

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

October 3, 2024

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a regular session at the Summerfield High School in Summerfield, Louisiana at six o'clock October 3, 2024 with the following members:

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

Absent:

There was also present Mr. Chris Brooks, Secretary of the Board.

Ms. Patricia Stevens, Board Member, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting and the Regular Meeting held on September 5, 2024, which had been emailed to the Board Members previously, were approved unanimously with a motion made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Davidson.

Mr. Anderson read into the minutes:

Notice of Intent to Call Election is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Homer High Cottage, 1008 North Main Street (Corner of 1008 North Main Street and Pelican Drive – Rock Building), 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 Claiborne Parish School District, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, to authorize the continuation of ad valorem taxes therein.

Miss Ella Adkins, a Summerfield High senior, welcomed the Board to their school and community and thanked them for their continued support. She shared they take great pride in their achievements both inside and outside the classroom. Their theme this year is “Growing Greatness” and they are committed to reaching new heights academically, athletically and personally. She highlighted a few of their academic and athletic achievements. They are focusing on grades K – 4 achieving grade level reading and grades 3 – 12 on improving LEAP 2025 scores and knows with their dedicated teachers and staff, they will achieve these goals. Outside of the classroom, Miss Adkins stated the FFA Carpentry Team recently qualified in the regional competition and qualified for State competition. The JV basketball boys have almost completed this season undefeated and fall softball and baseball is beginning. The Beta Club completed and placed in competition and have qualified for Nationals to be held in Orlando, Florida, in 2025. She concluded with stating great things are happening at Summerfield High and introduced two of Mr. Ward’s 6th grade Robotics class students, Isabelle Foust and Tripp Massey. Isabelle and Tripp described and demonstrated how to load a robotics program into the computer, which allows code to be sent directly to the robot and precise actions performed. They created a program where the robot moved a specific number of inches in each direction and finished at a designated stop. The Board asked the students questions regarding their robotics class and shared how impressed they are with the students and their robotics knowledge and presentation.

Superintendent Brooks requested approval of the LA Compliance Questionnaire. This is an annual occurrence of a questionnaire prepared for our auditors to confirm that to the best of our knowledge the rules and regulations have been followed by the Board. Motion was made by Mr. Davidson to approve, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion passed by a vote of 10 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Brooks requested approval of the Pupil Progression Plan. This is also an annual occurrence. The plan addresses student placement and promotion. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Mardis. Motion passed by a vote of 10 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Brooks requested approval of policy revision GBRIBB (Sick Leave Bank). This revision is a result of Act 115 in the 2024 Louisiana Legislature. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Knox. Motion passed by a vote of 10 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Turner briefly discussed the September financials.

Superintendent’s Report:

- 1. Personnel activity that has occurred since the September 7, 2024 meeting:

Personnel Actions – October 3, 2024

I. To be Hired:

a. Certified Teaching or Administrative Positions

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing
Special Crawford - Homer Jr	Social Worker	9/20/24	

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

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing
Tracy Verdin - Summerfield	Cafeteria Manager	9/10/24	Erica Green

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason

III. Transfers:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason

- 2. The Claiborne Parish Fair and Livestock Show will be next week in Haynesville.
- 3. Red Ribbon Week will be October 23rd – October 31st. There will be an essay contest and prizes for the winners.
- 4. There will be a board retreat on Monday, October 21st at the Homer High Cottage. Attorney Jon Guice will present board training to the board members.
- 5. Superintendent Brooks thanked Summerfield High for hosting this month’s board meeting. They went above and beyond to welcome the Board.

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

Perry Anderson, President
Claiborne Parish School Board

ATTEST:

Mr. Chris Brooks, Secretary
Claiborne Parish School Board