The Ouachita Parish School Board met in special session on Monday, April 29, 2024, at twelve (12:00) o'clock p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Ouachita Parish School Board office.

*Note: There were no comment cards completed for any agenda business item addressed in this meeting. Additionally, there were no remote requests for any agenda business item addressed in this meeting.*

Presence of the following members was verified through roll call: Tommy Comeaux, Shere May, Mike Batey, Jerry R. Hicks, Harold McCoy, Dabo Graves, and Greg Manley.

President Comeaux called the meeting to order as he welcomed visitors and guests, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dabo Graves, and the Invocation offered by Shere May.

Shere May made the motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mike Batey. Motion carried by all members.

The only item of business under VI. #1- Consider resolution regarding possible litigation over proposed Title IX regulations was presented by Todd Guice and Attorney Tommy Hayes in the place of Elmer Noah.

RESOLUTION

BE IT FOREVER KNOWN, that by official action taken at its meeting of April 29, 2024, the Ouachita Parish School Board (sometimes referred to as the "Board") adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education has issued a final rule, titled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance" ("Final Rule"), which it will publish in the federal register;

WHEREAS, the Final Rule dramatically changes Title IX regulations and acknowledges it will increase complaint investigations;

WHEREAS, the Final Rule will disadvantage the Board by increasing its obligations, compliance costs, and liability risks;

WHEREAS, the Board believes the Final Rule is contrary to federal law and will be detrimental to students, parents, and employees;

WHEREAS, the Board believes the Final Rule, is directly contrary to existing state law, as well as laws currently being considered by the Louisiana Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and school districts within the State intend to challenge the legality of the Final Rule and the Board's participation in such lawsuit will result in no direct legal fees or costs to the Board, as the Attorney General is already representing the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the vote reflected herein below, the Ouachita Parish School Board does hereby elect to join the State of Louisiana in litigation against the United States Department of Education and other federal defendants to challenge the Final Rule.

After discussion, Greg Manley made a motion to adopt the Resolution as written, seconded by Jerry Hicks. The motion passed with (7) YEAS and (0) NAYS.

There being no further business, Harold McCoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 p.m., seconded by Dabo Graves. Motion passed without opposition.

**OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

Tommy Comeaux, President

**ATTEST:**

Todd Guice, Secretary

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