

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, JANUARY 7, 2025

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, January 7, 2025 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.

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.

Recognize: Grant Parish District Student of the Year: 5th Grade: Autumn Jones – Pollock Elementary, 8th Grade: Noah Parrino – Grant Jr. High and 12th Grade: Morgan DeWalt – Grant High. The District Student of the Year Celebration/Reception was held at the PDC at 5:30PM.

Recognize: Artwork/Contest Exhibit at 2025 LSBA Convention – Submissions to LSBA: Stacie Goodger – Gifted/Talented Teacher, Ainsley Baxter, 5th Grade, South Grant Elementary, Skylier Null, 8th Grade, Montgomery High and Tabitha Dry, 11th Grade, Montgomery High was not present.

Recognize: Board Members – School Board Appreciation Month.

Recognize: Mason Briggs as the 2024 Grant Parish School Board President.

No one signed in to be recognized.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved to elect Mr. Briggs as Grant Parish School Board President for 2025.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved to elect Mr. Slaughter as Grant Parish School Board Vice President for 2025.

Board President will form Standing Committees for 2025 at the February Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously authorized signature for Colfax Banking Company.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved setting time and day for the 2025 School Board Meetings at 6:00PM on the first Tuesday of each month.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved the December 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved School Board Member Training Resolution.

School Board Member Training Resolution

WHEREAS, each member of a city and parish school board shall receive a minimum of six hours of training and instruction, as required by ACT 705 of the 2011 Louisiana Legislature; and

WHEREAS, this training and instruction shall consist of school laws of this state, laws governing the powers, duties, and responsibilities of city and parish school boards, educational trends, research and policy; and

WHEREAS, such instruction may be received from an institution of higher education in this state, from instruction sponsored by the State Department of Education, or by an in-service training program conducted by a city or parish school board central office or the Louisiana School Boards Association, or training provided at the national level; and

WHEREAS, each member of a city and parish board shall receive one hour of ethics training, per year, of their tenure as board member;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it become public record that Mrs. April Brouillette, Mr. Lloyd Whitman, Mrs. Karen Layton, Mr. Mason Briggs, Mrs. Lisa Roberts, Mr. Mike Slaughter II, Mrs. Deborah McFarland and Mr. William Riggs, members of the GRANT PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT, have successfully received and exceeded the six hours of required training as mandated by the Legislature of Louisiana and all board members have fulfilled the mandate of one hour of ethics training for the year 2024.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Superintendent of GRANT PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at its regular School Board meeting on January 7, 2025.



Dr. Erin Stokes, Superintendent
GRANT PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Scott Gaspard, Gaspard Construction Services, Grant Parish School Board Construction Manager 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 96%

- Fencing installation
- Final paint
- Electrical trim
- Plumbing trim out
- Final Fire Marshal inspection January 7, 2025
- Substantial Completion / Occupancy pending



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Kisatchie-Delta Regional Code Compliance Office	
<small>Rapides Area Planning Commission 803 Johnston St., Alexandria, LA 71301 (318) 487-5401 or 1-800-256-2656</small>	
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY	
Permit # <u>CX-23-3</u>	Code Used <u>2021 IBC/2020NEC</u>
Address of Structure <u>301 Third St Colfax La 71417</u>	
Name and Address of Owner <u>Grant Parish School Board</u>	
Use Group <u>E</u>	Construction Type <u>11B-A3</u> Occupant Load <u>1000</u>
Description <u>School</u>	
Special Conditions _____	
Sprinkler Req'd <u>NA</u>	Type _____
The above named structure has been inspected and is in compliance with the requirements of the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code for the use and occupancy which the proposed structure is classified.	
<u>1/3/2025</u> Date	 Building Official

