

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2022

The Claiborne Parish School Board met in a regular session at the Claiborne Parish School Board Office in Homer, Louisiana, at six o'clock March 10, 2022 with the following members:

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

Absent: Danny Lee, Vera Meadors, Shelley Malsam

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 Special Called Meeting and Regular Meeting held February 10, 2022, which had been emailed to the Board Members previously, were approved.

Superintendent Kennedy requested to affirm the action to remove masks following the recent Governor's Proclamation. Motion to affirm 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 the removal of the masking requirement on public school buses. The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) are following the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in no longer requiring masking on public school buses. Motion to approve removal of masking requirements on public school buses was made by Dr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Davidson. Motion passed by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Kennedy made a request to approve a resolution for a directional sign to Homer High School be placed on the right of way for the Highway 79 Bypass near its intersection with State Route 3062 (North Main Street). The resolution is required for the placement of such a sign by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Motion was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Knox. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 7 yes, 0 no.

RESOLUTION OF THE CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

A Resolution of the Claiborne Parish School Board authorizing its Superintendent to request, obtain and have installed a supplemental guide or "directional sign" for Homer High School; providing the necessary unanimous authorization to prepare and submit a request to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the placement of such a sign; authorizing the production of all necessary documentation and the payment of all fees and expenses associated with requesting and obtaining the supplemental guide or "directional sign"; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish School Board (hereinafter, the "School Board") operates and maintains Homer High School, which is of interest to and serves the needs of the public by providing public education to area students; and

WHEREAS, Homer High School is a public school with a football stadium, gymnasium and auditorium where at least four events are held each year with rival or opposing teams; and

WHEREAS, given the services provided by Homer High School and the numerous events held on its campus or in its adjoining facilities, there is a public need for the placement of a supplemental guide or “directional sign” to direct vehicular traffic to the school; and

WHEREAS, the School Board finds that a supplemental guide or “directional sign” would best serve the interests of the public while being located on the right of way for the Louisiana Highway 79 Bypass near its intersection with State Route 3062 (North Main Street, Homer, Louisiana); and

WHEREAS, the intended location of the supplemental guide or “directional sign” for Homer High School is located within the state highway system and the School Board’s territorial jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 32:238 requires that the School Board request such a supplemental guide or “directional sign” on a state route in the form of a unanimous resolution stating the information to appear on the sign, the name and location of the entity to which the public is directed and the general location at which the sign is to be placed; and

WHEREAS, the School Board desires to request a supplemental guide or “directional sign” for Homer High School to be located on the right of way for Louisiana Highway 79 Bypass near its intersection with State Route 3062 (North Main Street, Homer, Louisiana); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board, in an open meeting on March 10, 2022, as follows:

Section 1. That the School Board authorizes its Superintendent to prepare, complete and submit a permit application for a supplemental guide or “directional sign” to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. This authorization expressly contemplates and includes the authorization to gather all such documents or other information as may be required.

Section 2. That the School Board’s Superintendent is hereby designated as the Authorized Representative for the School Board for the preparation and submission of a permit application for a supplemental guide or “directional sign” on a non-interstate highway to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and for the provision of any information that otherwise may be necessary or requested by any District Traffic Operations Engineer, Area Engineer and Traffic Engineering Management Administrator or designee.

Section 3. That the permit application authorized herein shall be for purposes of requesting and obtaining the preparation and installation of a supplemental guide or “directional sign” for Homer High School, with said school site being located at 1008 N. Main Street, Homer, Louisiana 71040.

Section 4. That the permit application authorized herein shall be for purposes of requesting and obtaining the preparation and installation of a supplemental guide or “directional sign” displaying the name of the school facility, “HOMER HIGH SCHOOL,” with a directional arrow indicating a right turn toward the school from the sign’s anticipated location on the right of way for Louisiana Highway 79 Bypass near its intersection with State Route 3062;

Section 5. That the School Board hereby authorized it’s Superintendent to pay the costs associated with the permit application process, as well as the costs associated with preparing and obtaining the requested sign itself, with such costs to include, but not be limited to, any advanced signage costs as required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

This Resolution was offered by Tommy Davidson and seconded by Linda Knox. Having been submitted to a vote in open meeting, the vote thereon was recorded as follows:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Danny Lee, Vera Meadors, Shelley Malsam

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially on this 10th day of March, 2022.

WILLIAM MADDOX, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

WILLIAM KENNEDY, SUPERINTENDENT
SECRETARY

Superintendent Kennedy requested approval of granting permission for Micki Turner as new Business Manager to have access to the banking information, along with Superintendent Kennedy and Ms. Terri Fedrick, Business Manager, to any and all bank accounts, including Gibsland Bank & Trust, First Guaranty Bank and Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP). This is needed in order for Ms. Fedrick to train Ms. Turner in her new role as Business Manager. Motion to approve permission and grant access was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Coleman. Motion passed by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Twyla Hilton, Instructional Supervisor, gave an update of the KARE Program. There are currently 11 students enrolled and 8 should be graduating in May. Ms. Hilton praised Ms. Dupree, KARE Director, and stated she goes above and beyond for her students. The KARE Program is a wonderful initiative to help students who may not have otherwise graduated.

Mr. Kennedy briefly discussed the February financials. No board members had questions.

Superintendent's Report:

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
Michelle Parish-Homer Elem	Custodian	2/28/22	Rickey Smith
Shaterra Millage-Hay Elem	Para	2/28/22	New Position SPED
Teresa Kennedy-Summerfield	Para	1/18/28	New Position ESSR

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Kimberley Clements	Nurse	2/25/22	Resigned
Kendrick Jackson	Teacher	2/28/22	Resigned

III. Transfers:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason

1. We were recently awarded the Reimagine Grant in the amount of \$1,175,000 over a 3-year period. The continued implementation of the TAP program will be Homer Elementary.
2. The Pearl Street Property survey is almost completed. They have established existing boundaries. There is a small portion of the SE Corner, approximately .25 of an acre, in which the boundary lines were not known or well-established. At this time, there

are a few landowners that have encroached on this portion of the Pearl Street property. At the recommendation of our attorney, a boundary agreement may be a solution to enter into between the School Board and those landowners, if all parties agree. The agreement would adjust the legal description and boundary lines of the property.

3. Reminder – The Homer Maintenance District #13 Ad Valorem Tax Renewal will be on the March 26th ballot.
4. Reminder - Ethics training is due for board members by March 31st.
5. The Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held on Monday, March 21st at the Haynesville Fair Barn at 6:30 p.m.

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