

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2025

The Finance Committee met at the Claiborne Parish School Board, Homer, Louisiana, at five o'clock p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Present: FINANCE COMMITTEE: David Nokes (Chair)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Stevens, Stewart Griffin, William Maddox, Linda Knox, Yolanda Coleman, Perry Anderson, Roy Mardis

Mr. Maddox, Board Member, opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Brooks discussed recommendations for a supplemental salary schedule for Athletic Director, coaches, and club/CTE sponsors. There would be criteria which must be met to be eligible for the stipend amounts. The board asked questions regarding amounts and guidelines. Mr. Brooks requested they continue to review and if they have any further suggestions or questions, please let him know. He would like to bring before the board at the June meeting to request approval for the 2025-26 school year.

Ms. Turner, Business Manager, discussed the current interest rates in the district's checking, savings and money market accounts. The district has funds in Gibbsland Bank and Trust, First Guaranty Bank and Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP). The board asked Ms. Turner to recommend or advise the amount of funds to possibly be moved to receive a higher interest rate in these accounts.

Superintendent Brooks discussed the FBLA National Conference, which will be held in Anaheim, California, this summer. In the past, the board has approved financial support to assist with the travel expenses of the high school students and sponsors who have qualified to compete, along with fundraising events to offset expenses. This year Homer Jr. and Summerfield junior high students have also qualified to compete at the national conference. Board members recognized the educational value of the opportunity, but there were varying opinions on whether the junior high students should be allowed to travel out of state to compete. Some had concerns regarding the logistical challenges, financial impact and the ability to ensure appropriate supervision and safety for all participants and others supported all students having the experience of traveling and competing, regardless of grade, at the national level. Mr. David Robinson (Homer High FBLA sponsor and Honorary Lifetime Member of Louisiana FBLA), Ms. Bridgette Gray (Summerfield High sponsor) and Ms. Christy Coleman (Homer Jr. High Principal) answered questions and provided information about these students and the upcoming trip. The item is on the agenda for the Regular Called Meeting following to be voted on.

Mr. Chris Brooks, Secretary
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