

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT PARISH SCHOOL
BOARD OF THE PARISH OF GRANT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

The Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in its regular meeting place, the Grant Parish School Board Office, Colfax, Louisiana, in Regular Session, Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

There were present Mr. Lloyd Whitman, Mr. Randy Browning, Mrs. Lisa Roberts, Mr. Mike Slaughter, Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" McFarland and Mr. William "Bill" Riggs. Mrs. Karen Layton and Mrs. Mary Bullock were absent.

Mr. Paxton Teddlie, Secretary-Treasurer was also present.

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.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved the February 4, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The board recognized, Grant Parish District Students of the Year: 5th Grade: Maci Rosenberg – South Grant Elementary School, 8th Grade: Isabella Lemoine – Grant Jr. High School and 12th Grade: Tristen Roussell – Grant High School.

No guests signed in to be recognized.

Retirements: none

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

Student of the Year Reception was held at the Professional Development Center at 5:00 PM.

Received for approval at the April meeting the Proposed Academic Calendar for 2020-2021 school year.

Received for approval at the April meeting the 2020-2021 Student and Faculty Handbooks for Grant Jr. High School.

Received for approval at the April Meeting Policy: File: II Testing Program.

Received for approval at the April the 2020-2021 Grant Parish School Choice Plan.

Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved the
Emergency Evacuation Accommodations Agreement – Colfax Reunion Nursing and
Rehabilitation of Colfax.



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EMERGENCY EVACUATION ACCOMMODATIONS AGREEMENT

Be it known this 3rd day of March, 2020 and in the event of a natural disaster or emergency, the members of the Grant Parish School Board unanimously approved a resolution granting unto the Colfax Reunion Nursing and Rehab of Colfax, Grant Parish, Louisiana, the permission to place the residents, patients, and staff of the Colfax Reunion Nursing & Rehab of Colfax within either or both the Colfax Elementary gymnasium, or the Grant Jr. High gymnasium. However, placement preference will be given to students and staff within both educational institutions in the event an evacuation need should arise involving students and staff.

The Grant Parish School Board will be indemnified by the Colfax Reunion Nursing & Rehab in the event a claim against same arises involving injury to a Colfax Reunion Nursing & Rehab resident, patient or staff member while occupying the said evacuation centers.

THUS DONE and passed this 3rd day of March, 2020, Colfax, Grant Parish,
Louisiana.

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Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved passing
a resolution opposing state central collection and administration of Sales and Use Taxes.



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RESOLUTION

SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the Article VII, Section 3 of the Louisiana Constitution provides that local sales and use taxes are to be collected by a single collector in each parish;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 3 also provides for the use of a parish commission or one of the local political subdivisions to serve as the single parish collector of local sales and use taxes;

WHEREAS, the authority to "collect" local sales and use taxes has been determined by the courts to include the authority to administer the collection, including making decisions as to when to audit persons or businesses thought to be unlawfully evading taxation or, in some cases, collecting sales transactions and failing to fully remit them to the local collector;

WHEREAS, School Boards serve as the single parish collector of sales and use taxes in over thirty (30) parishes;

WHEREAS, there are interest groups that desire to amend the LA constitution to allow Legislature to repeal the authority of local governments to control the collection of local sales taxes and place that authority with the State, a concept often referred to as State Central Collection;

WHEREAS, State Central Collection would have the State taking possession of local tax revenues, withholding an administrative fee, then disbursing the balance down to the School Board or other local taxing authority;

WHEREAS, State Central Collection poses too great a risk that local education tax dollars will not be promptly disbursed or that the administrative fee withheld by the State may become a means of resolving State fiscal issues;

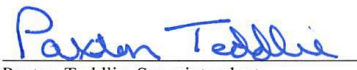
WHEREAS, repealing or diminishing the Constitutional authority for local collection of local sales and use taxes will impair the ability of those local collectors to perform the necessary function of auditing vendors to ensure compliance with the legal obligation to collect and remit local sales taxes;

WHEREAS, given the vital role that the proper, effective, and efficient collection of local sales and use taxes plays in the operation of school districts and the education of children, the Louisiana School Boards Association has always fought any efforts to repeal, reduce or constrain the authority of the local collector to collect local sales and use taxes, regardless of who has offered the proposal;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SCHOOL DISTRICT, by action of its duly elected governing authority, does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Legislature, and in particular the Legislative Delegation of Grant Parish to oppose any Legislative effort that repeals, reduces or constrains the authority of the local collector to collect and administer the collection of local sales and use taxes;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to each member of the Legislative Delegation of Grant Parish and the Governor of the State of Louisiana.

