

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

September 9, 2021

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a regular session at the Homer High School Auditorium in Homer, Louisiana at six o'clock September 9, 2021 with the following members:

Present: Danny Lee, Linda Knox, Yolanda Coleman, Dr. Robert Haynes, William Maddox, Tommy Davidson, Shelley Malsam, Terry Willis

Absent: Vera Meadors, Chris Chandler

There was also present Mr. William Kennedy, Secretary of the Board.

Dr. Haynes opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A public meeting was held for public comments regarding the 2021-22 budget. Ms. Fedrick, Business Manager, had given a brief overview of the budget at the Finance Committee Meeting earlier during the week. There were no public comments.

Mr. Willis arrived.

A motion was made by Dr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Davidson to adopt the 2021-22 Budget Resolution. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Dr. Haynes and seconded by Mr. Davidson :

A resolution adopting, finalizing and implementing the General Fund and the Special Revenue Fund Budgets of the Claiborne Parish School Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

WHEREAS, Mr. William Kennedy, in his capacity as chief administrative officer of the Claiborne Parish School Board prepared, with the assistance of Terri Fedrick, Business Manager, a proposed General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, which was accompanied by a budget adoption resolution; and

WHEREAS, the proposed General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budgets shows the revenues itemized by source and the expenditures itemized by function as required by Louisiana R.S. 39:1305; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public meeting on the proposed General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budgets and notice of the availability of the proposed budgets for inspection at such meeting have been timely published in the official journal, **The Guardian Journal**; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budgets has been held for public comments; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Claiborne Parish School Board that the proposed General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budgets is hereby approved, adopted, and finalized.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

ABSENT: 2

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 9th day of September, 2021.

William Kennedy, Secretary

William Maddox, President

Sworn to and subscribed by me this 9th day of September, 2021.

Notary Public

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 12, 2021, which had been mailed to the Board Members previously, were approved.

Superintendent Kennedy requested approval of the final revision of the 2020-21 Budget. Motion to approve the request was made by Ms. Knox, seconded by Mr. Davidson. Motion passed by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Kennedy requested the approval of the 2021-22 Pupil Progression Plan. This is done annually and the plan has been displayed for 30 days in the CPSB Central Office. Motion was made by Mr. Davidson to approve, seconded by Mr. Lee. Motion passed by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Kennedy requested approval of the Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists Bodily Injury Resolution. This is a requirement of LARMA Insurance Agency. Motion to approve was made by Dr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion passed by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Kennedy requested approval of the Louisiana Public Schools Risk Management Agency (LARMA) Interlocal Agreement Resolution. This is a requirement for our general liability through the district's insurance provider. Motion to pass was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Willis. Motion passed by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Personnel activity that has occurred since the August 12, 2021 meeting:

I. To be Hired:

a. Certified Teaching or Administrative Positions

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing
Barbara Kemp-Homer Elem	Teacher	08/05/21	Marsha Pugh
Cheyenne Higdon-Homer JR	Teacher	08/02/21	
Taylor Arabie-Summerfield	Teacher	08/12/21	Nakia Smith
Loreen Duplechin	Gifted Teacher	08/23/21	Patricia Stevens

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

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing
Marissa Williams	Para	08/09/21	Andre Hampton
Beverly Ewing	Para	08/06/21	Twillia Alford
Shajuan Henderson	Para	08/12/21	Patrick Shelman
Amber Staggs	Para	08/10/21	Cora Williams
Shanda Malone	Para	08/02/21	

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
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Leanne Nolan	Teacher	07/01/21	Resigned
Andre Hampton	Para	08/04/21	Resigned
Brenda Curlee	Para	08/27/21	Resigned

III. Transfers:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Leigh Ann Perritt	Teacher	08/02/21	Cheryl Russell
Alex Feaster	Literary Coach	07/19/21	Cheryl Taylor
Cheryl Taylor	Instructional Coach	07/19/21	New Position

2. Construction is complete at Homer Elementary. We are close to a resolution with the insurance company. Mr. Kennedy invited the Board to visit the school to see the remodel.
3. The school district has been recognized and received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the highest honor you can receive in financial reporting. Superintendent Kennedy and the Board thanked Ms. Fedrick, Business Manager, for the outstanding job she does for the school district.
4. We will be a pilot school district in a 5-year strategic plan process with the Louisiana Department of Education Strong Start School System.
5. An Accountability Overview meeting will be held in November. There will be CLUs time available.
6. A District and School Improvement Plans meeting will be held in December. This will also provide CLUs opportunity.
7. Mr. Kennedy will invite Wendy Baudoin with LSBA to present an additional board training session before the end of the year.
8. Beverly Smith with Claiborne Abstract has provided a preliminary report on the Pearl Street property. The district is in the process of having the property surveyed.
9. Superintendent Kennedy has visited with attorney, Jon Guice, on the Rosenwald school property. There are some ideas being discussed on how to reach a resolution with Mount Olive Baptist Church, which would allow them to acquire this property.
10. On next month's agenda, we will begin the process of the renewal election of the Homer District Maintenance Tax.
11. Mr. Willis thanked the Superintendent for the fast response of the maintenance and clean-up of the Old Homer Junior High building and property.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

William Maddox, President
Claiborne Parish School Board

ATTEST:

Mr. William Kennedy, Secretary
Claiborne Parish School Board