

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT PARISH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF THE PARISH OF GRANT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN  
AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020

The Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met via Teleconference, (due to COVID-19 Restrictions), the Grant Parish School Board Office, Colfax, Louisiana, in Regular Session, Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

The Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, was duly convened by Mr. William "Bill" Riggs, President of the Grant Parish School Board, who then stated that the Grant Parish School Board was ready to transact any business which may come before the Board.

Roll Call: There were present Mrs. Mary Bullock, Mr. Lloyd Whitman, Mrs. Karen Layton, Mr. Randy Browning, Mrs. Lisa Roberts, Mr. Mike Slaughter, Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" McFarland and Mr. William "Bill" Riggs. Mr. Paxton Teddlie, Secretary-Treasurer was also present.

Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved the March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and the March 17, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.

Recognize: Mary Pratt with Brown and Brown Insurance: discussing with the board Workman's Compensation renewal quotes.

No guests signed in to be recognized.

Retirement: None

The Finance Committee, Transportation and Maintenance Committee did not meet.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved District Budget Revisions:

Colfax--\$5,000 in revenue, \$5,000 in repairs/maintenance

Grant Jr High--\$4,000 in revenue, \$4,000 in maint supplies

Georgetown--\$10,000 in revenue, \$10,000 repairs/maint

Grant---\$14,000 in revenue, \$14,000 in repairs/maint.

Projects needing approval: \$10,000 tile small gym, \$3,540 to replace café lights, \$6,000 to concrete sidewalk, \$2,100 to strip/wax gym, \$17,500 to fix walls and floors in two rooms, \$65,000 for bus pads. This will include using \$65,000 from prior year funds.

Montgomery--\$2,400 in revenue, \$2,400 in maint supplies

Pollock--\$21,000 in revenue, \$2,000 summer worker salary, \$19,000 in maintenance supplies.

Verda--\$600 in revenue, \$600 in maint supplies.

South Grant--\$10,000 in revenue, \$10,000 in maint supplies.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved

Parishwide Budget Revisions:

Colfax--\$2,000 in revenue, \$2,000 in instructional supplies.

Grant Jr High--\$3,800 in revenue, \$3,800 in instructional supplies.

Georgetown--\$2,300 in revenue, \$2,300 in repairs/maint

Grant--\$5,800 in revenue, \$5,800 in maint supplies.

Montgomery--\$2,000 in revenue, \$2,000 in instructional supplies.

Pollock--\$5,000 in revenue, \$2,000 clerical salary, \$3,000 in principal supplies.

Verda--\$1,900 in revenue, \$1,900 in repairs/maint

South Grant--\$4,600 in revenue, \$4,600 in instructional supplies.

Central Office--\$3,100 in revenue, \$3,100 in repairs.

Received for approval at the May meeting the Workman's Compensation renewal quotes.

Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved a resolution supporting requirements for the qualifications of the State Superintendent of Education.

**GRANT PARISH RESOLUTION**  
**STATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, for the first time in almost decade, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education will be electing a new State Superintendent of Education (BESE);

WHEREAS, the election of a State Superintendent is one of the three primary functions of BESE;

WHEREAS, making the best choice of a new State Superintendent is critically important to the approximately 700,000 public school children in Louisiana;

WHEREAS, LRS 17:21 provides that the State Superintendent, at a minimum, should process the qualifications established by BESE for a local school superintendent;

WHEREAS, LAC 28:I.309 provides that the State Superintendent shall possess the following qualifications:

- Advanced degree in public administration, education or related area;
- Background in the formulation and implementation of public policy;
- Strong academic background; and
- Qualifications for the position of superintendent of a city, parish, or other local public school board;

And provides that a candidate should have the following experience:

- Proven record of success in administration;
- Demonstrated ability to achieve positive results
- Credibility in his/her current profession; and
- Proven record of team building.

WHEREAS, LAC 28:747 provides that the qualifications for a superintendent of a city, parish or other school superintendent:

- Valid Type A or Level 3 Louisiana teaching certificate
- 5 years of experience as a superintendent, asst. superintendent, supervisor of instruction, principal, or assistant principal, or equivalent experience.
- Master's degree
- 48 hours of graduate credit, including at least 30 hours in education administration and supervision of instruction, along with specific requirements in various educational administration content areas.

