

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

January 20, 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 20, 2022, with the following members:

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

Absent: Danny Lee, Vera Meadors

Superintendent William Kennedy, Secretary of the Board, was unable to attend the meeting.

Tommy Davidson, Board Member, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

William Maddox, Board President, reintroduced Cedric Floyd, Demographer, with Data Center LLC to the Board. The purpose of this meeting is to have a work session to discuss proposed redistricting of school board member election district boundaries. Mr. Floyd informed the Board that after the release of the U.S. census, cities, parishes, school boards, and states have to examine and possibly redraw the lines for election districts to keep population equal on their respective bodies. This is the beginning of the process. He presented a map of Claiborne Parish with the election districts and 2020 census blocks of the school board members applied. According to the 2020 census, the total population of Claiborne Parish was 14,170. This amount includes the 10 districts with a population of 12,521 and a population of 1,649 for David Wade Correctional Center. In order to get the ideal district size, the total number of districts (10) is divided by the total population of the 10 districts (12,521), giving the ideal district size of 1,252. Additionally, Mr. Floyd explained the overall deviation of the ten-member school board member election districts is 25.00%, which is more than double the legal limit of 10% mandated in Federal Law. Some districts need an increase, while others need to decrease, in order to reach the ideal size. He stated the police juror and board member incumbents need to take into consideration their respective districts in order to remain in them. Mr. Floyd invited the board members to share their input or ask questions they may have. Several board members discussed their ideas and Mr. Floyd was able to instantly apply the different scenarios into the map and see the effect the change would have on the districts.

In conclusion, the decision was made to wait for the Police Jurors to schedule a work session with Mr. Floyd also. If possible, board members could attend the work session and then, further discussions would follow.

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