

# **CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

## **MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

January 10, 2022

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a special called session at the Homer High Cottage in Homer, Louisiana at six o'clock p.m., on January 10, 2022, with the following members:

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

*Absent: Vera Meadors, Chris Chandler, Terry Willis*

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

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

Superintendent Kennedy presented an overview of two possibilities of virtual learning which could be offered to students in our district. They are Edmentum (Grades K-2) and Odysseyware (Grades 3-12). Neither of these platforms involve the district's teachers. Edmentum provides highly-qualified, state-certified, specifically trained teachers. The students are able to interact with Edmentum's teachers. However, if a student is not communicating or logging in, the school is still contacted. Odysseyware does not have a teacher associated with it. The lessons are assigned and due dates set to ensure the student is keeping on pace with the curriculum. Superintendent Kennedy reemphasized for both of these platforms, the child remains a student of Claiborne Parish School Board. He reminded the Board that currently virtual learning options are only offered to students with proof of a medical necessity. If the Board chooses to agree to these virtual options, students could participate without having a

medical necessity. They would contact their child's principal, sign a contract for the issuance of a Chromebook and hotspot. A motion was made by Ms. Knox that during times of high and substantial positivity rates of Covid, where masking is required, Claiborne Parish School Board will offer a virtual opportunity; until the positivity rate falls below 8% and for a period of five (5) days. Motion was seconded by Mr. Davidson. Motion passed by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no.

In closing, Mr. Kennedy discussed the positivity rates in Claiborne Parish. Data from the Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) website was provided to the Board. The LDH updates their website each Wednesday of the week. Superintendent Kennedy stated that Claiborne Memorial Medical Center has agreed to share updated numbers they receive from the LDH more often with him.

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

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William Maddox, President  
Claiborne Parish School Board

ATTEST:

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Mr. William Kennedy, Secretary  
Claiborne Parish School Board