WHEREAS, while BESE has the authority, by a two-thirds vote, to waive the requirements to be the State Superintendent of Education, those adopted qualifications are vitally important to ensuring that the leader of public education in Louisiana has the appropriate educational background and experience, and a waiver should only be considered in extraordinary circumstances, such as when there are no viable qualified applicants;

WHEREAS, BESE has established a process for vetting all applicants for State Superintendent;

WHEREAS, the first step in the process should be to separate the applicants into two categories, those that meet the established qualifications and those that do not;

WHEREAS, the next step in the process should be to review more closely the applicants that meet the established qualifications;

WHEREAS, the second step in the process should focus on those qualified candidates that have displayed the most student success in their prior experience in public school administration, with a focus on success that spans across diverse communities, rural, urban and suburban, and communities with diverse student populations that most closely mirror the student populations across Louisiana, and evidence of an understanding of the challenges of educating students in the varied public school districts across Louisiana;

WHEREAS, only upon a determination by BESE, acting in an open meeting, that none of the candidates that meet the qualifications are suitable to serve as the State Superintendent of Education, should BESE consider waiving the established minimum qualifications and further evaluating the non-qualified candidates.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the [Grant School Board], urges BESE, in the process of selecting the next State Superintendent of Education, to uphold the established minimum qualifications adopted by BESE and existing in current Louisiana law and regulation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD urges BESE to refuse to waive the minimum qualifications set forth in existing Louisiana law and regulation without a public determination, as a body, that none of the candidates meeting those qualifications is a suitable candidate for State Superintendent of Education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD urges BESE to select a new State Superintendent who:

- Meets the established minimum qualifications set forth in Louisiana law and regulation;
- Has displayed student success in public school administration in Louisiana;
- Has displayed student success in public school administration in both rural and suburban/urban communities;
- Has displayed student success in communities with diverse student populations;
- Has an understanding of the challenges of educating students in the varied public school districts across Louisiana;

FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD directs the Superintendent to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and to each BESE member whose district incorporates a portion of the GRANT PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM.

RESOLUTION 2020416-2

William Riggs  
William Riggs, President

April 16, 2020

Paxton Teddlie  
Paxton Teddlie, Superintendent

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved a resolution for supporting reopening railroad crossing in Dry Prong near Grant Parish Bus and Maintenance Shop.

April 16, 2020

Resolution # 2020416-1

**GRANT PARISH RESOLUTION FOR  
RAILROAD CROSSING INSTALLED IN DRY PRONG, LA**

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Parish School Board's responsibility is to provide transportation to the students of Grant Parish Schools and to the citizens of the Parish to maintain the condition of the bus fleet and,

**WHEREAS**, large volume of traffic on North Claiborne which is a residential area and the roadway is narrow and only one vehicle can traverse the roadway at a time, and

**WHEREAS**, GPSB has 70 buses in the fleet which regularly go to the bus shop for fuel and maintenance and opening the old crossing would reduce bus traffic through the residential area reducing chances for an accident, and

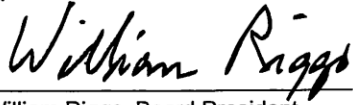
**WHEREAS**, The Grant Parish Maintenance department also utilizes the bus shop area as a base of operations. Four maintenance vehicles commonly also utilize North Claiborne, opening the old crossing would allow maintenance staff to avoid the narrow roadway minimizing the chances for an accident near a residence and

**WHEREAS**, Currently, buses and maintenance crews that need to get to the bus shop must exit Hwy 167 and turn on Dyson Creek Road and then turn on to North Claiborne, and

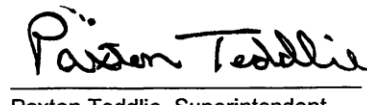
**WHEREAS**, Fuel and Food Service deliveries are often made to the Bus Shop/Food Service Warehouse and these deliveries are made using large vehicles operating on a very narrow North Claiborne and opening the old crossing would allow fuel and food deliveries to not utilize North Claiborne,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved the Grant Parish School Board is requesting that the former crossing be reopened near the current bus and maintenance shop to facilitate proper flow of traffic and reduce the chance of accidents, and

**THEREFORE**, be it further resolved that the School Board is requesting the superintendent forward this resolution to the Senators and Representative of Grant Parish on this 16th day of April, 2020.



William Riggs, Board President



Paxton Teddlie, Superintendent

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved  
May 19, 2020 at 6:00PM for the May Board Meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved the  
Academic Calendar for 2020-2021 school year.

**GRANT PARISH CALENDAR  
2020-2021**

**August**

5-6 Teacher Workdays  
7 Student 1st day/Early  
Release

**September**

7 Labor Day Holiday  
17 Jr/High School PTC  
3:00 - 6:00  
18 Teacher Workday

**October**

1 Early Release/Elem/GTHS  
PTC  
12:30-6:00  
7 End 1st 9 Weeks  
8-9 Fall Break  
16 Report Cards

**November**

3 Presidential Election Day  
5 Early Release  
6 Pecan Festival Holiday  
11 Veterans Day Holiday  
20 Early Release  
23-27 Thanksgiving Holiday

**December**

22 Early Release  
End 2nd 9 Weeks  
End 1st Semester  
23-31 Christmas Holiday

**January**

1-8 Christmas Holiday  
7-8 Teacher Workday  
11 Students Return  
15 Report Cards  
18 MLK Holiday

**February**

11 Early Release/Testing  
Inservice/PD  
PTC 3:00- 6:00  
15-16 Presidents Day/Spring  
Break

**March**

11 End 3rd 9 Weeks  
12 Student/Teacher Holiday  
19 Report Cards

**April**

2 Good Friday  
5-9 Easter Break

**May**

6 Seniors Last Day  
13 Last Day PK, K, 6th, 8th  
20 Student Last Day  
21 Teacher Workday/  
PTC

There are 87 student days in the first semester (33,495 minutes) and 84 days in the Second Semester (32,340 minutes). Total of 171 student days (65,835 minutes). State Requirement - 63,720 minutes.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved the 2020-2021 Grant Parish School Choice Plan.



