

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, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

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, February 06, 2024 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

There were present Mrs. April Brouillette, Mr. Lloyd Whitman, Mr. Mason Briggs, Mrs. Lisa Roberts, Mrs. Karen Layton, Mr. Mike Slaughter, Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" McFarland and Mr. William "Bill" Riggs. Mrs. Karen Layton was absent.

Dr. Erin Stokes, Secretary-Treasurer was also present.

The Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, was duly convened by Mr. Mason Briggs, 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.

Mr. Mason Briggs, Board President formed Standing Committees for 2024.

Transportation-Maintenance: Karen Layton, Chairman, Debbie McFarland and Bill Riggs.
Finance: Lloyd Whitman, Chairman, April Brouillette and Mike Slaughter. Construction: Bill Riggs, Chairman, Lisa Robertts and Mike Slaughter. Grant High School Track Competition Committee: Mr. Whitman, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Hamilton.

Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved the January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Recognize: Jennifer Winslett – District Principal of the Year 2023-2024, Jayme Lee – District Elementary Teacher of the Year 2023-2024, Baylee Lewis – District Middle School Teacher of the Year 2023-2024 and Joverly Cobb District Elementary New Teacher of the Year 2023-2024.

Recognize: Sally Chelette – District Elementary Outstanding School Support Employee 2023-2024, Joan Leonard – District Middle School Outstanding School Support Employee 2023-2024 and Kari Sanders District High School Outstanding School Support Employee 2023-2024.

Recognize: 2023 LSBA Certified School Board Member Designation – Attaining more than 20 Continuing Learning Units: District 1 – Mrs. April Brouillette - 22.5 Hours and District 4 – Mr. Mason Briggs - 20.5 Hours.

Recognize: Board Member Training Hours for 2023: District 1 – Mrs. April Brouillette - 22.5 Hours, District 2 – Mr. Lloyd Whitman - 13.5 Hours, District 3 – Mrs. Karen Layton 12.5 Hours, District 4 – Mr. Mason Briggs - 20.5 Hours, District 5 – Mrs. Lisa Roberts - 12.5 Hours, District 6 – Mr. Mike Slaughter - 7 Hours, District 7 – Mrs. Debbie McFarland - 7 Hours and District 8 – Mr. Bill Riggs - 8.5 Hours.

No one signed in to be recognized.

Mr. Scott Gaspard, Gaspard Construction Services, Grant Parish School Board Construction Manager, updated the Board Members on construction.



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PROGRESS UPDATE
BH&B

Colfax Elementary

Under contract with MD Descant Construction

Construction Budget \$3,798,000.00

425 calendar days

Notice to Proceed October 6, 2023

Project is 31%

Sub roofing/ steel structure cleaning and repair

- Masonry walls are being installed
- Shelter structure
- Door and window frames being installed
- Plumbing/ Electrical





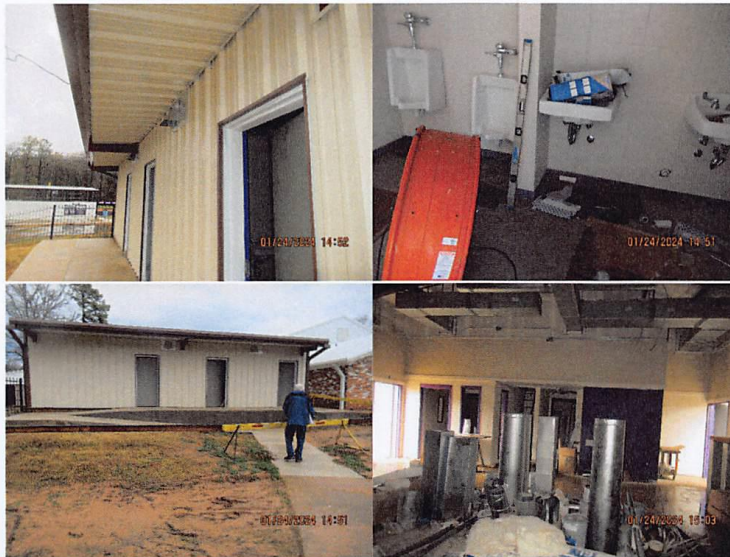
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Montgomery High School
Under contract JM Lyons Construction
Notice to proceed, 4-3-23
Construction Budget \$1,040,000.00
Project is 74% complete

- Sidewalks installed at Ball field
- Restroom building ceilings, toilet fixtures, and doors installed
- Locker Room ceilings, HVAC and flooring being installed
- Project scheduled to complete at the end of February





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YEAGER WATSON & ASSOCIATES

Georgetown High School
Under contract with MD Descant Construction
Construction Budget \$10,224,000.00
520 calendar days
Notice to Proceed July 31, 2023
Project is 34% complete

