



Regular Meeting of the St. Mary Parish  
School Board  
01/09/2025 05:30 PM  
Evans Medine Meeting Room  
474 Hwy 317, Centerville, LA 70522

## MEETING MINUTES

The St. Mary Parish School met in regular session on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana for the following purposes and to take whatever actions necessary. The meeting may be viewed online at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnZ1z15loF\\_FZnVcBe09cRQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnZ1z15loF_FZnVcBe09cRQ)

### Attendees:

#### Voting Members:

Guienzy Brent, Board Member  
Tammie Moore, Board Member - Vice President  
Lindsey Anslem, Board Member  
Debra Jones, Board Member  
Ginger Griffin, Board Member  
Marilyn LaSalle, Board Member  
Chad Paradee, Board Member  
Alaina Black, Board Member - President  
Andrew Mancuso, Board Member  
Rhonda Dennis, Board Member  
Lawrence Guillory, Interim School Board Member

#### Absent Members:

None

### I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Black.

### II. Opening of Regular Meeting

The St. Mary Parish School Board met in regular session on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana.

#### 1. Roll Call

The roll call was conducted by Dr. Fegenbush.

#### 2. Invocation

Mr. Holmes gave the invocation.

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

President Black led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

#### 4. Election of Board President.

Motion to open the floor up to nominations for the office of school board president for a two-year term.

**Motion made by:** Andrew Mancuso

**Motion seconded by:** Rhonda Dennis

**Voting:** Unanimously Approved

Motion to nominate the current board president, Alaina Black for the next two-year term.

**Motion made by:** Andrew Mancuso

**Motion seconded by:** Chad Paradee

**Voting:** Unanimously Approved

Motion to close nominations for president.

**Motion made by:** Tammie Moore

**Motion seconded by:** Lindsey Anslem

**Voting:** Unanimously Approved

**5. Election of Vice-President.**

Motion to open the floor up to nominations for the office of school board vice-president for a two-year term.

**Motion made by:** Debra Jones

**Motion seconded by:** Guienzy Brent

**Voting:** Unanimously Approved

Motion to nominate Tammie Moore as the board's vice-president for a two-year term.

**Motion made by:** Debra Jones

**Motion seconded by:** Andrew Mancuso

**Voting:** Unanimously Approved

Motion to close nominations for the office of school board vice-president.

**Motion made by:** Rhonda Dennis

**Motion seconded by:** Lindsey Anslem

**Voting:** Unanimously Approved

**6. Introduction of Students and Employees of the Month.**

A. **B. E. Boudreaux Middle School:** Aalisa Egleston, 8th Grade Student and Michele Colley, Teacher

B. **Berwick High School:** Rlyee Nguyen, 12th Grade Student and Camille Izaguirre, Teacher

C. **Franklin High School:** A'Larryen Fuselier, 12th Grade Student and Michele Sigur, Teacher

D. **Raintree Elementary School:** Cataleya Mitchell, 5th Grade Student and Kim Mire, Teacher

**III. Appearances:**

**1. Recognition of district support staff of the year.**

Ms. Estay recognized and introduced Jimmy Gibson – B. Edward Boudreaux Middle School as the district support staff of the year.

**2. Recognition of the school health provider of the year.**

Ms. Estay recognized and introduced Ricardo Rosado – Office of Special Services as the school health provider of the year.

**3. Recognition of district high school student of the year.**

Ms. Estay recognized and introduced A'Larryen Fuselier – 12th grade student at Franklin Senior High School as the district high school student of the year.

**4. Recognition of district teachers of the year.**

Ms. Estay recognized and introduced Kelly Sumrall – Berwick Junior High School district teacher of the year.

Ms. Estay recognized and introduced Lexi Lambert – Bayou Vista Elementary School new teacher of the year.

**5. Recognition of district principal of the year.**

Ms. Estay recognized and introduced Debbie Domingue – Berwick Elementary School district principal of the year.

**IV. Approval of Amended Agenda.**

No amended agenda.

**V. Approval of Official School Board Minutes.**

**1. Regular Meeting: December 12, 2024**

Motion to approve the official school board minutes from the regular board meeting held on December 12, 2024.

