

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

EXECUTIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEES MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2026

The Executive and Finance Committees met at the Claiborne Parish School Board, Homer, Louisiana, at five o'clock p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2026.

Present: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Perry Anderson (Chair), Yolanda Coleman, William Maddox
FINANCE COMMITTEE: David Nokes (Chair), Tommy Davidson, Mark Perot
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Stevens, Stewart Griffin, Linda Knox, Roy Mardis

Mr. Anderson, Board President, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Brooks discussed a possible pay scale revision he would like to bring before the board to consider in the next couple of months. He plans on combining the position of superintendent's secretary and receptionist. The salary schedule for the central office clerical staff would be the same amounts. Currently, the superintendent's salary schedule is slightly higher. He would also like to increase the salary of the maintenance employees. They are lower than average and he would like to compare to surrounding parishes. He will bring before the board in the next couple of months as well.

Mr. Brooks discussed his superintendent contract and requested the Board review and consider extending for 1 ½ years. His current contract expires in June 2027. He would like to maintain continuity due to a new board will commence its term on January 2027, six months prior to the current contract's expiration. Extending the contract would ensure a critical period of continuity, allowing the new board to establish a productive working relationship with the Superintendent and acclimate to their roles, duties, and legal responsibilities without the immediate pressure of a renewing superintendent contract. He plans on placing this item on the April board meeting to seek approval.

Ms. Turner, Business Manager, reviewed the banking accounts and recommended moving all but \$1,000 from the LAMP account to the First Guaranty Bank (FGB) Money Market account. She also recommended transferring \$2,000,000 from the FGB Checking account to the FGB Money Market account. This recommendation or any others will be brought at the following Regular Called Meeting for a decision.

Superintendent Brooks gave an update on the implementation of the Ten Commandments being placed in each classroom. Governor Jeff Landry recently sent a letter to all the public school governing

authorities stating that the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has issued a decision on the lawsuit which challenged the constitutionality of Louisiana law requiring the posting of the Ten Commandments in all public school classrooms. The letter states the Fifth Circuit's decision removes any obstacles to the implementation of Louisiana's Ten Commandments law, and schools should proceed with placing the posters in classrooms. There was discussion in regards to students asking questions about the Ten Commandments and how to proceed. Superintendent Brooks said there will be guidance given to teachers and staff on how to handle these discussions or questions.

Mr. Chris Brooks, Secretary
Claiborne Parish School Board