

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 2025

The Executive Committee met at the Claiborne Parish School Board, Homer, Louisiana, at four-thirty p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2025.

*Present: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Perry Anderson (Chair), Yolanda Coleman, William Maddox
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Stevens, Stewart Griffin, Linda Knox, Roy Mardis,
Mark Perot*

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

Mr. Joey Guillory, Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the specific problems concerning the Haynesville Jr./Sr. High auditorium. These issues include: sprinkler system, ceiling, air conditioning, paint, windows, lights and outside bricks. Ms. Turner, Business Manager, stated the proposed renovation budget of \$500,000 could be paid from the new parish-wide maintenance tax fund and the 1978 Sales Tax fund. Ms. Coleman suggested possibly making the repairs in two phases. The Board will have further discussion on this project but the first step is to hire an architect.

Superintendent Brooks reviewed board policy BBBE (School Board Member Compensation and Expenses), which was revised and approved at the August 2024 board meeting. He reminded the board to visit with Ms. Turner before board travel to confirm the amount spent, if any, on prior trips during the fiscal year. This would help ensure a board member does not exceed the \$2,000 limit set in the policy.

Superintendent Brooks discussed policy DJD (Expense Reimbursement). The policy has been a work in progress this year with Ms. Turner and Ms. Sheppard (Federal Programs Supervisor) updating and simplifying for employees traveling and being reimbursed. This item is on the June Regular Called Meeting agenda for approval.

Mr. Neal Johnson, Board Attorney, reviewed the parish-wide maintenance tax approved in an election in April of 2024. He stated the intent of the proposition was to combine the districts into one parish-wide maintenance tax and this is what the voters passed. If the funds are being considered to allot or apportion amounts for individual districts, whether the amount is based on student count or any other variables, this is reverting back to the previous individual district maintenance taxes that we expressly brought to the voters. He stated if the Board has any questions he will be glad to answer but, in his

opinion, the amount of money this tax generates needs to be used on a ‘as needed’ basis throughout the parish for any school. There was further discussion about the potential uses of remaining balance of the Homer tax district maintenance funds collected from the previous individual district tax.

Mr. Chris Brooks, Secretary
Claiborne Parish School Board