

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 9, 2026

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a regular session at Summerfield High School in Summerfield, Louisiana, at six o'clock, April 9, 2026, with the following members:

Present: Patricia Stevens, Linda Knox, Yolanda Coleman, Perry Anderson, Roy Mardis, David Nokes

Absent: Stewart Griffin, Tommy Davidson, Mark Perot

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

Miss Lindsey Walton, Summerfield 6th grade student, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Lindsey is an active member of First Baptist Church in Bernice. She has been in 4-H for three years, serving as secretary the past two, and ran on the cross-country team this year. Lindsey loves to read—she earned over 100 AR points last year and went on a special field trip for her achievement. She also enjoys spending time with her grandparents and helping with kids' programs at her church.

A motion by Mr. Mardis, seconded by Mr. Nokes, to approve the minutes of the Executive/Finance Committee Meeting and the Regular Board Meeting held March 5, 2026, and the Special Called Meeting held March 26, 2026, which had been emailed to the Board Members previously. Motion passed by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Tim Green, Partner and CPA with Allen, Green and Williamson, LLP, previously reviewed the audit report with the Board during the Finance Committee Meeting held prior to the Regular Called Meeting. Mr. Mardis made a motion to approve the audit report for year ending June 30, 2025, and seconded by Ms. Knox. Motion passed by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Brooks requested the Board to consider granting permission for students and sponsors to travel out of state for the National FBLA Convention which will be held in San Antonio, Texas. The dates for travel would be June 27th – July 3rd. Mr. David Robinson, Homer High FBLA Sponsor, stated the students and sponsors will be able to ride on a charter bus that will be traveling to the conference. He asked the Board to consider giving financial support to the students and sponsors who will be attending the FBLA National Convention and stated any amount would be greatly appreciated. These students will also be fundraising as well to offset expenses of their trip. Mr. Mardis made a motion to provide financial support to the students and sponsors who will be traveling in the amount of \$650 each, seconded by Ms. Knox. The motion passed by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Bosby, Food Supervisor, requested permission to advertise for bids on milk, bread, food, produce and paper products. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Mardis, seconded by Mr. Nokes. Motion passed by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Brooks requested the Board extend the expiration date of his contract to December 31, 2028. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Nokes, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion passed by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Brooks asked to renew and approve the 2025-26 differentiated compensation allocation plan. This is a state allocation from the Louisiana Department of Education intended to assist school systems and schools with their recruitment and retention of teachers. The amount of the allotment varies each year. There are specific eligibility criteria that must be met. This year our district received a total allotment of \$43,091 to pay stipends

and the related retirement cost for eligible teachers. The stipend amount for eligible full-time certified teachers working in a high needs school will be \$1,485. Eligible full-time Math teachers with a Practitioners License, teaching 6-12 math courses, would receive \$742.50 and eligible full-time certified Math teachers teaching 6-12 math courses would receive \$1,485. The payment will be made to eligible teachers on Friday, April 24th. Mr. Mardis made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Stevens. The motion passed by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Brooks updated the Board on retention/recruitment/performance pay for 2026-27. He provided an outline of the purpose of the Teacher Incentive Plan and highlighted the high need areas of instruction. This plan would include teacher and school performance stipends, school performance payouts and retention bonus for target schools. He asked the Board to review the plan and provide feedback. He would like to bring before the Board for consideration at the May meeting.

Ms. Turner, Business Manager, requested to transfer funds to the Parish-wide Maintenance Fund, as needed, for the Haynesville auditorium project from the '78 Sales Tax Fund. Motion was made to approve by Mr. Mardis, seconded by Ms. Knox. Motion passed by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Micki Turner reviewed the March 2026 financials with the Board. She provided and reviewed with the Board the Corrective Action Plan for the current year finding for the year ended June 20, 2025. The finding involved time certification of Food Nutrition employees. Written procedures have been implemented to address time certification and completions. Ms. Turner stated the anticipated completion date of this finding is May 22, 2026.

Superintendent’s Report:

Personnel Actions – April 9, 2026

I. To be Hired:

a. Certified Teaching or Administrative Positions

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing

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

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Willie Walker Jr.	Food Tech/Janitor – Haynesville Jr./Sr.	2/26/26	Resigned

III. Transfers:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason

1. Reminder – Personal Financial Disclosure Forms are due by May 15th.
2. We will have a retiree reception at 5:00, followed by a Special Called Meeting at 5:30 to recognize the retirees. The Regular Called Meeting will be held at 6:00.

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