**Motion made by:** Tammie Moore

**Motion seconded by:** Marilyn LaSalle

**Voting:** Unanimously Approved

**VI. Approval of Consent Agenda.**

President Black stated that Board Members can remove any of the items on the consent agenda for further discussion in the regular proceedings. Dr. Fegenbush read aloud the items on the consent agenda.

Marilyn LaSalle requested to pull Item 1 from the consent agenda regarding regular monthly school board meetings for further discussion under business affairs.

- 2. \*Approve banking resolutions authorizing signatories at various schools as a result of recent appointments.**
- 3. \*Approve resolution authorizing signatories on checks and other related financial documents as a result of the newly appointed board president.**
- 4. \*Authorize RFP or negotiation process for property insurance for the year commencing April 1, 2025.**
- 5. \*Authorize RFP or negotiation process for workers compensation insurance for the year Commencing May 1, 2025.**
- 6. \*Permission to Advertise for Bids:**
  - A. \*Child Nutrition Items:** Produce, milk, eggs, juice, small equipment, large equipment, frozen foods, dry and canned foods, paper, and cleaning supplies.
- 7. \*Proclamations:**
  - A. \*African American History Month** -February 2025.
  - B. \*Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month** -February 1-28, 2025.
  - C. \*National (FFA) Future Farmers of America Week**-February 15-22, 2025.
  - D. \*National Public Schools Week**- February 24-28, 2025.
  - E. \*National School Counseling Week** (February 3-7, 2025).
  - F. \*National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day**-February 15, 2025.

Motion to approve the remaining consent agenda with the exception of Item 1, which was moved to business affairs.

**Motion made by:** Andrew Mancuso

**Motion seconded by:** Ms. Debra Jones

**Voting:** Unanimously Approved

**VII. Personnel:**

**1. Consider and take action regarding purchasing agent job description.**

Motion to approve purchasing agent job description.

**Motion made by:** Marilyn LaSalle

**Motion seconded by:** Chad Paradee

**Voting:** Unanimously Approved

**VIII. Business Affairs:**

**1. Set day, time, and place for Regular Monthly School Board Meeting.**

Motion to approve day, time, and place for 2025 Regular Monthly School Board Meetings to be held on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Evans Medine meeting room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana.

**Motion made by:** Marilyn LaSalle

**Motion seconded by:** Tammie Moore

**Voting:** Unanimously Approved

**2. Receive Group Health Insurance Update.**

Mr. James Perez with DJW Insurance provided the Board with an updated Premium to Claims Summary through December 2024 on the Group Health Insurance Plan. Premiums paid in were estimated at \$12,800,000 and \$11,800,000 of total claims paid out. A large claim adjustment for stop loss claims that exceeded the \$175,000 on attachment point of \$790,000, with a 2.4 rate adjustment for 2025. Medical claims data actually decreased 16.5 percent compared to last year. However, prescription drug claims have significantly increased in 2024 compared to 2023, particularly for GLP-1 drugs (Mounjaro, Ozempic, and Jardiance), which are impacting overall plan costs.

**3. Approve acceptance of audit report for year ended June 30, 2024, as presented by the firm of Darnall, Sikes, Gardes, and Frederick.**

Mr. Chris Miller with Darnall, Sikes & Frederick briefly explained the Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2024.

The audit assessed financial statements, internal controls, and compliance with state and federal laws.

The audit resulted in an unmodified clean opinion on the St. Mary Parish School Board's financial statements for fiscal year 2024.

Two federal programs were tested: Child Nutrition Cluster and the Special Education Cluster. Detailed testing showed no non-compliance and no internal controls issues with these programs.

One internal control finding was noted regarding an ongoing investigation concerning student activity funds and two non-compliance issues with regard to the law, which included failure to comply with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act (budget amendment requirements) and non-compliance with Federal Contract Regulations.

The financial management team is working on implementing corrective actions to ensure compliance going forward.

