

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

January 8, 2026

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a regular session at the Claiborne Parish School Board office in Homer, Louisiana, at six o'clock January 8, 2026, with the following members:

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

Absent:

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

Homer High Senior, Cameron Waters, opened the meeting with prayer followed by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Cameron is the son of Branden Waters and Estella Waters. While at Homer High School, Cameron has been an active member of National Honor Society, FBLA, Principal's Leadership Council, and is a 4-year Varsity member of the Homer Pelicans basketball team, serving as this year's team captain. Cameron says that basketball, something that started out as just a hobby, has helped mold him into the player and person that he is today. Cameron has been enrolled in the dual enrollment program through Northwestern State University since his sophomore year and will have earned 30 hours of college credit by the time he graduates high school. Cameron has earned a 4.2 overall GPA and scored a 21 on the ACT. He is planning on attending Southern Arkansas University. Outside of Homer High, Cameron is a regular teenager who enjoys playing video games, trying different foods, and binge-watching TV shows and movies. Growing up, Cameron was taught to be respectful, responsible, and honorable. He lives by the saying "Treat others the way you want to be treated".

Mr. Nokes made a motion to have the officers remain the same, which are Mr. Perry Anderson as President and Ms. Yolanda Coleman as Vice-President, and Mr. Davidson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting and the Regular Called Meeting held December 9, 2025, which had been emailed to the Board Members previously. A motion was made by Mr. Nokes, seconded by Ms. Knox, to approve. Motion passed by a vote of 10 yes, 0 no.

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Brooks expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the board members for their service, dedication and focus on the well-being and achievement of our students throughout the district. He read a proclamation declaring January 2026 as a Louisiana School Board Recognition Month into the minutes.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the mission of public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

WHEREAS, local school board members work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are responsible for ensuring the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public’s expectations to the district;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Superintendent Chris Brooks, do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the Claiborne Parish School Board and proclaim January 2026 as **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH** in Claiborne Parish. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today’s and tomorrow’s children.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this 8th day of January, 2026.

Superintendent Brooks recognized the following training hours for each board member for 2025 and read their annual hours into the minutes.

BOARD MEMBER TRAINING											
CLAIBORNE PARISH											
2025											
	Ethics	Camp. Fin.	Sexual Harassment	Bullying	Cyber Security	LSBA Conference	Capitol Conference	Southern Region	Fall Trailblazer	Jon Guice Training	
NAME	Online	Online	Online	Online	Online	2/25-2/27	4/30/25	7/28 - 7/30	10/20/25	11/19/25	TOTALS
Patricia Stevens	1.0	X	1.0	1.0	0.25	12.0	5.0	11.25	5.0	3.0	39.50
Linda Knox	1.0	X	1.0	1.0	0.75				5.0	3.0	11.75
Yolanda Coleman	1.0		1.0		1.0	12.0		8.75			23.75
Perry Anderson	1.0	X	1.0	1.0	0.50	6.5				3.0	13.00
Stewart Griffin	1.0	X	1.0	1.0	0.25					2.0	5.25
William Maddox	1.0	X	1.0	1.0	0.25					3.0	6.25
Tommy Davidson	1.0	X	1.0	1.0	0.25					2.0	5.25
Roy Mardis	1.0	X	1.0	1.0	1.0	10.5					14.50
David Nokes	1.0	X	1.0	1.0	0.25					3.0	6.25
Mark Perot	1.0	X	1.0	1.0	1.0					3.0	7.00
Online - Annual Ethics Training - 1 CLU Hr.											
Online - Campaign Finance - 1 CLU Hr. (Due within 4 year term)											
Online - Sexual Harassment - 1 CLU											
Online - Bullying - 1 CLU											
Online - Cyber Security											
2/25-2/27/25 LSBA Annual Conference - 11.5											
4/30/25 - Capitol Conference - 5.0											
7/28-7/30/25 - Southern Region - 10 CLU											
10/20/25 Fall Trailblazers 5.0 CLU											
11/19/25 Jon Guice Training - 3.0 CLUs (1 hr can be used towards Sexual Harassment)											
Waiting on LSBA to record											

He also gave special recognition to Ms. Patricia Stevens and Ms. Yolanda Coleman. They were presented with a certificate for achieving the distinction of a "***certified school board member***". This is a program offered by the Louisiana School Board Association (LSBA), whereby a school board member is recognized for having voluntarily earned twenty (20) or more training hours during a calendar year. Ms. Stevens completed 39.5 hours and Ms. Coleman completed 23.75 hours for the 2025 year.

A motion was made by Ms. Knox, seconded by Mr. Davidson, to set the date/time for Regular Board Meetings for the first Thursday after the first Sunday of each month at 6 PM. Motion passed by a vote of 10 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Sheppard, Federal Grants Supervisor, updated the Board on three cell towers that are located on three of our campuses. Currently, CTI Towers owns the towers that are on the district land. The Board’s attorney has drafted a letter to CTI instructing them on steps necessary to continue. The letter has been mailed and emailed to them. The Board recommended contacting the Public Service Commissions office to assist in this matter and also continue to let our attorney guide in this. Ms. Sheppard will continue to update the Board.

Ms. Turner discussed the salary supplement which is being paid on Friday, January 9th, 2026. The 2025-26 supplement check is \$768.18 for professionals and \$384.09 for support personnel.

Ms. Turner briefly reviewed the December 2025 financials and current interest rates on the district’s banking accounts. She plans to contact the financial institutions to discuss interest rates and will report back to the Board.

Superintendent’s Report:

Personnel Actions – January 8, 2026

I. To be Hired:

a. Certified Teaching or Administrative Positions

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing
Jaycee Barron	Teacher – Haynesville El	1/5/26	Kelly Paul

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

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing
Charity Brown	Food Tech – Haynesville El	1/5/26	Sjorlund Darnell

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Kelly Paul	Teacher – Haynesville El	12/19/25	Resigned
Sjorlund Darnell	Food Tech – Haynesville El	12/19/25	Resigned
Brenda Giddens	Secretary – Haynesville Sr.	12/19/25	Retired
Karla Aycock	Teacher – Summerfield	12/31/25	Retired

III. Transfers:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Jessica (Denys) Ritzell	Special Ed Secretary	1/5/26	Replacing Allison Williams

- 1. Reminder – Ethics training is due by March 31st, 2026.
- 2. Emery Edwards, 5th grade Haynesville Elementary student, has been named as a Student of the Year Regional Honoree. We are very proud of Emery.
- 3. The February board meeting will be held at the Homer High Cottage.
- 4. We will also have a Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting before the Regular Called Meeting at 5:30.

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