

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 5, 2025

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a regular session at the Claiborne Parish School Board in Homer, Louisiana at six o'clock June 5, 2025, with the following members:

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

Absent: Tommy Davidson, David Nokes

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Mardis, seconded by Ms. Knox to approve the minutes of the Regular Called Meeting held May 8, 2025, which had been sent electronically to the Board Members previously. Motion passed by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no.

Miss Jarei'ywana Adams, 11th grade Homer High Talented Art student, was recognized for being named the 'Staff Choice' award winner at this year's Congressional Art Competition for her artwork. Ms. Rhonda Porter, Homer High Talented Art teacher, stated each spring, a nationwide high school arts competition is sponsored by the members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The competition is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in Louisiana's Fourth Congressional District. This is the ninth year in a row that a Claiborne Parish's Talented Art student has won an award at this event. Speaker Mike Johnson hosted the event and presented Miss Adams with her award. The Board congratulated Miss Adams on this honor and achievement.

Superintendent Brooks made a request to announce the Guardian Journal as the official journal from July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026. Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Mardis. Motion passed by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Brooks requested to approve the supplemental salary for athletic director, coaches, academic or service club sponsors (certified), assistant principal, and Teacher/Principal of the Year Awards. The supplemental salary will be reviewed annually and an extension will require board approval in June 2026. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Knox, seconded by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Brooks requested approval of policy revision DJD (Expense Reimbursement). The revisions included adding general guidelines for out-of-parish and out-of-state travel, lodging, meals, meeting expenses and cancellations. These changes were sent to Forethought and attorney to review and advise of any recommendations, if needed. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Knox, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion passed by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Brooks requested approval to hire an architect for the renovation of Haynesville Jr./Sr. High auditorium. The architect fees will be based on an estimation of a \$500,000 renovation project. Mr. Maddox made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Mardis. Motion passed by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Brooks asked the Board to declare property on a fixed assets list surplus. These are outdated or replaced items. Motion to declare surplus was made by Mr. Maddox, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion passed by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Turner, Business Manager, briefly discussed the May 2025 financials. She also stated the campuses will begin using an online school payment system. The school will determine what it will have available on the site for parents to be able to pay. This platform will allow parents to pay with a card online for fees or fines and offer convenience for parents. It will also provide safeguards in the schools for the amount of money they are handling.

Superintendent’s Report:

- 1. Personnel Actions that have occurred since the May 8, 2025 meeting:

Personnel Actions – June 5, 2025

I. To be Hired:

a. Certified Teaching or Administrative Positions

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing
Joy Rowell - Summerfield	Literacy Interventionist	7/31/25	Lori Lewis
Kelly Paul – Hville Elem	Teacher	7/31/25	Sovella Thompson
Michelle Williams – Hville Elem	Teacher	7/31/25	Riley Jo Ray
Amy Jones – Hville Elem	Teacher	7/31/25	Destiny Burns
Peter Ray Fabacher – Homer High	Teacher	7/31/25	Tyrone Davis
Clairyssa Tripp – Hville Elem	Teacher	7/31/25	Mary Presley

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

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
James Alderman – Hville Jr	Teacher	5/30/25	Resigned
Riley Jo Ray – Hville Elem	Teacher	5/30/25	Resigned
Michelle West – Homer Jr.	Para	5/30/25	Resigned
Faith Earnhardt – Summerfield	Teacher	5/23/25	Resigned
Ashley Wafer – Homer Elem	Teacher	6/13/25	Resigned
Lauren Williams – Homer High	Teacher	5/25/25	Resigned

III. Transfers:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Laura Gryder	Teacher	7/31/25	Replacing Faith Earnhardt

- 2. Teacher Leader is next week in New Orleans.
- 3. The July board meeting will be on July 10th.

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