CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2026

The Finance Committee met at the Claiborne Parish School Board, Homer, Louisiana, at five-thirty p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2026.

Present: EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE: Patricia Stevens (Chair), Linda Knox, Stewart Griffin

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: William Maddox, Perry Anderson, Roy Mardis, David Nokes

Ms. Destiny Hightower, Claiborne Parish 4-H Agent, shared updates and news about the Claiborne 4-H program with the Board. Claiborne Parish 4-H serves 9 schools, has 36 registered volunteers, and 18 organized clubs that serve youth in grades 2-12 and the Claiborne Parish 4-H membership has grown over 59% within the last three years. The Claiborne Parish impact from 4-Hers is strong and includes community service projects such as beautification of the community, food drives, community clean-ups, veterans support and nursing home visits. Ms. Hightower stated the Claiborne Parish 4-H offers programs in Livestock, Shooting Sports, Gardening and Robotics. 4-Hers are taught how to protect your house in a flood, pollution education, water conservation, and how to clean water at Water Fest. Some of the events offered in Claiborne Parish are the Claiborne Parish Fair, State Fair (AgMagic), Pet Show, Water Fest and a Valentine's Dance. Ms. Hightower also informed the board about different camps that are offered to 4-Hers. She also said why 4-H matters because it helps students build strong connections to the community, their school and families and it really helps them learn problem solving and teambuilding skills.

Ms. Hightower thanked the Board for allowing her to present and supporting the 4-H youth in Claiborne Parish. She stated 4-H is an investment in the future leaders of our community and country.

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Mr. Christopher Brooks, Secretary
Claiborne Parish School Board