiborne Parish Head Start. We provide evaluation services and IEP services to the children. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Mardis, seconded by Mr. Davidson. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Kennedy requested approval for policy revisions – EBBB (School and Student Safety), EBBC (Emergency/Crisis Management), JB (Attendance), JBD (Student Absences and Excuses), JDA (Corporal Punishment), JGCD (Administration of Medicine), BC (School Board Meetings), BCBI (Public Participation at Board Meetings), GBRIB (Sick Leave), and GBRIC (Maternity and Adoptive Leave). The majority of the revisions are a result of Acts of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Kennedy requested to approve new policies – EDCB (Carpool and Bus Line Safety) and BCAD (Teleconference/Remote Participation in School Board Meetings). These new policies are also a result from the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Griffin. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Kennedy requested permission to bid for open gate metal detectors. These will be paid for out of the Safe School Grant we were awarded in the amount of \$500,000. Due to the cost amount for eleven detectors, we will need to request for bids. Motion to request permission to bid was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Mardis. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Kennedy asked for approval for the lease agreement with the Boys and Girls Club – Haynesville. The band building on the Haynesville Elementary campus has been renovated this summer. It now has 5th grade classrooms, which moved from the Haynesville Jr./Sr. High campus, and two dedicated rooms to the Boys and Girls Club. The lease agreement has a 3-year term and the amount for electricity has been amended to reflect for the 2 rooms, and not the entire building. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Turner, Business Manager, gave a brief overview of the July financials. She provided the Board with a Corrective Action Plan and explained the 2022-23 end-of-year should be closed out soon.

Superintendent’s Report:

Personnel Actions – August 10, 2023

- I. To be Hired:
 - a. Certified Teaching or Administrative Positions

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing
Amri Douglas-Homer High	Teacher	8/4/23	Melanie Scruggs
Terry Walker-Homer High	Teacher	8/4/23	Debra Morgan
Jalen Livingston-Homer High	Teacher	8/4/23	New
Te’arien Mitchell-Homer Jr	Teacher	8/4/23	Felica Harris
Eurlexia Daye-Homer Jr	Teacher	8/4/23	LaFrance Cooper
Lauren Gros-Homer Jr	Master Teacher	8/4/23	Christy Coleman
Candace Hawthorne-Homer Jr	Teacher	8/4/23	Angelia Williams
Christie Coleman-Homer Jr	Assist Principal	7/1/23	Nathan Richardson
Carrie Blanchard-Homer Elem	Teacher	8/4/23	Carla Ellis
Jarrodd Dyess-Homer Elem	Teacher	8/4/23	Brittney Mondelo
Tinisha Taylor-Homer Elem	Teacher	8/4/23	Hannah Ates
Rashad Wortham-Homer Elem	Teacher	8/4/23	Shanda Gann
Katelynn Ellis-Homer Elem	Teacher	8/4/23	Tisha Featherston
Karla Delaney-Homer Elem	Teacher	8/4/23	Hannah Shrock
Bridgette Bridges-Homer Elem	Teacher	8/4/23	Marilyn Martin
Destiny Burns-Hay Elem	Teacher	8/4/23	Andrea Tinsley
Megan Moss-Hay Jr/Sr	Teacher	8/4/23	Rebecca Stohler
Valerie White-Hay Jr/Sr	Teacher	8/4/23	Glen Hollis
Chelsea Cutlip-Summerfield	Teacher	8/4/23	Steve Grafton
Gage Harris-Summerfield	Teacher	8/4/23	Amber Obaze
Katlyn Mathews-Summerfield	Teacher	8/4/23	Jordan Bostick

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

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing
Shelitha Pickens-Homer Jr	Para	8/4/23	Bobbie Smith
Lakesha Turner- Homer Jr	Para	8/4/23	Nadia Washington
Jakessa Warren-Homer	Café	8/4/23	Cassandra Banks
Michelle Gordon-Homer Elem	Bus driver	8/4/23	Alona Obaze