**4. Consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special elections held in (a) Consolidated School District Number Two (2) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, (b) Consolidated School District Number Three (3) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana and (c) Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, December 07, 2024, to authorize the renewal of special taxes therein.**

Motion to approve a resolution to canvass the returns of December 7, 2024 election for three maintenance districts, all of which passed favorably. These renewals will extend for an additional ten years through 2035, will not result in any increase to the existing taxes currently being levied.

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special elections held in (a) Consolidated School District Number Two (2) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, (b) Consolidated School District Number Three (3) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana and (c) Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to authorize the continuation of special taxes therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (a) Consolidated School District Number Two (2) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, (b) Consolidated School District Number Three (3) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana and (c) Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (the "Districts"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special elections held in (a) Consolidated School District Number Two (2) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, (b) Consolidated School District Number Three (3) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana and (c) Sixth

Ward Special School District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024 (the "Elections"), to authorize the continuation of special taxes therein pursuant to the following propositions (the "Propositions"):

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER TWO (2) MILLAGE  
CONTINUATION PROPOSITION

Shall Consolidated School District Number Two (2) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), comprising Wards Five and Eight of said Parish, continue to levy a 12.73 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,188,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining and operating, and giving additional support to public schools in the District, said millage to represent a .56 mill increase (due to reappraisal) over the 12.17 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2025 pursuant to an election held March 28, 2015?

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER THREE (3) MILLAGE  
CONTINUATION PROPOSITION

Shall Consolidated School District Number Three (3) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), comprising Wards One, Two, Three, Four, Seven and Ten of said Parish, continue to levy a 12.42 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,263,200 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining and improving public schools and other facilities in said District, said millage to represent a .42 mill increase (due to reappraisal) over the 12 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2025 pursuant to an election held March 28, 2015?

SIXTH WARD SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 MILLAGE  
CONTINUATION PROPOSITION

Shall Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), comprising Wards Six and Nine of said Parish, continue to levy a 12.53 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,797,300 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining and operating, and giving additional support to public schools in the District, said millage to represent a .78 mill increase (due to reappraisal) over the 11.75 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2025 pursuant to an election held March 28, 2015?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Elections thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Elections,

- (i) there was a total of **895** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Consolidated School District Number Two (2) Proposition and a total of **640** votes cast **AGAINST** Consolidated School District Number Two (2) Proposition, resulting in a majority of **255** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Consolidated School District Number Two (2) Proposition;
- (ii) there was a total of **832** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Consolidated School District Number Three (3) Proposition and a total of **582** votes cast **AGAINST** Consolidated School District Number Three (3) Proposition, resulting in a majority of **250** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Consolidated School District Number Three (3) Proposition; and
- (iii) there was a total of **870** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 Proposition and a total of **531** votes cast **AGAINST** Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 Proposition, resulting in a majority of **339** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 Proposition.

The Propositions were therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Elections.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said elections shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the

Secretary of State’s office of the actual costs of the elections, as required by §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Elections are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Elections shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in her office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of St. Mary, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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Secretary

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President

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTIONS HELD IN (A) CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER TWO (2) OF ST. MARY PARISH, LOUISIANA, (B) CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER THREE (3) OF ST. MARY PARISH, LOUISIANA AND (C) SIXTH WARD SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 OF ST. MARY PARISH, LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex, 474 Hwy. 317, Centerville, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (a) Consolidated School District Number Two (2) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, (b) Consolidated School District Number Three (3) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana and (c) Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (the "Districts"), and being the authority ordering the special elections held therein on Saturday, December 7, 2024, with a quorum of the Governing Authority present and did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said elections, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said elections, there having been submitted at said elections the following propositions, to wit:

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER TWO (2) MILLAGE  
CONTINUATION PROPOSITION

Shall Consolidated School District Number Two (2) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), comprising Wards Five and Eight of said Parish, continue to levy a 12.73 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,188,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining and operating, and giving additional support to public schools in the District, said millage to represent a .56 mill increase (due to reappraisal) over the 12.17 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2025 pursuant to an election held March 28, 2015?

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER THREE (3) MILLAGE  
CONTINUATION PROPOSITION

Shall Consolidated School District Number Three (3) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), comprising Wards One, Two, Three, Four, Seven and Ten of said Parish, continue to levy a 12.42 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,263,200 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining and improving public schools and other facilities in said District, said millage to represent a .42 mill increase (due to

reappraisal) over the 12 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2025 pursuant to an election held March 28, 2015?