## Grant Parish School Board

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Paxton Teddlie, Superintendent

### School Choice Plan 2020-2021

Bulletin 111: The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System, provides parents or legal guardians the option of enrolling his/her child in a school other than the school to which the child was scheduled to be enrolled, if the school received a School Performance Score of "D" or "F" in the most recent school year. A receiving school must have received a School Performance Score of "A", "B" or "C" in the most recent school year.

1. Grant Parish School Board will notify parents of the school choice options if a school's initial identification for School Improvement 1 or above or Academically Unacceptable Level 1 (AUS1) or above occurs with the fall final accountability release, the school shall offer choice beginning with the following school year.
2. The enrollment is based on the receiving school's grade-level capacity. Capacity will be 85% of the grade-level limit as detailed by Bulletin 741 – Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators.
  - a. The maximum enrollment in a class or section in grades K-3 shall be 26 students.
  - b. The maximum enrollment in a class or section in grades 4-12, is 33 students.
3. Students will be offered a choice if the receiving schools are eligible to receive students. Parents preferences among choices offered will be considered but not guaranteed.
4. Request applications will be available at the Grant Parish School Board and on the Grant Parish School Board website. Student transfers under the choice option must be submitted to the Federal Programs Director or Superintendent by the established deadline.
5. Choice will be offered to students in an eligible Title I school until the school is no longer identified as Academically Unacceptable (AUS 1).
6. Students exercising the option to transfer to another public school may remain in that school until he or she has completed the highest grade in the school or until the student's school of origin is no longer identified as academically unacceptable or in school improvement. However, transportation will not be provided after the end of the school year in which he student's school of origin is no longer identified for school improvement. Students will not be allowed to transfer to any school that is identified as Academically Unacceptable (AUS 1).
7. If there are no schools to which the students can transfer, parents will be notified that their child's school is identified as Academically Unacceptable (AUS 1) and that the child is eligible for choice although there are no choice options currently available.



8. The Director of Federal Programs or Elementary Supervisor will notify parents of the transfer once a decision has been determined.
9. Receiving schools will provide equal educational opportunities for all students eligible to transfer, included students with disabilities and English Language Learners.
10. Ineligibility of Enrollment – A student meeting any of the following will be ineligible for transfer:
  - a. The student was expelled for disciplinary reasons in the current or preceding school year;
  - b. The student was suspended more than once in the current or preceding school year;
  - c. The student was involved in more than one fight or other act of violence on school grounds or at a school sponsored event in the preceding school year;
  - d. The student was found in possession of any illicit drug or narcotic on school grounds in the current or preceding school year;
  - e. The student had more than 10 unexcused absences during the current or preceding school year.
- a. Post Enrollment – A student shall be ineligible to continue enrollment in School Choice if any of the following apply:
  - a. The student is suspended more than once during the school year;
  - b. The student is expelled for disciplinary reasons during the school year;
  - c. The student is involved in more than one fight or other act of violence on school grounds during the school year;
  - d. The student is found in possession of any illicit drug or narcotic on school grounds during the school year;
  - e. The student has more than 10 unexcused absences or excessive late check-ins or early check-outs during the school year.
11. All new enrollees to a receiving school that are zoned for a school in AUS1 will be required to complete an application by the established deadline.
12. Transportation options will be offered based on the student's place of residency and may not be available to preferred school. Centralized location options will also be utilized. Transportation will only be offered as long as the sending school remains in school improvement. Applications are required to request transportation.
13. Determinations on enrollment and transportation will be available by the week of school opening.

Official Policy: <http://www.gpsb.org/CAPS/GrantCAPS.htm>

Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved the 2020-2021 Student and Faculty Handbooks for Grant Jr. High School.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved Policy: File II Testing Program.

Received for approval at the May meeting the 2020-2021 Student and Faculty Handbooks for Montgomery High School, Grant High School, Georgetown High School, Colfax Elementary School, South Grant Elementary School, Verda Elementary School and Pollock Elementary School

The Superintendent discussed with the board members Personnel Report, Financial Report, Calendars, Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, due May 15, 2020 and Southern Region Leadership Conference, July 19-21, 2020 in Hot Springs Arkansas.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved adjourning the meeting.

s/William "Bill" Riggs  
William "Bill" Riggs  
President  
Grant Parish School Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paxton Teddlie  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Grant Parish School Board