Latisha Jones-Homer Elem	Bus driver	8/4/23	Keith Morgan
Myesha Black-Hay Elem	Café	8/4/23	Carla Hill
Jarmisha Willis-Homer Elem	Para	8/4/23	Chatoria Fisher
Ashlynn Bishop-Homer Elem	Para	8/4/23	Alicia Coleman
Jody McClure-Homer Elem	Para	8/4/23	Tabitha Moss
Haley Myers-Homer Elem	ESSR Para	8/4/23	Jody McClure
Melissa Pruitt-Homer Elem	ESSR Para	8/4/23	Sondra Evans
C'nya Anderson-Homer Elem	ESSR Para	8/4/23	Nykeria Mims
Nicosia Beene-Hay Elem	Para	8/4/23	New
LaTonya Fisher-Hay Elem	ESSR Para	8/4/23	Emerald Rummel
Kaley Gryder-Hay Elem	Para	8/4/23	Diane Allen
Dennis Williams-Homer Elem	Custodian	7/1/23	Tracy Parish
Nickie Witherspoon-Hay Elem	Café	8/4/23	Alexandria Champ
Caitlin Lowery-Summerfield	ESSR Para	8/4/23	Teresa Kennedy

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Charli French-Hay Elem	Teacher	6/30/23	Resigned

III. Transfers:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Nadia Washington	Teacher	8/4/23	Replacing K. Morgan
Kim Beavers	Counselor	7/1/23	Replacing T. Fox
LaFrance Cooper	Teacher	8/4/23	Replacing D. Danzie
Amanda Crane	Master Teacher	7/21/23	Replacing K. Beavers
Chatoria Fisher	Para	8/4/23	Replacing P. Shelman
Felicia Harris	Master Teacher	7/21/23	Replacing Alex Feaster
Hannah Ates	Teacher	8/4/23	Replacing Farryn Cooper
Cassandra Banks	Para-Homer Elem	8/4/23	CSA
Tabitha Moss	Para-Hay Elem	8/4/23	Replacing A Sanders
Marylin Martin	Teacher-Hay Elem	8/4/23	Replacing C French
Hannah Shrock	Teacher-Summerfield	8/4/23	Replacing Lori Lewis
Lori Lewis	Master Teacher-Summ	7/21/23	New
Teresa Kennedy	Custodian	7/1/23	Replacing Steve Shirey

- The funds in the ESSER II account have to be spent by the end of September. There is an approximate remaining balance of \$39,000.
- We have a new district logo designed by Homer High Talented Art student, Neveah Miller. Her design won the Claiborne Parish Logo Design Contest that was held in the spring of 2023.
- The website will be getting an update. The new look and information should begin in approximately two weeks.
- TAP has started their ILTs and Clusters in schools. The Board is invited to attend any of these.
- Mr. Martin, Human Resource Supervisor - All of our teachers are currently either certified or seeking certification.
- Ms. Hilton, Instructional Supervisor – Setting up new employees in JCampus program, ordering books, and preparing for Fall ACT testing.
- Ms. Prior, Special Education Supervisor – Providing in-service training for teachers and training for paraprofessionals. The Pre-K3 program began it's first year at Haynesville Elementary. There are 17 children enrolled. The Pre-K is at capacity at Homer Elementary.
- Mr. Guillory, Maintenance and Transportation Supervisor - The air conditioning is working in all rooms and the bus routes ran smoothly this week. They are working on a small list of maintenance items to be completed.

10. Mr. Brooks, Secondary Supervisor – Contracted with La. Tech for Ms. Rainwater to provide training and mentorship to first-year through third-year teachers. ACT Prep and WorkKeys Prep materials have arrived to help prepare high school students. Jump Start Summers had 51 students attend Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (NLTCC). These students will receive between \$1,200-\$1,500 for participating and passing these courses. The NCCER Core courses were offered to students also. These are the first 2 courses usually required to be taken in a technical college. We currently have Memorandums of Understanding with Northwest State University, Louisiana Tech, NLTCC, Delta Community College, and Grambling, which allows students to take dual enrollment courses. The LEAD Claiborne program is accepting applications for this year.
11. The boundary line agreements are near completion for the Pearl Street property and we will soon begin locating and contacting the property owners for signatures.

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