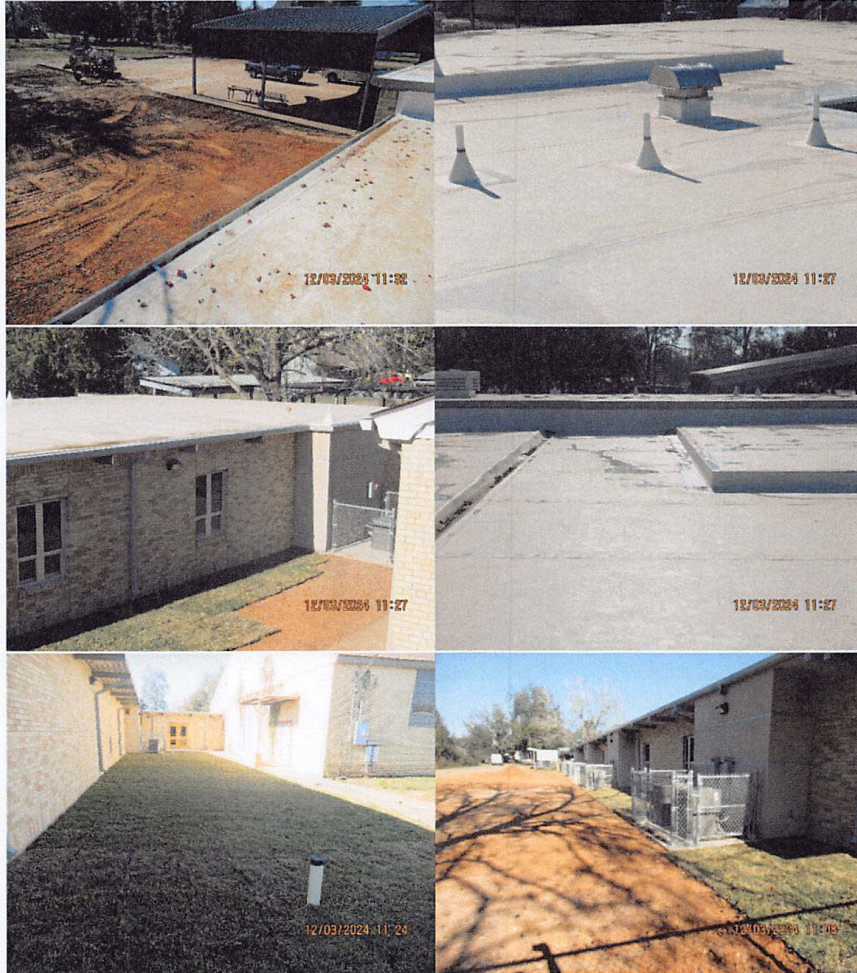




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YEAGER WATSON & ASSOCIATES

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 93% complete

- Kitchen equipment
- Interior finish painting
- Exterior drainage and sidewalks
- Ball Field lighting
- Cabinetry installation
- Flooring
- Parking
- Review change order items





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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 100% complete

- Punch list and substantial completion documents complete
- Project closeout pending

Grant Junior High School ball field restrooms/ concession

Construction Budget \$179,162.00

Project is 99% 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.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved Pay Application #16 for Colfax Elementary payable to M.D. Decant, LLC in the amount of \$32,008.35.

Motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved Pay Application #17 for Pollock Elementary payable to Tudor, Inc. in the amount of \$7,278.00.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved Pay Application #19 for Georgetown High payable to M.D. Descant, Inc. in the amount of \$256,848.65.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved time and date for the March 2025 Board Meeting at 6:00PM on March, 11, 2025.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved granting the Superintendent permission to disperse Millage Checks when the money becomes available.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved going into executive session, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2), to discuss prospective litigation related to the Montgomery High School Renovation project and the School Board's written demand against J.M. Lyons Construction and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved to return to Regular Session.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved a motion to accept the legal recommendation of counsel related to the Montgomery High School Renovation Project.

The Superintendent discussed with the board members: Information about 2025-2026 Calendar, Personnel Report, Financial Report, Calendars and Student Count. Artwork/Contest Exhibit at 2025 LSBA Convention – Artwork not chosen for LSBA Contest – Artwork will be displayed in the Board Room throughout the month of January 2025: Teagan Morgan, 4th Grade, Georgetown High; Emma Goodger, 1st Grade, Pollock Elementary; Thea Sapp, 3rd Grade, Pollock Elementary; Jackson Goodger, 5th Grade, Pollock Elementary; Marley Gilleland, 5th Grade, South Grant Elementary; Ashton Lindley, 5th Grade, South Grant Elementary; Cameron Gray, 5th Grade, South Grant Elementary; Carrie Tuma, 6th Grade, Grant Jr. High; Sofia Guirlando, 7th Grade, Grant Jr. High; Bryson Young, 7th Grade, Montgomery High and Tabitha Dry, 11th Grade, Montgomery High. LSBA 87th Annual Convention-February 25-27, 2025-Golden Nugget-Lake Charles.

The Board Members discussed: Mr. Whitman gave an update on the Grant High Track.

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
Grant Parish School Board