

# CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 9, 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 June 9, 2022 with the following members:

*Present:*        *Danny Lee, Linda Knox, Yolanda Coleman, Dr. Robert Haynes, Norman 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.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 5, 2022, and the Special Called Meeting held May 12, 2022, which had been sent electronically to the Board Members previously, were approved.

Mr. Willis arrived.

Motion was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Haynes to bring the following agenda item, (Elect Vice-President), off the table from the May meeting. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Kennedy stated due to the recent loss of board member, Ms. Vera Meadors, the Board needs to elect a Vice-President. Ms. Malsam made a motion to nominate Ms. Knox as Vice-President, seconded by Mr. Davidson. Mr. Davidson moved that Ms. Knox be elected by acclamation. A roll call vote was recommended. Due to Mr. Meadors not having received his commission paperwork from the Secretary of State at this time, he will be unable to vote during the meeting. Motion to elect Ms. Knox as Vice-President passed by a roll call vote of 8 yes, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAINED</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Danny Lee</b>	X			
<b>Linda Knox</b>			X	
<b>Yolanda Coleman</b>	X			
<b>Dr. Robert Haynes</b>	X			
<b>Norman Meadors</b>				
<b>William Maddox</b>	X			
<b>Tommy Davidson</b>	X			
<b>Shelley Malsam</b>	X			
<b>Chris Chandler</b>	X			
<b>Terry Willis</b>	X			

A resolution to honor the late Ms. Vera Meadors, friend, and Board Member, was read by Superintendent Kennedy into the minutes. The resolution will be sent to Ms. Meadors' family. Dr. Haynes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Knox. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

In Honor of Ms. Vera R. Meadors

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Vera Meadors served nineteen (19) years as a board member for District 7 in the Claiborne Parish School District; and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Meadors worked diligently to improve the educational system in the Claiborne Parish School District; and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Meadors used her multitude of talents to provide a quality service to shape the minds and to influence the youth of Claiborne Parish in a positive manner; and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Meadors touched the lives and hearts of many with her nurturing spirit, tireless devotion, and unselfish compassion; and

**WHEREAS,** Claiborne Parish School District has suffered a loss that will not be easily filled, nor long forgotten,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Claiborne Parish School Board go on record thanking Ms. Vera Meadors for her untiring devotion and service to the youth of our

parish; and furthermore, the Board is deeply saddened by the loss of a mentor, board member and most importantly, a dear friend; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution will be sent to the family of Ms. Vera R. Meadors and published as part of the minutes of the June 9, 2022, board meeting.

**ATTEST:**

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William Kennedy, Superintendent

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William H. Maddox, President

Ms. Courtney Smith, Homer Jr. High Principal and TAP Coordinator, gave an update on the Reimagine grant. She stated the \$1.17 million granted to Claiborne Parish School District will be used for the implementation of the TAP program. Ms. Smith explained the purpose, goals, and mission of the TAP program. TAP is a comprehensive educator effectiveness program that aims to improve student achievement through support and incentives. It includes master teachers that lead clusters, support in the classrooms, and provide demonstration lessons. There are two phases: 1) Planning; and 2) Approval and Implementation. At this time, Homer Jr. High had full implementation this past school year and Homer Elementary will be fully implementing this upcoming school year. Also, this upcoming school year, Homer High and Summerfield will begin the 2-year process and will follow the Best Practices for the first year. In the 2023-24 school year, both schools will transition into full implementation. The Haynesville schools will begin the process soon afterwards. Ms. Smith introduced the master teachers at each campus. Ms. Laura Gryder and Ms. Ashley Wafer will be at Homer Elementary. Ms. Alex Feaster and Ms. Christy Coleman are at Homer Jr. High and Ms. Kim Beavers will be at Homer High. There will be interviews at Summerfield in the next couple of weeks to determine their master teachers. Ms. Smith announced and introduced Ms. Kelly Tims, who was a master teacher at Homer Jr. this past school year, will be transitioning into the principal role at Homer Jr. High. The Board asked Ms. Smith questions regarding the funds for the program and the capacity for master teachers. Ms. Smith, Superintendent Kennedy and Ms. Holland, Federal Funds Supervisor, explained through the Reimagine grant and ESSER funds they allow our district the opportunity to provide the necessary training and salaries for the master teacher positions to ensure successful execution of

this program. The Board thanked Ms. Smith for the presentation and information on the TAP program.

