

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

December 11, 2023

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a regular session at the Claiborne Parish School Board office in Homer, Louisiana at five o'clock December 11, 2023 with the following members:

Present: Patricia Stevens, Stewart Griffin, Yolanda Coleman, Perry Anderson, Linda Knox, Thomas Davidson, Roy Mardis, David Nokes, Mark Perot

Absent: William Maddox

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

Ms. Stevens, Board Member, 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 9, 2023, which had been emailed to the Board Members previously, were approved.

Ms. Knox, Board Vice-President, read the agenda item to announce that the Parish School Board of the Parish of Claiborne, state of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Athens, Homer and Western Pineview Consolidated School District, state of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax therein at its meeting on January 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish School Board Office, 415 E. Main Street, Homer, Louisiana. Mr. Nokes made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Mr. Mardis. After further discussion, it was determined the way to proceed was for Mr. Nokes to rescind his motion to amend the agenda. Then, after the Announcement of Public Meeting was read into the minutes, if the Board did not want to proceed with the Athens, Homer and Western Pineview election, they could not make a motion or second and the agenda item would fail. Ms. Knox read the Announcement of Public Meeting -

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Office, 415 E. Main Street, Homer, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in Athens, Homer and Western Pineview Consolidated School District of the Parish of Claiborne, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax therein.

The agenda item failed, due to no motion or second.

Ms. Micki Turner, Business Manager, requested to revise the date of the 2023-24 stipend. The stipend payment for Claiborne Parish School Board employees is scheduled for distribution on Friday, January 12, 2024, along with the 15th check payment, once approved. Motion to approve the revised date was made by Ms. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Mardis. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Turner requested to approve the 15th check. The 2023-24 15th check will be \$768.18

for professionals and \$384.09 for support personnel. If approved, the 15th check is scheduled for distribution on Friday, January 12th, 2024. Motion was made by Mr. Davidson to approve, seconded by Mr. Griffin. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Turner informed the Board the 2023 13th check for school employees was distributed on Friday, December 1st. Professionals were paid \$3,522.32 and Support Staff were paid \$1,514.60.

Ms. Turner briefly discussed the November 2023 financials and the Corrective Action Plan. There were no questions.

Superintendent’s Report:

Personnel Actions – December 11, 2023

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
Sharnycia Ford-Homer Jr	Para	11/27/23	Shuronda Minifield

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Ashlynn Bishop-Homer Elem	Para	11/24/23	Resigned
Jennifer Moore- Homer Elem	Para	11/10/23	Resigned
Sherrie Emory-Homer Elem	Teacher	11/17/23	Resigned

III. Transfers:

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

- 1. Ms. Haynes – Gave the Board a schedule of the upcoming ILT and Cluster meetings if they would like to attend. She asked if they plan on attending to please notify the principal to confirm the meeting hasn’t been rescheduled.
- 2. Ms. Sheppard – Recently recruited 9 retired teachers to assist teachers with DIBELS testing. This went well. She has asked principals to prioritize needs they may have to be able to use ESSER III funds by the deadline of September 30, 2024.
- 3. Ms. Prior – Last week they had their Special Education Advisory Council Meeting. They reviewed some current initiatives in the district and had good conversations. Tomorrow we will have a consultant from Blue Engine Consulting visiting Homer Jr. High for a walk-through. They will visit classrooms, specifically classrooms that have a regular education teacher and a special education teacher co-teaching.
- 4. Ms. Hilton – Last week, Teachers of the Year have been chosen. Students of the Year are being interviewed this week. Homer Elementary will have their Reading Café tomorrow at 8:15 a.m.
- 5. Mr. Martin – Interviewing KARE candidates. The Safe Schools platform has been down but should be working tomorrow to finish up training. The recruitment team will be at La. Tech in the next few weeks.
- 6. Mr. Brooks – At this time, between the 3 high schools, about 70% are Tops Tech eligible. The district is in the process of finalizing contracts to add 2 Jobs for America’s Graduates

(JAG) positions. One would be at Homer Jr. High and the other at Haynesville Jr./Sr. High. We currently have Career Compass to counsel high schoolers. The JAG positions would be to assist jr. high age students.

7. Mr. Guillory – Last week a Radar Team visited Summerfield campus to try to prepare for a new water line around the building. They found all the interior water lines going into the main building. They will give a projected cost.
8. We held a Christmas card contest and the winners were chosen. The Christmas cards came in today but were incorrect. We are trying to return and see if we can re-order and receive in time for Christmas break.
9. Christmas Programs – Homer High will have a presentation of The Grinch on Thursday, Dec. 14th at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – Summerfield will have Christmas Extravaganza on Thursday, Dec. 14th at 6:30 p.m. – Haynesville Elementary will have program on Monday, Dec. 18th at the Haynesville High Auditorium, and Homer Elementary will have program on Monday, Dec. 18th.
10. Gibbsland Bank and Trust will have a Christmas Open House tomorrow from 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Homer branch.
11. We received no bids for the Mount Olive surplus property. We have re-opened the bid process and will open sealed bids on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.
12. First board meeting of 2024 will be Thursday, January 11th. Please mark your calendars and future 2024 dates will be set at this meeting.
13. Discussion regarding LAMP, Gibbsland Bank and Trust, and First Guaranty Bank rates. We will put agenda item on the January board meeting to discuss further.
14. Superintendent will contact Foley and Judell regarding parish-wide maintenance tax election.
15. Finance Committee and Long Range Committee meeting dates will be discussed and set.

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