

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, DECEMBER 10, 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, December 10, 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, Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" McFarland and Mr. William "Bill" Riggs. Mr. Mike Slaughter 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.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved the November 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

No one signed in to be recognized.

Committee items:

Construction Committee:

Mr. Scott Gaspard, Gaspard Construction Services, Grant Parish School Board Construction Manager was not present. Mr. Riggs updated the board members and superintendent on construction.



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PROGRESS UPDATE:
BH&B

Colfax Elementary

Under contract with MD Descant Construction
Construction Budget \$3,798,000.00

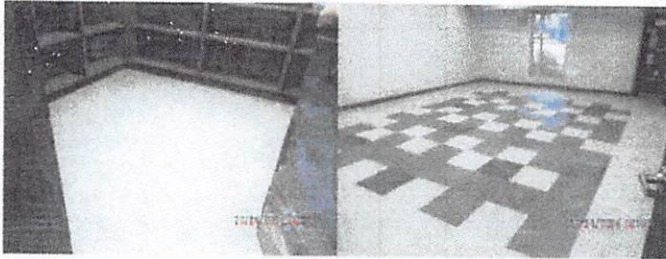
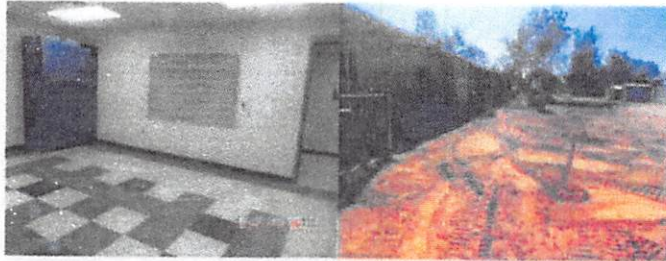
425 calendar days

Notice to Proceed October 6, 2023

Substantial completion scheduled February 11, 2024

Project is 95%

- Flooring installation
- Cabinetry installation
- Exterior drainage
- Plumbing trim out
- Toilet partitions





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YEAGER WATSON & ASSOCIATES

Georgetown High School
Under contract with MD Descant Construction
Construction Budget \$10,345,157.00
520 calendar days
Notice to Proceed July 31, 2023
Substantial completion scheduled April 6, 2025
Project is 90% complete

- Ceiling installation
- Interior finish painting
- Exterior drainage and sidewalks
- Ball Field lighting
- Cabinetry installation
- Flooring





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Grant High School Track Renovations
Construction Budget \$552,416.00
Under Contract with Regional Construction
Notice to Proceed May 27, 2024
Project is 100% complete



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BRADDOCK COMPANIES

Pollock Elementary

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

Construction Budget \$4,130,539.00

Substantial completion November 26, 2024

Project is 99% complete

- Punch list and substantial completion documents complete

Grant Junior High School ball field restrooms/ concession

Construction Budget \$179,162.00

Project is 95% complete

- Plumbing fixtures
- Electrical fixtures
- Toilet partitions



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

Finance Committee:

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved Pay Application #18 for Georgetown High payable to M.D. Descant, LLC in the amount of \$318,623.59.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved Pay Application #16 for Pollock Elementary payable to Tudor Inc. in the amount of \$36,610.00.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved Pay Certificate #4 for Grant High Track Renovations payable to Regional Construction, LLC in the amount of \$27,620.80.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved Pay Application #15 for Colfax Elementary payable to M.D. Descant, LLC in the amount of \$61,510.60.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved Invoice #16 for Colfax Elementary payable to Barron, Heinberg & Brocato Architecture, Engineering, Planning, Interior Design in the amount of \$2,134.27.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved Final Invoice for Grant High Track payable to Yeager, Watson & Associates, LLC, in the amount of \$50,393.00.

Motion by Mrs. Brouillette, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved Invoice #4 for Pollock Elementary payable to Braddock Companies, LLC in the amount of \$24,303.00.

Motion by Mrs. Brouillette, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved 2025 Proposed Budget Revision: From Lunch Fund Prior Year Balance: quote from Grant Eastern Construction for the construction of a loading dock area for the Commodity Warehouse, in the amount of \$9,875.00.

Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved high bid received on Prospect Timber Tracts awarded to Lang Timber in the amount of \$281,532.00.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved high bid received on Iatt Lake Timber Track awarded to Hunt Forest Products in the amount of \$61,951.71.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved a Resolution authorizing Superintendent to negotiate and execute Rapides Foundation Louisiana Early Childhood Education Access Fund 2025-2028.



Board Members
 Mason Briggs, President
 April Brouillette, Vice-President
 Mike Slaughter
 Lloyd Whitman
 Bill Riggs
 Debbie McFarland
 Karen Layton
 Lisa Roberts

BOARD RESOLUTION

On the 10th day of December 2024 at a meeting of the Grant Parish School Board held in Colfax, Louisiana a quorum of the Board present, the following business was conducted:

It was duly moved and seconded that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant Parish School Board does hereby authorize Dr. Erin Stokes, Superintendent, on the terms and conditions that he/she may deem advisable, to negotiate and execute grant agreements on behalf of the Board, per The Rapides Foundation July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 Early Childhood Education Access Grant and further we do hereby give he/she the power and authority to do all things necessary to implement, maintain, amend or renew said documents with The Rapides Foundation.

I certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a part of the minutes of a meeting of the Grant Parish School Board.

Subscribed and sworn before me,


 Board President


 Superintendent

December 10, 2024
 Date

Dr. Erin Stokes, Superintendent
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Title IV Reporting by Rebecca Fletcher, Federal Programs Director.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved to grant Colfax Banking Company the authority to remove Cindy Barrios' name from all Grant Parish School Board bank documents and to add Briana Hamilton in her place. This would give Briana Hamilton the same authority previously granted to Cindy Barrios.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved Policy File: CED, Employment of Superintendent, Policy File: GAK, Personnel Records, New Policy File: GAMK, Use of Pronouns and Given Names, Policy File: GBC, Recruitment, Policy File:

IDBA, Sex Education, Policy File: IDDF, Education of Students with Exceptionalities, and Policy File: JGC, Student Health Services.

The Board Members and Dr. Stokes discussed the law concerning the posting of the Ten Commandments in each public school classroom.

Dr. Stokes discussed with the Board Members some recent issues at Little River.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved entering into Executive Session to consider Superintendent's Evaluation.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved returning to Regular Session.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved the Superintendent's Evaluation document.

The Superintendent discussed with the board members, Letter of Superintendent intention to seek new Contract, Personnel Report, Financial Report, Calendars, Student Count, Assessment of External Factors influencing Financial Behavior of School District 2023-2024, School Performance Scores, GPSB Christmas Card – Artwork by Kenneth Rushing, GPSB Media Specialist and LSBA 87th Annual Convention-February 25-27, 2025-Golden Nugget-Lake Charles.

Board Member Comments: Mrs. Layton congratulated Mrs. Briana Hamilton on her new position as District Accountant.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, 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
Grant Parish School Board