

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT PARISH SCHOOL
BOARD OF THE PARISH OF GRANT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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 Emergency Session, Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

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

No guests signed in to be recognized.

Motion by Mrs. Bullock, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved
Emergency Declaration due to conditions during Ice Storm Uri.

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, beginning February 15, 2021, Louisiana was struck with an unprecedented cold front which brought abnormally cold temperatures, large amounts of rain, wintry precipitation, and icy conditions to Grant Parish, damaging the properties of the School Board;

WHEREAS, due to the above-described weather event, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards did declare a State of Emergency via Proclamation 20 JBE 2020;

WHEREAS, numerous School Board properties have sustained substantial damage as a result of the above-referenced weather event;

WHEREAS, as a result of the damage caused by above-referenced weather event, 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 above-referenced weather event 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 above-referenced weather event;

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.

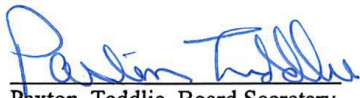
equipment, and supplies, which damage was sustained as a result of the effects of abnormally cold temperatures, large amounts of rain, wintry precipitation, and icy conditions that moved through the State beginning February 15, 2021.

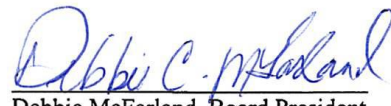
BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that the School Board hereby authorizes its Superintendent of Schools to take immediate action to mitigate, repair and restore any damage to the School Board's facilities or property as a result of abnormally cold temperatures, large amounts of rain, wintry precipitation, and icy conditions.

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 23rd day of February, 2021.


Paxton, Teddlie, Board Secretary
Grant Parish School Board


Debbie McFarland, Board President
Grant Parish School Board

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved a Resolution declaring the intention of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, that certain expenditures made in connection with school projects to be undertaken within Grant Parish be reimbursed with the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds.

The following resolution was offered by Bill Riggs and seconded by Lisa Roberts:

RESOLUTION

A resolution declaring the intention of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, that certain expenditures made in connection with various school projects be reimbursed with the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds.

WHEREAS, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), is proposing to undertake various projects (collectively, the "Project") which consist of repairs, replacements, and improvements to school facilities damaged by storms, and acquisition of equipment and furnishings therefor; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Project is anticipated to be funded by tax-exempt bonds (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the School Board may make certain expenditures in connection with the Project prior to the proceeds being available from the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish for school purposes, that:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Official Intent. Prior to the delivery of the Bonds, the School Board intends to pay a portion of the costs of the Project (estimated not to exceed approximately \$11,500,000) from the general fund or other available moneys. Upon the issuance of the Bonds, the School Board reasonably expects to reimburse any such expenditures of such available funds from a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds. Any such allocation of proceeds of the Bonds for reimbursement will be with respect to capital expenditures (as defined in Reg. 1.150-1(b)) and will be made upon the delivery of the Bonds and not later than eighteen months after the later of (i) the date such expenditure was paid or (ii) the date on which the project was placed in service, but in no event more than three years after the expenditure was paid. This Section is intended to be a declaration of official intent within the meaning of Reg. 1.150-2.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Mary Bullock	X			
Lloyd Whitman	X			
Karen Layton			X	
Randy Browning	X			
Lisa Roberts	X			
Mike Slaughter			X	
Debbie McFarland	X			
Bill Riggs	X			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, 23rd day of February, 2021.

/s/ Paxton Teddlie
Secretary


/s/ Debbie McFarland
President

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF GRANT

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Parish School Board on February 23, 2021, declaring the intention of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, that certain expenditures made in connection with various school projects be reimbursed with the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this the 23rd day of February, 2021.


Secretary

Agenda Item # VI failed due to lack of motion. (Consider Calendar for remainder of 2020-2021 School Year).

Agenda Item # VII failed due to lack of motion. (Consider Long Range Planning). Discussion was held on the future of schools and reimbursement of Insurance and FEMA payments.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Browning 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