

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, MAY 04, 2021

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, May 04, 2021 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

There were present Mr. Lloyd Whitman, Mr. Randy Browning, Mrs. Lisa Roberts, Mrs. Karen Layton, Mr. Mike Slaughter, Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" McFarland and Mr. William "Bill" Riggs. Mrs. Mary Bullock was 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 Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" McFarland, 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 Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved the April 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following guests were recognized: Michael Morris – In recognition of your Selfless actions assisting others in need on March 24, 2021 - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student at Grant Jr. High School.

No other guests signed in to be recognized.

Committee items:

The Finance Committee discussed:

Proposed Budget Revisions: District: Verda: Misc Revenue \$5,480, repairs \$5,480. Awning damaged by delivery truck, they gave us money to repair. Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved the proposed budget revision above.

Resolution to accept sealed bids for surplus equipment (pizza oven). Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved the resolution above.

The Transportation and Maintenance Committee had no business to transact.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved Proposed Budget Revisions: District: Verda: Misc Revenue \$5,480, repairs \$5,480. Awning damaged by delivery truck, they gave us money to repair.

Motion by Mr. Whitman and seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved a Resolution to accept sealed bids for surplus equipment (pizza oven).

**RESOLUTION**

The Grant Parish School Board having ownership of surplus equipment and supplies intends to offer them for sale to the highest sealed bidder.

WHEREAS, the items are listed as follows with the minimum price for each:

1 pizza oven	\$15,000.00
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THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Grant Parish School Board will advertise and accept sealed bids for this equipment.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Grant Parish School Board in regular session held at Colfax, Louisiana, on May 4, 2021.



Deborah McFarland, President  
Grant Parish School Board



Paxton Teddlie, Superintendent  
Grant Parish School Board

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved Grant Jr. High School Beta Club Quiz Bowl Team attending and competing at the National Beta Club Convention at Disneyland in Orlando, Florida. Mr. Charles Crain is the Beta Sponsor at Grant Jr. High School. The Quiz Bowl Team: Ella Sanders, Karlee Kincaid, Myra Anderson and Myles Futrell will compete on Tuesday, June 29, at 12:30PM at the Swan and Dolphin Resort at Walt Disney World.

Motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved proposal for Workman's Compensation Insurance with Brown and Brown Insurance.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved the 2021-2022 Grant Parish School Board Athletic Handbook.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved to Receive and Consider approving New Policy, Policy: File: GBCA – Protection of Criminal Background Information.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved to Receive and Consider approving Job Descriptions for Intervention Teacher and School Level Literacy Coach.

Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved Contract for Demographic Services between Strategic Demographics, LLC, ("Contractor") and the Grant Parish School Board ("Client") for Contractor to provide reapportionment and redistricting services to the Client for development of the reapportionment/redistricting plan for the Client following the 2020 Federal Decennial Census.

## **CONTRACT FOR DEOMGRAPHIC SERVICES**

The parties hereto are Strategic Demographics, LLC, ("Contractor") and the Grant Parish School Board ("Client").

The term "jurisdiction" as used herein shall mean the electoral jurisdiction of the Client.  
The term "member" shall mean the elected member of the governing authority of the Client.

### **PURPOSE**

The purposes of this contract are for Contractor to provide reapportionment and redistricting services to the Client for the development of the reapportionment/redistricting plan for the Client following the 2020 Federal Decennial Census.

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

Contractor shall provide the following:

1. Obtain and input the appropriate census geography and PL 94-17 1 population data into the GIS redistricting system
2. Verify the correctness of the census geography and assignments of population data
3. Construct a plan using the present districts and present these findings to the governing authority of the Client, to be referenced as the Benchmark Report
4. Obtain and download a copy of the registered voter totals, by precinct
5. Select and input selected election returns as determined necessary by Contractor
6. Collect and input the incumbent member precincts of residence (location where each jurisdiction member is registered to vote)
7. Interview each incumbent member of the governing authority of the Client to obtain their input
8. Produce maps and reports, including statistical analysis of each plan, as provided for herein
9. Participate in public hearings called by the governing authority of the Client, as requested.
10. Make general redistricting presentation to the governing authority of the Client
11. Propose procedures and guidelines to be followed in the redistricting process
12. Evaluate specified outside plans and make reports to the governing authority of the Client as directed
13. Final plan selection
14. Draft resolution or ordinance of final plan for adoption by the governing authority of the Client

### **TERM**

The term of this contract shall commence upon the release of the 2020 Federal Decennial Census data applicable to the jurisdiction and shall terminate after the consideration for adoption of an introduced reapportionment/redistricting plan by the Client, except as otherwise provided herein.

### **COMPENSATION**

The Base Fee for to be paid by the Client to the Contractor shall be \$16,000.00, payable in two installments, as follows:

50% is payable within 30 days of written notice to the Client by Contractor that Contractor has produced and provided the Benchmark Report.

50% is payable within 30 days of the presentation of a final reapportionment or redistricting plan ordinance or resolution to the Client. For this purpose, if there are multiple proposed plans introduced, the introduction of the first shall commence the 30 days to payment.

In the event that the Benchmark Report indicates that the existing election districts are within the generally acceptable deviation parameters and Client directs Contractor not to produce and submit a new districting plan for the jurisdiction, the total compensation shall be \$4,000.00, payable within 30 days of vote in which Client decided to direct contractor not to produce and submit a new districting plan.

Nothing herein is understood to condition payment on the adoption of a plan by the Client.

