

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

March 5, 2026

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a regular session at the Claiborne Parish School Board in Homer, Louisiana, at six o'clock March 5, 2026, with the following members:

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

Absent:

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

Miss Kirsten Dixon, Homer High KARE Program student, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kirsten is the daughter of Chrishawn Jefferson and is a high-achieving student at Homer High School, currently participating in the KARE program. Though technically in the 10th grade, Kirsten's dedication has allowed her to surpass standard milestones early. Due to her advanced credit accumulation, she has earned enough Carnegie units to be classified as a Junior. She maintains a stellar 3.7 GPA and has demonstrated 'Mastery' levels in English I, English II, and Algebra I end-of-course exams. She successfully balances her rigorous coursework while working at the Subway in Homer. In her spare time, Kirsten is an avid reader and also enjoys watching television shows in various languages.

The minutes of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Regular Meeting held on February 5, 2026, which had been emailed to the Board, were approved with a motion from Mr. Nokes, seconded by Ms. Knox. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Turner, Business Manager, requested approval of a cafeteria incentive pay in the amount of \$600 (the same amount as the previous year) to be paid in March with the regular monthly payroll to food service employees. The criteria to be eligible for such payment is you must be employed as of January 5, 2026. This incentive is non-recurring and will not be considered a change to or addition to the Claiborne Parish School Board salary schedule which governs employment. Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Griffin. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Brooks requested for the 2026-27 district calendar to be approved. The only change is Fall Break will coincide with surrounding parishes. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Davidson and seconded by Mr. Nokes. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Turner asked the Board to consider the recommendation discussed at the prior Executive and Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Nokes made a motion to move all but \$1,000 of LAMP funds to the First Guaranty Bank (FGB) Money Market account and also, leave \$500,000 in the FGB checking account and transfer the balance to the FGB Money Market account. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davidson. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Turner briefly discussed the February 2026 financials. A school activity audit report was mailed to the board members. Ms. Amy Tynes of Allen, Green and Williamson, LLP. plans on attending the next board meeting to review the 2024-25 audit.

Superintendent's Report:

1. There was no personnel activity since the February meeting.
2. Reminder to complete Ethics training by March 31st.
3. Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 16th. This will be a virtual day for students.
4. Superintendent Brooks would like to have a Special Called Meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 26th to discuss/approve the lighting bids received. This is tentatively set.
5. Homer Elementary and Homer Jr. will be receiving new door decal vinyl soon.
6. Summerfield FFA students have been building fire pits. They are available for a \$300 donation.
7. Summerfield Auction will be held on Saturday, May 9th.

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