- Building foundation/ slab
- Steel bldg. delivery
- Steel erection underway



Grant High School Track Renovations
Construction Budget \$500,000.00

Project is in the design phase

- Project survey and topographic study complete
- Pending site plan development



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BRADDOCK COMPANIES

Pollock Elementary

Under contract with Tudor Construction
Notice to proceed, August 28, 2023

396 Calendar days

Construction Budget \$3,696,000.00

Project is 44% complete

- Cafeteria walk in cooler and freezer installed
- Cafeteria finish painting and flooring installation
- Cafeteria exterior envelope metal and paint installation
- Loading dock handrails and remaining concrete

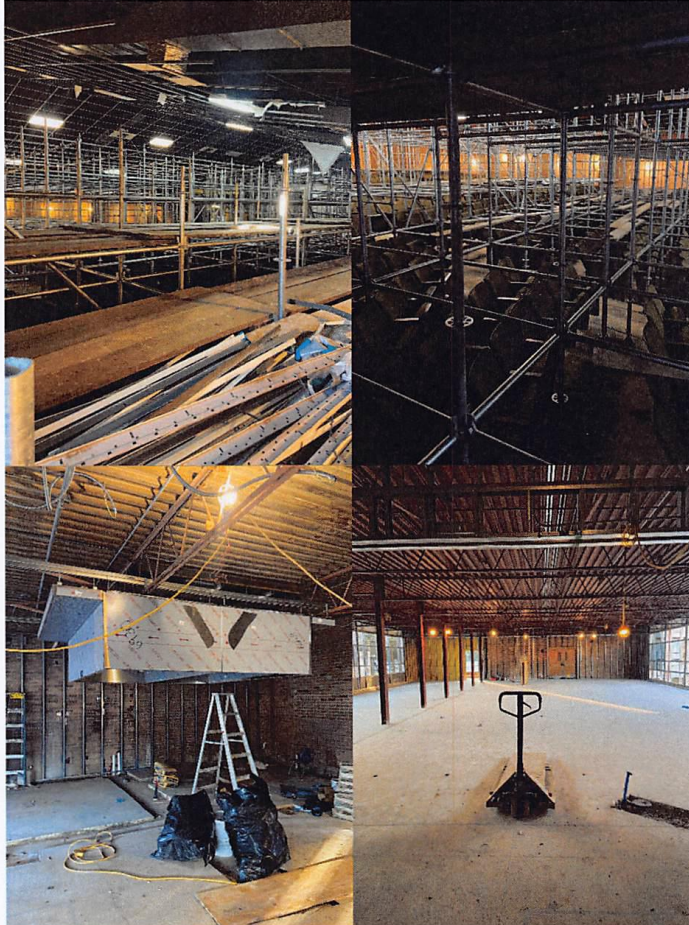




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Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved to accept Mr. Gaspard's Report.

Board Members, Dr. Stokes, Superintendent and Mrs. Farrah Edwards, Finance Director discussed availability of funds for a clean-up project at Little River.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved to budget \$20,000.00 for a clean-up project at Little River in the fiscal year of 2024-2025.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved Pay Application #5 for Colfax Elementary payable to M.D. Descant, LLC in the amount of \$285,808.45.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved Pay Application #8 for Georgetown High payable to M.D. Descant, LLC in the amount of \$1,130,509.50.

Motion by Mrs. Brouillette, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved Pay Application #6 for Pollock Elementary payable to Tudor Inc. in the amount of \$269,352.00.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved Invoice #6 for Colfax Elementary payable to Barron Heinberg & Brocato Architects and Engineers in the amount of \$8,648.69.

Motion by Mrs. Brouillette, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved Pay Application #10 for Montgomery High payable to JM Lyons Construction in the amount of \$123,065.62.

Motion by Mrs. Brouillette, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved Invoice #11 for Montgomery High payable to Barron Heinberg & Brocato Architects and Engineers in the amount of \$1,177.60.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved to amend agenda item number XV to read as receive the proposed Grant Parish Schools 2024-2025 Calendar, Option A or Option B, instead of receive and consider approving the proposed Grant Parish Schools 2024-2025 Calendar.

Received for approval at the March Meeting the proposed Grant Parish Schools 2024-2025 Calendar, Option A or Option B.

