

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT PARISH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF THE PARISH OF GRANT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN  
AT AN EMRGENCY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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 Emergency Session, Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 2:00 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. Mary Bullock and Mrs. Karen Layton 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.

Recognize:

No guests signed in to be recognized.

Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved the Declaration of Public Emergency.

**DECLARATION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY**

Under authority of Louisiana Revised Statute 38:2212(P), the Grant Parish School Board ("School Board") hereby declares a public emergency as follows:

**WHEREAS**, in the early morning hours of August 27, 2020, Hurricane Laura made landfall in the southwest portion of Louisiana as a Category 4 Hurricane, causing widespread flooding, wind damage and power outages in Grant Parish, damaging the properties of the School Board;

**WHEREAS**, numerous School Board properties have sustained substantial damage as a result Hurricane Laura;

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the damage caused by Hurricane Laura, the School Board will need to undertake major repairs to its properties, both temporary and permanent, in order to place them back into service;

**WHEREAS**, the School Board will need to purchase furniture, fixtures, supplies, equipment, and materials to replace those that were damaged by Hurricane Laura and which are needed for the already in-progress school year;

**WHEREAS**, the School Board may also need to retain the services of flood and/or water remediation contractors, construction contractors, and other service providers in order to repair, in the shortest timeframe possible, the School Board properties damaged by Hurricane Laura;

**WHEREAS**, as a result of damage to critical School Board facilities, materials, and equipment, the School Board will require immediate arrangements for the replacement of lost/damaged materials/equipment and for the completion of repairs, so as to minimize, to the extent possible, the disruption to the students, faculty and staff;

**WHEREAS**, the advertisement periods and other time delays required by Louisiana's Public Bid Law, La. R.S. 38:2211, *et seq.*, will significantly increase the time it takes for the School Board to repair or replace the lost and/or damaged facilities, equipment, materials and supplies for the 2020-2021 school year and beyond;

**WHEREAS**, the School Board has determined that the longer its facilities and equipment remain out of service or unavailable, the greater the disruption and negative impact will be on the students, parents, faculty and staff of the School Board.

**AND NOW, CONSIDERING THE FOREGOING, THE SCHOOL BOARD DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:**

**BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED**, that the Grant Parish School Board hereby certifies that a public emergency exists due to the damage and loss of its properties, materials, equipment, and supplies, which damage was sustained as a result of the effects of Hurricane Laura.

**BE IT FURTHER DECLARED** that the School Board hereby authorizes its

Superintendent of Schools to take immediate action to mitigate, repair and restore any damage to the School Board's facilities or property as a result of Hurricane Laura.

**BE IT FURTHER DECLARED** that such emergency response may require the immediate purchase and/or lease of temporary facilities, the purchase of necessary furniture, fixtures, equipment, supplies and materials, and the retention of remediation, construction and/or other contractors or service providers, without the necessity of complying with the formalities of La. R.S. 38:2211, *et seq.*

**BE IT FURTHER DECLARED** that notice of the provisions contained herein shall be published in the official journal of the Grant Parish School Board within ten (10) days hereof.

**THIS DECLARATION** is hereby issued on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.



Paxton, Teddlie, Board Secretary  
Grant Parish School Board



Bill Riggs, Board President  
Grant Parish School Board

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Motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitman 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