

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

October 7, 2021

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a special called session at the Claiborne Parish School Board Office in Homer, Louisiana at 4:00 p.m., on October 7, 2021, with the following members:

Present: Danny Lee, Linda Knox, Yolanda Coleman, Dr. Robert Haynes, Vera Meadors, William Maddox, Tommy Davidson, Shelley Malsam, Chris Chandler

Absent: Terry Willis

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

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

Mr. Kennedy introduced Dr. Wendy Baudoin, Board Development/Legislative Specialist, with the Louisiana School Boards Association. Dr. Baudoin presented – The Roles and Responsibilities of the School Board and the Superintendent. Dr. Baudoin began with the importance of cultivating a strong, trusting working relationship between the Board and the Superintendent. She explained the general powers and duties of school boards and parish superintendents according to RS: 17:81. A school board's primary function is to operate in a manner that positively impacts student outcomes. Research has demonstrated that highly effective school boards have a shared set of common traits or characteristics. Some of these include committing to a vision of high expectations for student achievement and quality instruction, having a strong, shared beliefs and values about the possibilities for students and their ability to learn, having a collaborative relationship with staff and the community and establishing strong communications.

The general role of the Board is to govern. The Board exercises their authority as a body. They hold board meetings in accordance with Public Meetings Law, establishes district policy, adopts and amends the district budget, establishes personnel policies, determines policies on the use of district facilities, levies taxes and when applicable, calls tax elections, hires the Superintendent of the district, and represents public education and serves as a liaison between the district and community. The general role of the Superintendent is to

manage. This involves exercising authority individually, attending all Board meetings, recommending and implementing Board policy, drafting the proposing district budget, performing functions in regards to tax collections and elections, ensuring the implementation of personnel policies, carrying out hiring, firing, and employee discipline, in consultation with principals in regard to teachers, selecting and implementing district-wide curriculum, and providing instructional leadership, and representing public education and serving as a liaison between the Board and the district.

In closing, Dr. Baudoin shared that she hopes the training will continue to build strong relationships between board members and their superintendent. She also thanked the Board and Superintendent for the opportunity to present this information.

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