Due to a schedule conflict, Superintendent Kennedy requested to reschedule the July board meeting from Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Haynes made a motion to approve rescheduling the July board meeting to July 14<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Mr. Davidson. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Kennedy made a request to announce the Guardian Journal as the official journal from July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023. Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Malsam. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Guillory, Transportation Supervisor, requested to approve the bus bids for 4 route buses and 1 Special Education bus. They have new tires, brakes and are 2014 or newer buses. The SPED bus will have air conditioning and a lift. Mr. Davidson made the motion to approve the bus bids, seconded by Dr. Haynes. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Turner briefly discussed the May 2022 financials.

Superintendent’s Report:

1. Personnel Actions that have occurred since the May 5, 2022 meeting:

## Personnel Actions – June 9, 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

**II. Resignations, Retirements, Etc:**

Name	Position	Effective	Reason
Connie Woods	Teacher	5/13/22	Resigned
Margaret Gryder	Para	5/25/22	Retired
Glen Kyle	Teacher	5/25/22	Retired
Alean Jones	Para	6/01/22	Retired
VaLinda Webb	Para	7/01/22	Retired

Hailey Aycock	Teacher	5/25/22	Resigned
Malinda Campbell	Teacher	5/25/22	Resigned
Ashlie Martin	Teacher	5/25/22	Resigned
Thomas McRae	Teacher	5/25/22	Resigned
Douglas Upshaw	Bus Driver	5/25/22	Resigned
Allison Legendre	Teacher	5/25/22	Resigned
Cheyenne Higdon	Teacher	5/25/22	Resigned
Glen Guin	Dean Of Students	5/25/22	Resigned
Monica Kirkpatrick	Teacher	5/25/22	Resigned
Sara Hilton	Teacher	5/25/22	Resigned
Noah Higdon	Teacher	5/25/22	Resigned
Derek Howard	Teacher	5/25/22	Resigned
Holly Hilton	Interventionist	6/10/22	Resigned
Brenda Jackson	Para	5/25/22	Resigned
Jonathon Kelley	Teacher	5/25/22	Resigned
Mistie Nail	Para	5/25/22	Resigned
Brenden Robinson	Teacher	5/25/22	Resigned
Jennifer Ramsay	Teacher	5/25/22	Resigned
Vera Meadors	Board Member	5/01/22	Death
Sam Bolen	Custodian	5/05/22	Terminated

2. Summer Camp began this week and has been a success. The campers are learning through fun activities and experiments.
3. The boundary line agreements are being drawn up for the Pearl Street property. When this is completed, we will be able to declare this property surplus.
4. Ms. Heather Brooks, Haynesville Elementary Principal, is a finalist for Principal of the Year throughout the state of Louisiana. She is one of three finalists at the elementary level. The winner will be announced in New Orleans on July 30<sup>th</sup>. The district is very excited and extremely proud of Ms. Brooks' accomplishments.
5. Mr. Guillory, Maintenance Supervisor, reported on summer projects being worked on and completed. Summerfield will be getting a new awning that hopefully will be completed by October. The Summerfield main building will be getting painted. The Haynesville Elementary gym got air conditioning through the ESSER grant monies. Homer Jr. will be getting painted also. The floors are being waxed in all schools. Every school either already has or will be getting touchless sinks, flush valves, water fountains. The SPED office, alternative school, and central office will also be getting these.
6. The KARE program graduation was a success. We are proud of these student's accomplishments.
7. There will be a BESE meeting the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>, which Superintendent Kennedy will attend. The BESE board has on the agenda to allow waivers for the EOC tests. It takes 6 to pass. The last vote was defeated with 5-3.
8. Qualifying dates for board members who wish to run for the next term are July 20 – 22. You can complete and return the paperwork at the Clerk of Court's office in Homer.

9. We will have a Strategic Plan update either before the regular called meeting in July or during the meeting, depending on the length of the agenda.

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