

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

February 5, 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 February 5, 2026 with the following members:

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

Absent: Tommy Davidson, Mark Perot

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

Drake Goodwin, a junior at Haynesville Jr./Sr. High, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Drake balances high-level athletics with clear academic ambitions. He is a three-time state championship participant and recent state title winner on the football field. Drake is equally focused on his future in the classroom, where he plans to graduate and work towards an Associate Degree in Instrumentation. Beyond sports and academics, he attends Haynesville Community Church and is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys duck hunting and golf.

The minutes of the Regular Called Meeting held January 8, 2026, which had been emailed to the Board Members previously, were approved unanimously with a motion by Mr. Nokes, seconded by Ms. Coleman.

Mr. Anderson, Board President, stated that the Standing Committees will remain as follows:

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD 2026 STANDING COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Perry Anderson, CHAIR
Yolanda Coleman
Will Maddox

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Yolanda Coleman, CHAIR
Linda Knox
David Nokes

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Nokes, CHAIR
Tommy Davidson
Mark Perot

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Patricia Stevens, CHAIR
Linda Knox
Stewart Griffin

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Tommy Davidson, CHAIR
Mark Perot
Roy Mardis

DRUG COMMITTEE

Will Maddox, CHAIR
David Nokes
Stewart Griffin

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Roy Mardis, CHAIR

Mark Perot

Patricia Stevens

Mr. Anderson recognized the Haynesville High football team, Division IV Non-Select State Champions, with a resolution that was read into the minutes. Coach David Franklin thanked the Board for the recognition. He stated this is an exceptional group of young men, not only on the field but off the field. He stated there is a lot of hard work put in by these young men and the coaching staff each and every year. This year they were fortunate enough to win. He is extremely proud of this team and the way they represent the town of Haynesville.

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Resolution

WHEREAS, the **HAYNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM** completed the regular season with a 10-0 record and the playoff season with a 4-0 record; and

WHEREAS, such stellar accomplishment resulted in the advancement to the State finals, and on Thursday, December 11, 2025, the **HAYNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL** football team was victorious in the 2025 Division IV Non-Select State Football Championship game held at the Caesar's Superdome in New Orleans, LA;

WHEREAS, and achievement has brought honor, pride, and recognition to Haynesville High School, the Haynesville Community, Claiborne Parish School Board, and to Claiborne Parish as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of this team were due to the combined efforts of the team members and Head Coach David Franklin, the school administration and staff, and the student body; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Claiborne Parish School Board goes on record as officially recognizing and congratulating the **HAYNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM**, Head Coach David Franklin, Assistant Coaches: Tony Gantt, Mario Thompson, Jasper Edwards, Ryan Ware, Dallas Lay; Principal Lee Simms, faculty, and student body of the Haynesville High School for winning the **2025 DIVISION IV NON-SELECT STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be published as part of these official minutes and that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Haynesville High School.

ATTEST:

Chris Brooks, Secretary
February 5, 2026

Perry Anderson, Board President
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Mr. Marco French, Instructional Supervisor, introduced and recognized each recipient of the Student of the Year, Teacher of the Year and Principal of the Year awards through a slideshow that included their biographical information and achievements. Superintendent Brooks and Board President, Perry Anderson presented each winner with a trophy and certificate. The following outstanding students, educators and staff are: **Students of the Year:** Emery Edwards – 5th grade, Haynesville Elementary; Sonnie Vinson – 8th grade, Summerfield High and Leyla Slaughter – 12th grade, Homer High.

Teachers of the Year: Miranda Wingard (Elementary – Summerfield), Macy Garner (Middle – Haynesville Jr./Sr.), and LaFrance Cooper (High School – Homer)

Principal of the Year: Mr. William Simms (Haynesville Jr./Sr. High)

These honorees will now represent our district on the state level.

Superintendent Brooks requested approval of policy revisions – BCBB (Notification of School Board Meetings), GBC (Recruitment), GBN (Dismissal of Employees), and GBRA (Employee Conduct). These are all revisions resulting from the 2025 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Knox, seconded by Mr. Mardis. Motion passed by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Joey Guillory, Maintenance Supervisor, requested permission to bid for Haynesville auditorium renovations. This was reviewed prior in the Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Maddox, seconded by Mr. Nokes. Motion passed by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Turner briefly discussed the January 2026 financials and the current interest rates on banking accounts. There will be further discussion on possibly moving funds due to interest rates in March at a Finance Committee Meeting.

Superintendent’s Report:

- 1. Personnel Actions that have occurred since the January 8, 2026 meeting:

Personnel Actions – February 5, 2026

I. To be Hired:

a. Certified Teaching or Administrative Positions

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing
Jzaziyah Cooper	Teacher – Haynesville Jr./Sr.	1/15/26	Sandra Singleton

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

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Allison Williams	Secretary – Special Services	1/15/26	Retired
Erin Cornelius	Food Tech – Homer High	1/5/26	Resigned

III. Transfers:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason

- 2. Superintendent Brooks thanked Mr. French for his hard work on the District Winners presentation.
- 3. Reminder – Minden St. Jude’s auction is this weekend and several schools will be making donations.
- 4. FBLA Regionals was today and are awaiting results. Superintendent Brooks thanked the sponsors and students who are involved in FBLA and compete in this event.
- 5. An email will be sent to the Board on towers update.
- 6. Superintendent Brooks thanked the maintenance crew and custodians for their preparation before the ice weather last week.
- 7. The 2026-27 academic calendar will be on the March agenda.

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
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