Option A

GRANT PARISH SCHOOLS | 2024-2025 CALENDAR

5-7 Teacher Workdays
8 Student 1st day

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1-3 New Year's Holiday
6-7 Teacher Workdays
8 Students Return
2nd semester begins
15 Report Cards

16 Teacher Workday
(8 am-12 pm)
Junior High & High School
Parent Conference
(1-6 pm)
23 Teacher Workday
(8 am-12 pm)
Elementary Parent
Conference (1-6 pm)

SEPTEMBER '24						
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10 Teacher Workday (8-12)
Parent Conferences
(1:00-6:00 pm)

9 End of 1st 9 weeks
16 Report Cards

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4 Mardi Gras Holiday
11 End of 3rd 9 weeks
19 Report Cards

1 Pecan Festival Holiday
5 Election Day
26-29 Thanksgiving Holidays

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7 ** School Day for state testing
18-25 Easter Break

20 End of 2nd 9 weeks
End of 1st semester
24-31 Christmas Holidays

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9 Senior's Last Day
16 Last Day PK, K, 8th
22 Student last day
End of 4th 9 weeks
23 Teacher Workday/PTC

Calculations are based on start and end times will of 7:40 am – 4:00 pm with 445 instructional minutes per day. There are 72 student days in the first semester (32,040 minutes) and 73 student days in the second semester (32,485 minutes). Total of 145 student days (64,525). State requirement – 63,720.

Teacher Workday
First Day of Semester
Holiday
End of 9 Weeks
Report Cards

Option B

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Teacher Workday
First Day of Semester
Holiday
End of 9 Weeks
Report Cards
Virtual Day

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved to schedule the April Board Meeting at 6:00PM on April 9, 2024.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved the Emergency Evacuation Accommodations Agreement with Colfax Nursing & Rehab, LLC.



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EMERGENCY EVACUATION ACCOMMODATIONS AGREEMENT

Be it known this 6th day of February, 2024 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 Nursing and Rehab, LLC of Colfax, Grant Parish, Louisiana, the permission to place the residents, patients, and staff of the Colfax Nursing & Rehab, LLC 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 Nursing & Rehab, LLC of Colfax in the event a claim against same arises involving injury to a Colfax Nursing & Rehab, LLC of Colfax resident, patient or staff member while occupying the said evacuation centers.

THUS DONE and passed this 6th day of February, 2024, Colfax, Grant Parish, Louisiana.

Lisimba Daniel, NFA
Colfax Nursing and Rehab, LLC



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Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously received and approved the revised Policy File: GBCA, Protection of Criminal Background Information.

The Board received the School Choice Plan.



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School Choice Plan 2024 – 2025

In compliance with Bulletin 111 - The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System, local school districts are required to offer families of students enrolled in schools that receive letter grades of D or F the opportunity to transfer their children to select schools with an A, B, and/or C rating. The option to transfer is based on the selected receiving schools' grade-level capacity.

1. The GPSB will notify parents of their 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. Parents in schools that have been identified as schools in need of improvement will be notified by letter of the opportunity to transfer their child to a higher achieving school in the district. The letter will explain the criteria that identified this school as a choice school, what the choice school is doing to address the problem of low achievement, and how the parents can become involved in addressing the academic issues that caused the school to be identified for school improvement.
2. Students will be offered a choice to eligible receiving schools with available capacity. Parent preferences among choices offered will be considered but not guaranteed. Capacity is 85% of the grade-level limit as detailed by Bulletin 741 – Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators. Considerations affecting capacity also include group size restrictions issued by the State of Louisiana.
 - 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. School Choice applications will be available March 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024 on the Grant Parish School Board website. Student transfers under the choice option must be submitted online by the established deadline.
4. Choice will be offered to students in an eligible Title I school until the school is no longer identified as Academically Unacceptable (AUS 1).
5. Low-income, low-achieving students will be given first priority in the selection process according to an established rubric.
6. GPSB will utilize district and federal funded transportation schedules to transport school choice students as much as possible to meet the needs of school choice students. Applications for transportation will be available March 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024.
7. Students exercising the option to transfer to another public school may remain in that school until the student 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 the 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).

8. If there are no schools to which the student 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.
9. The Director of Federal Programs or Elementary Supervisor will notify parents of the transfer once a decision has been determined.
10. Receiving schools will provide equal educational opportunities for all students eligible to transfer, including students with disabilities and English Language Learners.
11. All new enrollees to a receiving school that are currently zoned for a school in AUS1 are required to complete an application by the established deadline. This includes students enrolling in Kindergarten for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

Official Policy: <http://caps.gpsb.org:81/GrantCAPS.htm>

Presented to Grant Parish School Board on February 7, 2023.

The Superintendent discussed with the board members Personnel Report, Financial Reports, Calendars, Student Count, LSBA Annual Convention – Crown Plaza, Baton Rouge – March 10-12, 2024, Frequently Asked Questions – School Board Member Service and Training Requirements and Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, due May 15, 2024. Dr. Stokes presented a slide show comparing Option A and Option B 2024-2025 School Calendars.

Board Member Comments: Mr. Riggs said there was good feedback from the community at the Community Meeting in Georgetown. Mr. Briggs discussed the program at B22 on Mondays.

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

s/Mason Briggs
Mason Briggs
President
Grant Parish School Board

ATTEST: _____
Dr. Erin Stokes
Secretary-Treasurer
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