

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

November 9, 2023

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a public meeting at the Claiborne Parish School Board Office in Homer, Louisiana at five o'clock p.m., Thursday, November 9, 2023, with the following members:

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

Absent: Stewart Griffin

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

Mr. Chris Brooks gave a brief overview of the different components of the School Performance Scores (SPS) and District Performance Scores (DPS) and how they are calculated. He stated a SPS measures how well schools perform on a variety of indices, which include: Assessment Index, Progress Index, Dropout Credit Accumulation Index, Interests and Opportunities, Cohort Graduation Index, Strength of Diploma, and ACT Index. Each Index is weighted to produce a school's overall score. The weighting and indices vary depending on grades served. The score earned on each index and overall is converted to a letter grade.

Superintendent Kennedy reminded the Board that these test scores are not an overall indicator of how well a school is doing. He believes factors, such as the climate and culture, at a school also play a role in their success. Superintendent Kennedy stated the district grew in every area, with the exception of Interests and Opportunities. He commended Haynesville Jr./Sr. for increasing their SPS by 4.3 points. Additionally, Homer Elementary increased their SPS by 0.7 point and Homer Jr. High increased by 0.1 point.

Mr. Kennedy reiterated the need to continue striving to improve assessment scores. School and District Improvement Plans will be presented before the next board meeting held on December 7, 2023.

Board members asked several questions during the Q & A session.

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

William Maddox, President
Claiborne Parish School Board

ATTEST:

William Kennedy, Secretary
Claiborne Parish School Board