The Ouachita Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 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.

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

President Tommy Comeaux called the meeting to order as he welcomed the visitors and guests, followed by the Presentation of Colors by WMHS AFJROTC, Invocation offered by WMHS Senior Alexandra Nix, and the Pledge of Allegiance by Mike Batey.

Greg Manley made the motion, seconded by Mike Batey, to approve the minutes of July 8, 2025, regular meeting, and July 16, 2025, Special Called Meeting, as written. Motion carried without opposition.

Greg Manley made a motion to approve the revisions to the agenda, seconded by Dabo Graves, motion carried without opposition. Greg Manley made a motion to approve the amended Agenda, seconded by Dabo Graves, motion carried without opposition.

During the Personnel Report, Superintendent Guice thanked Jason Thompson and the Personnel Department for all their hard work over the summer getting ready for Back to School.

President Tommy Comeaux introduced Harold McCoy with the first Item of Business, Consideration and Approval of a sound system for the RHS stadium. After considerable discussion, Harold McCoy made a motion to approve the sound system for RHS being paid out of M & O monies, Dabo Graves seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The second item of business was deleted from the agenda.

The third Item of Business, Consider and Select an Architect for Sports Area Complex Improvements at WOHS project was presented with Mike Batey making a motion to hire TBA Architects for the renovations and improvements, seconded by Jerry Hicks. The motion carried unanimously with Shere May abstaining.

The fourth Item of Business, Policies for Consideration (DFL-25, IFA-25, IFBGA-25, JBD-25, JCDAF-25, JDE-25, JGCE-25, JGCF-25) was presented by Adam Hunsucker, the newly appointed head of the Policy Review Committee. He explained that the Policy Review Committee would be meeting on August 13, 2025, at 11:00 am to

discuss and/or update these policies to bring them back to the Board at the September 10, 2025, meeting to vote on.

Regina Mekus presented the Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2025. The report includes 3 years of data for comparison. The current ending balance for the General Fund is $20,423,547; District 1 M&O balance is $28,760,537; balance of the1968 Sales Tax is $1,293,659; 1995 Sales Tax is $10,257,710; and West Ouachita Sales Tax is $19,454,632. The Board accepted the report as presented.

Steven Hemphill presented the next agenda Item #6, Consider and select architect for Roof Replacement at WMHS, WOHS, George Welch Elementary and Kiroli Elementary by recommending Architecture Alliance Group. Mike Batey made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Harold McCoy. Motion carried without opposition.

Steven Hemphill presented the next agenda Item #7, Construction/Renovation Projects Report. The Board discussed and accepted the report as presented.

Jared Peters presented the Evaluation of Bids:

1. 30-25 Riser Middle Renovations and Improvements, Jerry Hicks made a motion to approve Grindstone Construction as the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of $2,167,000, seconded by Mike Batey. Motion carried unopposed.
2. 1-26 Copy Paper, Greg Manley made a motion to approve Veritiv, Staples and Jackson Paper as the lowest responsive bidder for the various items on the paper bid, seconded by Mike Batey, motion carried without opposition.
3. 2-26 OPHS and SHS Baseball and Softball Field Replacements, Greg Manley made a motion to approve GeoSurfaces as the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of $4,289,000, seconded by Harold McCoy, motion carried unopposed.
4. 3-26 Property Sale – Gordon Avenue, as there were no bids for the published 80% of the appraised value it will go back to Permission to Bid.
5. 4-26 WMHS Training Room Furnishings, Shere May made a motion to approve vendor Henry Schein as the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of $142,412.19, seconded by Mike Batey, motion carried unanimously.

Jared Peters asked Permission to Bid on six-line items:

1. 6-26 SHS Classroom Additions/Athletic Improvements,
   Greg Manley made a motion to grant permission to bid on this item, seconded by Dabo Graves.
2. 7-26 OJHS Track/Athletic Improvements
3. 8-26 Band Instruments
4. 9-26 Property Sale -Mineral Springs with a beginning bid floor of $80,000, 100% of the appraised value.
5. 10-26 WMHS Training Room Equipment
6. 11-6 Property Sale-3420 Gordon Ave with a bid floor of $9,950.

Jerry Hicks made a motion to grant permission to bid on these items, seconded by Shere May, the motion carried unanimously.

In the President's Report, Mr. Comeaux announced the next meeting would be Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at noon.

In the Superintendent's Report Mr. Guice gave a shout out to Curtis Pate and his entire Team for their hard work on the Back-to-school Rally, stating how well it went. He also announced the next Finance Meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2025. Mr. Guice announced the LA Legislature has approved a $2,000 stipend for teachers and $1,000 for support staff that will be distributed before Fall break.

There being no further business, Jerry Hicks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Batey. Motion carried and adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Tommy Comeaux, President

ATTEST:

Todd Guice, Secretary

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