SIXTH WARD SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3  
MILLAGE CONTINUATION PROPOSITION

Shall Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), comprising Wards Six and Nine of said Parish, continue to levy a 12.53 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,797,300 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining and operating, and giving additional support to public schools in the District, said millage to represent a .78 mill increase (due to reappraisal) over the 11.75 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2025 pursuant to an election held March 28, 2015?

There was found by said count and canvass that (i) there was a total of **895** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Consolidated School District Number Two (2) Proposition and a total of **640** votes cast **AGAINST** Consolidated School District Number Two (2) Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **255** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Consolidated School District Number Two (2) Proposition as hereinabove set forth, (ii) there was a total of **832** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Consolidated School District Number Three (3) Proposition and a total of **582** votes cast **AGAINST** Consolidated School District Number Three (3) Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **250** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Consolidated School District Number Three (3) Proposition as hereinabove set forth and (iii) there was a total of **870** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 Proposition and a total of **531** votes cast **AGAINST** Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **339** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Propositions as hereinabove set forth were duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special elections held in the Districts on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

Results by precinct are available from the Secretary of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

**Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Elections and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Centerville, Louisiana, on this, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

ATTEST:

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Secretary

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President

**EXHIBIT "A"**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the School Board of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (a) Consolidated School District Number Two (2) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, (b) Consolidated School District Number Three (3) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana and (c) Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (collectively, the "Districts"), on July 11, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that special elections will be held within the Districts on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**, and that at the said elections there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Districts qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER TWO (2) MILLAGE  
CONTINUATION PROPOSITION

Shall Consolidated School District Number Two (2) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), comprising Wards Five and Eight of said Parish, continue to levy a 12.73 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,188,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining and operating, and giving additional support to public schools in the District, said millage to represent a .56 mill increase (due to reappraisal) over the 12.17 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2025 pursuant to an election held March 28, 2015?

**CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER THREE (3) MILLAGE  
CONTINUATION PROPOSITION**

Shall Consolidated School District Number Three (3) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), comprising Wards One, Two, Three, Four, Seven and Ten of said Parish, continue to levy a 12.42 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,263,200 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining and improving public schools and other facilities in said District, said millage to represent a .42 mill increase (due to reappraisal) over the 12 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2025 pursuant to an election held March 28, 2015?

**SIXTH WARD SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 MILLAGE  
CONTINUATION PROPOSITION**

Shall Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), comprising Wards Six and Nine of said Parish, continue to levy a 12.53 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,797,300 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining and operating, and giving additional support to public schools in the District, said millage to represent a .78 mill increase (due to reappraisal) over the 11.75 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2025 pursuant to an election held March 28, 2015?

The special election for Consolidated School District Number Two (2) will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

- PRECINCTS 22(PART)**
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The special election for Consolidated School District Number Three (3) will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

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The special election for Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

**PRECINCTS 22(PART)**

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The polling places at the precincts in the Districts are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of Consolidated School District Number Two (2) election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$1,400.

The estimated cost of Consolidated School District Number Three (3) election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$800.

The estimated cost of Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$2,200.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special elections will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said elections, as provided in this Notice of Special Elections, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex, 474 Hwy. 317, Centerville, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025, at FIVE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (5:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special elections. All registered

voters of the Districts are entitled to vote at said special elections and voting machines will be used.

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned President of the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of (a) Consolidated School District Number Two (2) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, (b) Consolidated School District Number Three (3) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana and (c) Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (the "Districts"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the propositions submitted at the special elections held in the Districts on Saturday, December 7, 2024, were CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special elections, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Centerville, Louisiana, on this, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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President

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF ST. MARY

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (a) Consolidated School District Number Two (2) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, (b) Consolidated School District Number Three (3) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana and (c) Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (the "Districts"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and *Procès Verbal* made by said Governing Authority on January 9, 2025, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special elections held in the Districts on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to authorize the continuation of special taxes therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Centerville, Louisiana, on this, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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Secretary

