

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

November 12, 2024

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a public meeting at the Homer High Cottage in Homer, Louisiana at four o'clock p.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2024, with the following members:

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

Absent:

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

Board President, Mr. Perry Anderson, opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Claudia Haynes, TAP Coordinator, and Mr. Scott Martin, Human Resources Supervisor, began the presentation with the impact on certification status for Claiborne Parish School Board (CPSB) employees from the 4-day calendar pilot implemented this school year. They stated the progress from 2023-24 to 2024-25, which includes at the end of the 23-24 school year, 21/21 currently employed teachers were not certified and not enrolled in a program for certification. At the beginning of the 24-25 school year, 21/22 currently employed teachers are enrolled in a certification program (Ready to Teach Louisiana (RTL) only). Mr. Martin shared that currently CPSB has 6 teachers enrolled in the iTeach certification program and 21 teachers enrolled in APEL – RTL. We have 7 enrolled in certification programs and have successfully obtained a Practitioner License.

Next, each principal presented to the Board on their School Performance Score (SPS) from the previous school year to the projected school year scores, their school goals, areas of reinforcement, opportunities for growth, methods of stakeholders' communication, and shared what they are feeling good about this year. They shared their enthusiasm for the progress that has taken place this school year with solutions and support for students, faculty and community and are eager to continue to grow and improve.

Mr. Marco French, Elementary Instructional Supervisor, presented the writing strategies being taught in our elementary classrooms and explained the Tier I Curriculum, lesson planning and instruction, tutoring, interventions, student supports and professional development that takes place in our district. He shared the CPSB awards at school-level are: Student of the Year, Outstanding Support Person of the Year, Teacher of the Year, and Principal of the Year. The district-level awards are: Anticipated Accolades, Model Schools, Epic Educators and Innovative School District.

Ms. Kelli Tims, Secondary Instructional Supervisor, reviewed the college and career readiness strategies implemented in our high schools. Last week, 11th and 12th grade students took the ACT. Students in grades 9 and 10 who scored mastery on LEAP assessments were eligible to test as well. Also, students in 9th and 10th grades will take the PreACT this school year. Students began WorkKeys testing in October and will continue through April with interventions and remediation to increase their score. She stated we are partnered with the following 4-year academic institutions for dual enrollment courses: Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University and Northwestern State University. We currently have 73 students enrolled in these courses and 9 seniors on track to earning an Associate's Degree by May 2025. The district is also partnered for dual enrollment courses in CNA, Industrial Instrumentation and Welding programs with Northwest Louisiana Technical College. Currently, we have 17 students enrolled in these courses. These students have earned industry-based certifications and are employable upon graduation.

In closing, Superintendent Brooks reviewed his 90-day plan and district goals with the Board. He outlined the steps to enhancing the district’s educational practices, which include updating job descriptions, a 4-day week data analysis, principal/school site coaching plans, CKLA curriculum implementation for K-3 literacy and transitioning from Compass to LEADS evaluation system. Communication improvements have been put in place such as a parish academic calendar, district newsletter (bi-weekly), monthly board newsletter and revamping the Claiborne LEAD program. To ensure academic performance, he would like to continue to increase the ACT score goals parish average from 14.1 (2022), 16 (2023) to 18.4 (state average); as well as improving, the ACT/WorkKeys Index from 57.4 (2023) and 59 (2024). He stated several additional objectives of expanding JumpStart Summer/CTE opportunities, implementing JAG at all school sites, continuing to focus on individualized coaching and feedback and maintaining effective communication with stakeholders.

Board members asked several questions during the Accountability Overview presentations.

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

Perry Anderson, President
Claiborne Parish School Board

ATTEST:

Chris Brooks, Secretary
Claiborne Parish School Board