

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 7, 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, April 7, 2022 with the following members:

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

Absent: Vera Meadors

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.

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held March 10, 2022, which had been emailed to the Board Members previously, were approved.

Mr. Maddox presented Coach Richie Casey with a Resolution in honor of Homer High School football team winning the 2021 Class 1-A State Football Championship. Coach Casey commended the players, coaches, and community for their hard work and dedication. Their overall record for the season was 11-3. Dr. Haynes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Malsam. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Claiborne Parish School Board Resolution

WHEREAS, the **HOMER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM** completed the regular season with a 7-3 record and the playoff season with a 4-0 record; and

WHEREAS, such stellar accomplishment resulted in the advancement to the State finals, and on Saturday, December 11, 2021, the **HOMER HIGH SCHOOL** football team was victorious in the 2021 Class 1-A State Football Championship game held at the Caesar's Superdome in New Orleans, LA;

WHEREAS, and achievement has brought honor, pride, and recognition to Homer High School, the Homer Community, Claiborne Parish School Board, and to Claiborne Parish as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of this team were due to the combined efforts of the team members and Head Coach Richie Casey, the school administration and staff, and the student body; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Claiborne Parish School Board goes on record as officially recognizing and congratulating the **HOMER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM**, Head Coach Richie Casey, Assistant Coaches Jesstarian Allen, Louis Grant, Noah Higdon, Derek Howard and Stephen Legendre; Principal Lee Simms, faculty, and student body of the Homer High School for winning the **2021 CLASS 1-A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be published as part of these official

minutes and that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Homer High School.

ATTEST:

William Kennedy, Secretary
April 7, 2022

William Maddox, Board President
Claiborne Parish School Board

Superintendent Kennedy requested the Board to consider giving financial support to the students and sponsors who will be attending the FBLA National Convention. There are 12 individuals who qualified in 6 events. Homer High will have two state officers for next year. Haynesville also had one student qualify in an event. This year's convention will be held in Chicago, Illinois, from June 29th – July 2nd. He reminded the Board in previous years they have supported the FBLA sponsor(s) and students who have qualified for the national events by giving \$600 per person. Speaking on behalf of Mr. David Robinson, Homer High Principal and FBLA Sponsor, Ms. Sarah Hilton introduced Ms. Zriah Buggs, Homer High freshman student, who qualified at the State Leadership Conference, which earned her the right to compete at the National Leadership Conference. The remaining students who qualified for Nationals introduced themselves and the events they qualified in to secure their place to compete at Nationals. Ms. Hilton stated the estimated costs are approximately \$1,000 per person at this time. Mr. Davidson made a motion to provide financial support of the 12, possibly 13, students and 4 sponsors in the amount of \$600 each. Ms. Knox seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Kennedy requested approval of the 2022-23 school calendar. Motion was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Willis to approve the request. The first day for students will be August 4th, 2022. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Superintendent Kennedy requested the Board to approve to advertise for (4) school buses and (1) special needs bus. These would be paid for out of ESSER funds. These are used/refurbished buses with typically between 30,000 – 40,000 miles on them. The special needs bus would be climate-controlled and equipped with lifts. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Knox. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Mr. Kennedy requested to approve the Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists Bodily Injury Resolution. This is an annual occurrence through Louisiana Public Schools Risk Management Agency (LARMA). Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Knox. Motion passed by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no.

Micki Turner briefly discussed the March financials. No board members had questions.

Superintendent's Report:

Personnel Actions – April 7, 2022

I. To be Hired:

a. Certified Teaching or Administrative Positions

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing
Tracy Purvis	Counselor	4/4/22	New Position-ESSR

Terra Salmon-Homer	School Nurse	4/4/22	Kim Clements
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b. Classified, Support, Bus Drivers or Other Non-Certificated Positions

Name	Position	Effective	Replacing

II. Resignations, Retirements:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason

III. Transfers:

Name	Position	Effective	Reason

1. The Homer District #13 Maintenance Ad Valorem Tax passed for renewal on the March 26th election. The renewal is for 10 years.
2. Ms. Heather Brooks, Haynesville Elementary Principal, has been named as a semi-finalist for the Principal of the Year award throughout the state of Louisiana. She is representing our school district at the elementary level. It will be announced at the Teacher Leader Conference on May 31st in New Orleans, if she advances to the finals.
3. The redistricting proposal will be brought to the Board at the May 5th meeting to approve the redistricting plan and adopt the resolution.
4. The Southern Region Leadership Conference will be held in New Orleans on July 24th – 26th.
5. We will be having Summer School for the second year. It will begin on June 6th – June 23rd from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Students in grades Kindergarten – 7th are able to attend. We will provide breakfast, lunch, and snack.
6. Amy Tynes with Allen, Green & Williamson, will be at the May 5th board meeting to present the audit report. The district had no findings in our audit.
7. State Literary Rally will be taking place this weekend in Baton Rouge. Homer High has 1 student, Haynesville Jr./Sr. High has 4 students and Summerfield High has 4 students that will be participating in this competition.
8. We are getting closer to receiving the telemedicine equipment and having the ability to provide this benefit to our students and teachers.
9. Homer High will be having their National Honor Society induction ceremony on April 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Homer High Auditorium.

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
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