The Base Fee shall include the items set forth in the Scope of Work, however, with regard to maps, electronic versions of any size MAP requested, two (2) 13x19 sized printed maps of each district and an E-sized printed map of the parish-wide plan shall be provided to each member at no additional cost; however, additional printed maps shall be subject to the following fee schedule:

- a. Small maps, letter or legal sized \$ 2.00
- b. 13x19 maps \$ 7.00
- c. E-sized maps \$75.00

Any charges in excess of the Base Fee shall be payable within 30 days of submission of an invoice by Contractor to Client.

**IDENTICAL PLAN DISCOUNT**

In the event the Police Jury and the School Board both engage the Contractor and adopt identical plans, the Client shall be entitled to a discount of \$3000.

**PRECLEARANCE UNDER THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT**

Following the United States Supreme Court decision in *Shelby County vs. Holder*, there is not currently an obligation to obtain preclearance of the redistricting plan under the Voting Rights Act. As such, preparation, submission and follow-up to preclearance is not included in the Scope of Work provided for herein. In the event that there is a subsequent change in state or federal law or jurisprudence that creates an obligation to obtain preclearance under the Voting Rights Act, Contractor will prepare and submit the adopted redistricting plan for preclearance and will provide such follow-up communications with the Client and the authority performing the preclearance evaluation. This additional work shall entitle the Contract to additional compensation in the amount of \$4,000.00, payable within 30 days of receipt of the preclearance determination from the appropriate authority.

**LEGAL SERVICES DISCLAIMER**

The parties hereby agree that this Contract is NOT A CONTRACT for legal services. In the event that the redistricting plan adopted is the subject of a litigation effort, Contractor will cooperate with the Client's legal counsel. However, any effort to engage Contractor as an expert in such litigation will be subject to a separate contract between the parties.



Strategic Demographics, LLC,  
acting herein through its  
Managing Member, William Blair  
PO Box 44385  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dated: January 22, 2021



Grant Parish School Board  
acting herein through its duly authorized officer,  
Debbie McFarland  
512 Main Street  
Colfax, Louisiana 71417

Dated: 5/4/21

Motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved  
Resolution declaring Emergency to forego advertising and bidding requirements of the Public  
Bid Law to construct temporary campuses at Colfax Elementary School and Georgetown High  
School and temporary kitchens at Pollock Elementary School.

## RESOLUTION

A Resolution to certify the existence of a public emergency due to the necessity of completing the design and construction of a temporary campus at Georgetown High School, temporary building at Colfax Elementary School, and temporary kitchen facilities at Pollock Elementary School; and to provide notice of such public emergency as provided by La. R.S. 38:2212(P).

**WHEREAS**, the campuses at Georgetown High School, Colfax Elementary School, and Pollock Elementary School suffered severe damage due to Hurricanes Laura and Delta;

**WHEREAS**, the damage caused to these campuses requires the design and construction of temporary campuses and other facilities at each site;

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Parish School Board recently has received approval of its claim by its property insurer to design and construct the temporary facilities identified above;

**WHEREAS**, without immediate action to construct the facilities referenced above, the students at these schools will be placed in situations or facilities that are inadequate and/or improperly equipped to provide the students at these schools an adequate, healthy and safe educational environment;

**WHEREAS**, the temporary facilities identified above require completion prior to the beginning of the 2021-2022 academic year;

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 38:2211(5)(a) defines a public emergency as “an unforeseen mischance bringing with it destruction or injury of life or property or the imminent threat of such destruction or injury”;

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 38:2212(P) provides that, in cases of public emergency, where said emergency has been certified by the public entity and notice of the emergency is published, the requirements of Louisiana’s Public Bid Law shall not apply;

**BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED** that the Grant Parish School Board, at a legally convened meeting, hereby certifies that a public emergency exists within the meaning of La. R.S. 38:221(5)(a);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED** that, pursuant to said public emergency, the Superintendent of Schools is authorized, without the necessity of advertising or complying with the formalities of La. R.S. 38:2211, *et seq.*, to negotiate and enter into contract(s) on behalf of the Grant Parish School Board for the design and construction of a temporary campus at Georgetown High School, temporary building at Colfax Elementary School, and temporary kitchen facilities at Pollock Elementary School;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED** that notice of the provisions contained in this Resolution shall be published in the official journal of the Grant Parish School

Board.

Upon roll call, the following votes were tabulated:


YEAS: 8 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 1

AND THE RESOLUTION was declared adopted o this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

  
Debbie McFarland, President

  
Paxton Teddlie, Superintendent

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved granting the superintendent permission to disburse sales tax and millage tax supplement checks as funding becomes available.

Received for approval at the June 2021 meeting the 2021-2022 Grant Parish School Policy Handbook and the 2021-2022 Student and Faculty Handbooks for Grant Jr. High School, Grant High School, South Grant Elementary School and Pollock Elementary School.

Received for approval at the June 2021 meeting Personal Device Procedure, Technology Loan Agreement and Chromebook Usage and Guidelines.

The Superintendent discussed with the board members Personnel Report, Financial Report, Calendars, COVID Numbers. Virtual Numbers, Student Count, Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, due May 15, 2021 and Southern Region Leadership Conference July 18 – 20, 2021 in Biloxi, MS – (Sunday July 18, 2021 Early Bird Seminars).

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved adjourning the meeting.

s/Deborah “Debbie” McFarland  
Deborah “Debbie” McFarland  
President  
Grant Parish School Board

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