THUS DONE and passed the 3rd day of March 2020, Colfax, Grant Parish Louisiana.


Paxton Teddlie, Superintendent
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Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved supporting a resolution for an increase in the 2020-2021 MFP.



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RESOLUTION INCREASE IN THE 2020-21 MFP

WHEREAS, the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) establishes the state funding component of the K12 public education system in Louisiana and the Legislature is required to fully fund the formula;

WHEREAS, there was no increase in the base per pupil for the school years of 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14;

WHEREAS, in the 2014 Regular Session the MFP base per pupil increased from \$3,855 to \$3,961 for the 2014-15 school year

WHEREAS, in the 2019 Regular Session the MFP base per pupil increased from \$3,961 to \$4,105 for the 2019-20 school year;

WHEREAS, had the MFP base per pupil been increased each year, since 2008 by the anticipated 2.75%, the 2020-21 MFP would be \$5,195;

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Budget anticipates and seeks to fund a 1.375% increase in the base per pupil of 2020-21, raising the base per pupil from \$4,015 to \$4,070;

WHEREAS, this would be the first time in over a decade that the base per pupil in the MFP was increased in two consecutive years;

WHEREAS, the Grant School Board has been absorbing ever increasing operational costs, from health insurance, to curriculum to align with new state standards, to increasing demands of the state accountability system, to technology, to security of students, and more recently to protection from cyber attacks on student and employee data, without consistently increasing state funding;

WHEREAS, the potential increase in the MFP will benefit local school districts in every parish, as well as every public charter school in the state, as well as afford school districts with the ability to continue to strive toward higher teacher and support worker compensation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant School Board supports the proposal to increase the base per pupil funding in the MFP by not less than 1.375%;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grant School Board urges BESE to incorporate an increase in the base per pupil of not less than 1.375% in the MFP it recommends to the Legislature;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grant School Board urges the Legislature, and in particular the Grant Parish Legislative Delegation, to approve an MFP with an increase in the base per pupil of not less than 1.375%;

FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grant School Board directs the Superintendent to forward a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Grant Parish Legislative delegation, to Chairman/Senator Cleo Fields, Chariman/Representative Ray Garofalo, and Governor John Bel Edwards.

THUS Done and passed the 3rd day of March 2020, Colfax, Grant Parish Louisiana.

Paxton Teddlie, Superintendent
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Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved
passing a resolution authorizing the use of The Interlocal Purchasing System (T.I.P.S.)



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RESOLUTION

USE OF T.I.P.S.

WHEREAS, the Grant School Board operates under the Public Bid Law, specifically LRS 38:2212.1, which governs the method for purchasing;

WHEREAS, LRS 38:2212.1 (N) authorizes an alternative method of purchasing to a school system to make purchases from or through a group purchasing organization;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana School Board Association has developed a relationship with a group purchasing organization, specifically TIPS;

WHEREAS, every school district that is a member of the LSBA has access to utilize TIPS;

WHEREAS, those school districts that have utilized TIPS have recognized calculable savings in their purchasing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant School Board, establishes that it is the policy of the Grant School System that use of TIPS should be one of the options considered in the procurement of materials, equipment and supplies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grant School Board urges and directs the Superintendent to carry out the policy herein established and direct the administrative procurement staff to consult TIPS on all purchases and to utilize TIPS when TIPS offers the most cost-effective purchasing option;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution to be provide to the Superintendent and to the administrative official who is principally responsible for procurement of materials, equipment and supplies.

THUS DONE and passed the 3rd day of March 2020, Colfax, Grant Parish Louisiana.

Paxton Teddlie, Superintendent
Grant Parish School Board

Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved entering into Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation.

Motion by Browning, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved returning to regular session.

The Superintendent discussed with Board Members, Personnel Report, Financial Report and Calendars.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, 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