



MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Voting Members

Guienzy Brent, Board Member
Lindsey Anslem, Board Member
Debra Jones, Board Member
Ginger Griffin, Board Member
Alaina Black, Board Member - President
Andrew Mancuso, Board Member
Rhonda Dennis, Board Member

Absent Members

Marilyn LaSalle, Board Member
Tammie Wilson, Board Member -Vice President
Chad Paradee, Board Member
Lawrence Guillory, Board Member

I. Meeting Called to Order (Mrs. Black)

The meeting was called to order by President Black.

1. Roll Call (Dr. Sanders)

The roll call was conducted by Dr. Sanders.

II. Opening of Regular Meeting

The St. Mary Parish School Board met in regular session on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana for the following purposes and to take whatever actions necessary. The meeting may be viewed online at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnZ1z15loF_FZnVcBe09cRQ

1. Invocation (Mr. Holmes)

Mr. Holmes gave the Invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America (Mrs. Black)

President Black led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

III. Approval of Amended Agenda (Mrs. Black)

There was no amended agenda.

IV. Approval of Official School Board Minutes (Mrs. Black)

1. Regular Meeting: June 4, 2026

The Board approved the official school board minutes from the regular school board meeting held on June 4, 2026, as presented.

Motion made by: Andrew Mancuso

Motion seconded by: Rhonda Dennis

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

V. Approval of Consent Agenda (Mrs. Black)

- 1. *Award bids for the Maintenance Department 2026-2027 Custodial Supplies. (Mrs. Jackson)**
- 2. *Permission to Auction Surplus Items: Vans, Buses, Cars, and Trailers via GovDeals.com (Mr. Regard)**
- 3. *Approve banking resolutions authorizing signatories at various schools as a result of recent appointments (Mrs. Voisin)**
- 4. *Authorize RFP or negotiation process for casualty insurance for the year commencing October 1, 2026. (Mrs. Voisin)**

President Black stated that board members can remove any of the items on the consent agenda for further discussion in the regular proceedings. Dr. Sanders read aloud the items on the consent agenda.

The Board approved all consent items as presented by Dr. Sanders.

Motion made by: Ginger Griffin

Motion seconded by: Guienzy Brent

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

VI. New Business-Personnel

- 1. Review and approve updates to the 2026-2027 St. Mary Parish School Comprehensive Salary and Classification Goldbook. (Mrs. Gunner)**

Ms. Gunner reported that the salary schedule adopted in 2021-2022 remains intact due to continued community support of the 0.45 percent sales tax renewal. Proposed revisions were made in response to the Governor's teacher and support staff pay initiative, and the district has taken a conservative approach pending further guidance from the Governor's Office and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE). The district will maintain the

\$1,000 monthly resident supplement, retain the Special Education Add-On Certification supplement, and reduce several teacher leader and leadership stipends to \$500 per semester. Mentor teacher stipends will be funded through Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) allocations, and the district-funded resident supplement will be discontinued in favor of the LDOE-funded \$1,000 stipend. These were presented as the recommended changes to the Gold Book salary schedule.

The Board approved the updates of the 2026-2027 Comprehensive Salary and Classification Gold Book as presented by Mrs. Gunner.

Motion made by: Andrew Mancuso

Motion seconded by: Ginger Griffin

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

VII. Business Affairs

1. Approve student & athletic accident insurance for year commencing August 1, 2026. (Mrs. Carmel Breaux)

Mrs. Carmel Breaux presented a summary of the St. Mary Parish School Board's student and athletic insurance renewal through Frank's Agency with Zurich American. Coverage, terms, conditions, and the \$5,000,000 catastrophic coverage limit remain unchanged. The renewal premium is \$28,900, a decrease of \$9,600 from the expiring policy. Mrs. Breaux recommended approval of the renewal.

The Board approved the student and athletic insurance as presented by Mrs. Breaux.