**Motion made by:** Rhonda Dennis  
**Motion seconded by:** Debra Jones

**Voting:**  
Guienzy Brent-Yes  
Tammie Moore  
Lindsey Anslem -Yes  
Debra Jones – Yes  
Ginger Griffin -Yes  
Marilyn LaSalle – Yes  
Chad Paradee – Yes  
Alaina Black – Yes  
Andrew Mancuso – Yes  
Rhonda Dennis – Yes  
Lawrence Guillory – Yes  
**Motion passed.**

5. **Approve change order # 1 - asphalt surface for Franklin Senior High School, Berwick High School, and Patterson High School Track and Field Improvements.**  
The change order presented included all three schools for a total of \$383,042. A motion will be made to approve \$145,679 for Franklin Senior High School allocated from the Maintenance District I funds, and a separate motion will be made to approve \$237,363 for Berwick High School and Patterson High School allocated from the Maintenance District II funds.

Motion to approve Franklin Senior High School change order # 1 for Track and Field Improvements using Maintenance District I funds for the amount of \$145,679.

**Motion made by:** Tammie Moore  
**Motion seconded by:** Debra Jones

**Voting:** Unanimously Approved

Motion to approve Berwick High School and Patterson High School change order # 1 for Track and Field Improvements using Maintenance District II funds for the amount of \$237,363.

**Motion made by:** Ginger Griffin

**Motion seconded by:** Lindsey Anslem

**Voting:** Unanimously Approved

**6. Consider and/or take action to increase school board members and school board president compensation.**

Motion to increase school board members monthly compensation to \$800.00 and the school board president to \$900.00, effectively for the January 2025 pay period.

**Motion made by:** Marilyn LaSalle

**Motion seconded by:** Tammie Moore

**Voting:**

Guienzy Brent-Yes

Tammie Moore

Lindsey Anslem -Yes

Debra Jones – Yes

Ginger Griffin -Yes

Marilyn LaSalle – Yes

Chad Paradee – No

Alaina Black – Yes

Andrew Mancuso – Yes

Rhonda Dennis – Yes

Lawrence Guillory – Yes

**Motion passed.**

**IX. Staff Reports**

**1. Franklin Junior High School Renovations Update.**

Mr. Wiese provided a brief update and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Franklin Junior High School renovations. The project began in July 2023 with the process of hiring an architect, local contractors, and construction negotiations that lead into January 2024. Construction started in March 2024, which provided a nine-month window to renovate 50,000 square feet of buildings and over 2,000 square feet of new construction. The school is scheduled to move in on January 21, 2025.

**2. Chief Financial Officer's Report.**

**A. Sales Tax Update**

Mr. Perry reported that the sales tax collections for six months through the year were \$1,800,000 collected versus \$2,000,000 budgeted.

**B. Financial Statements (Major Funds Only)**

The Board was provided financial statements for major funds only to review at their leisure.

**C. Other Significant Items**

Mr. Perry announced that the travel reimbursement rate increased from 67.0 cents to 70.0 cents per mile beginning January 1, 2025. The updated travel forms can be found on the school board's website.

Mr. Perry will try to prepare a timeline for the February board meeting regarding the .45 cents sales tax.

**X. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Fegenbush reported that high school students have begun new class schedules as they begin their spring block classes. Report cards were sent home yesterday for all students. Parents and guardians are reminded to register for the student progress portal, which provides 24/7 access to grades, attendance,

assessments, and discipline records. Assistance with registration is available on the district website or through school sites.

The St. Mary Parish school system's transportation team will offer free CDL classes from January 27 to January 30, with details on the district website.

Congratulations to Maya LaSalle of Berwick Elementary and Isaac Price of Morgan City Junior High School for being selected as Region 3 Regional Students of the Year. Both will advance to compete for state-level recognition.

Lastly, the district's annual budget and audit reports are posted on the district website for public review.

**XI. Resolution of Respect**

There were no Resolutions of Respect.

**XII. Closing – Adjournment**

Motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion made by:** Lindsey Anslem

**Motion seconded by:** Guienzy Brent

**Voting:** Unanimously Approved

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.