

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2025

The Finance Committee met at the Claiborne Parish School Board, Homer, Louisiana, at five-thirty p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2025.

Present: EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE: Patricia Stevens (Chair), Linda Knox, Stewart Griffin

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: William Maddox, Yolanda Coleman, Perry Anderson, Tommy Davidson, Roy Mardis, David Nokes

Ms. Destiny Hightower, Claiborne Parish 4-H Agent, shared updates and news in the Claiborne 4-H program with the Board. She stated the Northwest Region of Louisiana holds around 31,000 members and of those, about 300 of those come from Claiborne Parish. 4-H provides opportunities to youth in grades 2-12 and the Claiborne Parish 4-H membership has grown over 59% within the last three years. 4-H matters because it helps build a strong connection between school, family, and community. Ms. Hightower stated the Claiborne Parish 4-H offers projects in STEM, healthy living, leadership and citizenship, art and communication. In addition, 4-H offers workshops such as Water Festival, fishing workshops, sewing, drones and wetlands and wildlife. The events offered in Claiborne Parish are the Claiborne Parish Fair, State Fair (AgMagic), Pet Show, Talent Show and a Valentine's Dance. Ms. Hightower praised the Junior Leaders sharing they help plan and execute a large range of community events. The Claiborne Parish impact from 4-Hers is strong and includes service projects such as food drives, veteran support, nursing home visits, community clean-ups and beautification of the community.

Ms. Hightower thanked the Board for allowing her to present and supporting the 4-H youth in Claiborne Parish. She stated 4-H is an investment in the future leaders of our community and country.

Mr. Christopher Brooks, Secretary
Claiborne Parish School Board