

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

February 10, 2022

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a regular session at the Homer High Auditorium in Homer, Louisiana at six o'clock February 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.

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 6, 2022, Special Called Meeting held January 10, 2022, and the Special Called Meeting held January 20, 2022, which had been emailed to the Board Members previously, were approved.

Instructional Supervisor, Twyla Hilton, introduced the following Students of the Year: Madden Edwards – 5th grade, Haynesville Jr./Sr. High; Cameron Waters – 8th grade, Homer Jr. High; Jzaziyah Cooper – 12th grade, Haynesville Jr./Sr. High. Ms. Hilton presented each student with a plaque. Ms. Hilton and Superintendent Kennedy praised and congratulated these students for their outstanding achievements and efforts. They will now be competing in regional competition.

Ms. Hilton also recognized and presented a plaque to the following New Teachers of the Year: Casandra Davis (Elementary – Homer Elementary), Amanda Garner (Jr. High – Haynesville Jr. High) and Rebecca Stohler (High School – Haynesville Sr. High). These new teachers have been teaching less than a year and are valuable assets in our classrooms. Ms. Hilton thanked them for their dedication to our students.

Ms. Hilton recognized the following Teachers of the Year and presented each with a plaque: Hailey Aycock (Elementary - Summerfield), Christy Coleman (Jr. High – Haynesville Jr. High), and Kimberly Beavers (High School – Homer High). Ms. Hilton commended them on the impact they make on students and the love they have for each of them. Superintendent Kennedy stated there is no substitute for a great teacher and our district has some of the best. He commended and thanked all of the teachers who were recognized this evening. These teachers also will be competing at the regional level soon.

The Principals of the Year were recognized and presented with a plaque to the following recipients: Heather Brooks (Haynesville Elementary), Courtney Smith (Homer Jr. High), and Chris Brooks (Haynesville Sr. High). Superintendent Kennedy stated these Principals truly care for their students and make a difference in their lives. Their commitment and hard work is appreciated tremendously and he thanked them for all of their efforts. The honorees will compete at the next level as well.

Mr. Maddox, Board President, stated that the Standing Committees for 2022 would remain the same as 2021.

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD 2022 STANDING COMMITTEES

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Yolanda Coleman, CHAIR

Linda Knox

Chris Chandler

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Vera Meadors, CHAIR

Danny Lee

Dr. Robert Haynes

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Linda Knox, CHAIR

Tommy Davidson

Shelley Malsam

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Robert Haynes, CHAIR

Tommy Davidson

Terry Willis

DRUG COMMITTEE

Yolanda Coleman, CHAIR

Terry Willis

Chris Chandler

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Danny Lee, CHAIR

Yolanda Coleman

Dr. Robert Haynes

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Vera Meadors, CHAIR

Linda Knox

Terry Willis

Superintendent Kennedy requested to approve policy revision - JBCE (Public School Choice). This policy included a definition of “capacity” for each school and the transfer request period was included to begin on March 1st and end on July 15th, annually. Motion to approve the policy revision was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Haynes. Motion passed by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Kennedy asked the Board to consider rescinding and/or amending the Emergency Covid Resolution previously adopted by the Board on March 17, 2020. He asked, if rescinded, the Board work out a plan to give him permission to operate in specific circumstances listed within the resolution, such as purchasing materials and supplies for Covid and adjust curriculum and work schedules, if needed due to Covid. Superintendent Kennedy asked if the Board would like to amend the resolution, some further changes could be made to the powers listed in the resolution, such as modifying or removing specific items. Motion to leave the resolution ‘as is’ until the end of Covid was made by Dr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Lee. Ms. Coleman made a motion to make an amendment to the motion by Dr. Haynes, to leave the resolution ‘as is’ but for the resolution to remain in effect until the end of the Public Health Emergency. The amended motion was seconded by Ms. Malsam. The amended motion passed by a roll call vote of 5 yes, 2 no.

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Danny Lee	X			
Linda Knox	X			
Yolanda Coleman	X			
Dr. Robert Haynes		X		
Vera Meadors				X
William Maddox	X			
Tommy Davidson		X		
Shelley Malsam	X			
Chris Chandler				X
Terry Willis				X

Mr. Kennedy briefly discussed the January financials.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Personnel Actions that have occurred since the January 6, 2022 meeting:

Personnel Actions – February 10, 2022

I. To be Hired:

a. Certified Teaching or Administrative Positions

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing

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

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing
Teresa Kennedy	Para (ESSR)	1/18/2022	New Position

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Carol Ann Odom	Teacher	1/14/2022	Resigned
Ariel Finch	Para	1/31/2022	Resigned
Toni Lambert	Teacher	1/14/2022	Retired
Rickey Smith	Custodian	2/02/2022	Retired

III. Transfers:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason

1. The Policy Jury had a meeting with Mr. Floyd, Demographer, in regards to the redistricting. They have made a preliminary plan. Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 are unchanged. District 1 has a slight addition in the SE corner of the district. Districts 6 and 9 have a reduction. Districts 7 and 10 have a shift. Superintendent Kennedy emailed this information to the Board earlier today to review.
2. The Strategic Process is still underway. This is tedious, but rewarding work. Shortly, the finished product and plan will be brought before the Board asking for approval to implement.
3. Surveying has begun on the Pearl Street property. When this is complete, the district will be able to declare surplus.
4. Superintendent Kennedy reiterated his appreciation to all the students, teachers and principals recognized this evening. This is a tremendously challenging time and believes they are all exceptional educators. He asked everyone to thank them for their dedication.

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