Motion made by: Ginger Griffin

Motion seconded by: Rhonda Dennis

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

2. Approve Community Eligibility Provision Participation for the 2026-2027 School Year. (Ms. Chaisson)

Ms. Chaisson presented a recommendation for the district to continue participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2026-2027 school year. She noted that participation, which began in 2016 and has expanded to all district schools, currently provides a 100 percent reimbursement rate. Continued participation ensures all students receive breakfast and lunch at no cost to their families or the School Board while supporting student nutrition, academic achievement, attendance, and overall well-being. Ms. Chaisson recommended approval of continued Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) participation at all school sites.

The Board approved the Community Eligibility Provision Participation for the 2026-2027 School Year as presented by Ms. Chaisson.

Motion made by: Guienzy Brent
Motion seconded by: Rhonda Dennis
Voting results: Unanimously Approved

VIII. Committee Reports

1. Section 16 Land and Building Committee Meeting -June 29, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the Evans Medine Meeting Room located at 474 Highway 317 Centerville, LA 70522.

The Section 16 Land and Building Committee met on June 29, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the Evans Medine Meeting Room located at 474 Highway 317 Centerville, LA 70522.

Recommendations of the Section 16 Land and Building Committee were as follows.

- Move the St. Mary Alternative Program located at 131 Clausen Road in Verdunville, to the former Franklin Junior High School located at 525 Morris Street in Franklin, which would be renamed the Park Avenue Learning Center. The facility would also continue to be used for district professional development activities.
- Relocate all maintenance departments to the vacated St. Mary Alternative Program in Verdunville to centralize operations and improve efficiency, accountability, and inventory control. Funds previously allocated for improvements to the alternative program site would be reassigned, with \$163,500 used for upgrades to the Park Avenue Learning Center and the remaining \$60,000 used for electrical and security improvements at the maintenance facility. These changes would have no impact on the General Fund budget.
- Relocate the Technology Department to the Central Office Complex in Centerville to improve operational efficiency and provide a more centralized location for district technology services.
- Dedicate the Materials and Operations Center (MOC) building solely to Federal Programs and related materials in accordance with federal funding requirements.
- No plans are proposed for the Jacquet facility at this time.

The Board approved the Section 16 Land and Building Committee recommendations as presented by President Black.

Motion made by: Andrew Mancuso
Motion seconded by: Guienzy Brent
Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Following discussion, the motion was amended to authorize Dr. Sanders to explore the possibility and potential cost savings of relocating the Special

Education Department from its current location at 402 Iberia Street in Franklin to the Central Office Complex in Centerville.

Motion made by: Lindsey Anslem

Motion seconded by: Andrew Mancuso

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

IX. Staff Reports

1. Chief Financial Officer's Report (Mrs. Voisin)

A. Sales Tax Update

Mrs. Voisin reported that sales tax collections for 11 months of the fiscal year (July 2025 through May 2026) were 4 percent above budget. May sales tax collections totaled \$2.338 million, which met budget projections.

B. Financial Statements (Major Funds Only)

Mrs. Voisin provided the Board with financial statements for major funds only to review at their leisure.

C. Other Significant Items

There were no other significant items to report at this time.

X. Superintendent's Report (Dr. Sanders)

Dr. Sanders reported that 2026 LEAP results for students in grades 3–8 are available through the JCampus Parent Command Center, with individual score reports to be distributed when school resumes. School supply lists have been posted on school websites, and parents were reminded that large zipper binders are prohibited under the district's clear bag policy. A substitute teacher workshop will be held on July 21, 2026, at the Central Office Complex (COC) in Centerville. District offices will be closed July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Dr. Sanders also welcomed new district leaders, including Human Resources Director, Kianté Gunner and Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Kristina Estay and also recognized the retirement of Mr. Kenneth Holmes following 44 years of service to the students and families of St. Mary Parish.

XI. Resolution of Respect (Mrs. Gunner)

Ms. Gunner read aloud the Resolutions of Respect for the late Amalia Rogers (retired home economics teacher) and Penny Gianfala (retired business teacher).

XII. Closing - Adjournment (Mrs. Black)

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Motion made by: Ginger Griffin

Motion seconded by: Andrew Mancuso

Voting results: Unanimously Approved