

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, APRIL 1, 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, April 1, 2025 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

There were present Mrs. April Brouillette, Mr. Lloyd Whitman, Mr. Mason Briggs, Mrs. Lisa Roberts, Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" McFarland and Mr. William "Bill" Riggs. Mrs. Karen Layton and Mr. Mike Slaughter were 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. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved the March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recognize:

Future Educators Honor Roll Award through the State of Louisiana. Presented at a ceremony in Baton Rouge on May 6, 2025 – 9:30 to 11:30AM for Jenna Johnson – Grant Jr. High, she was not present, and Lona Aucoin – Pollock Elementary.

Justin Dufour, Grant Parish Chair, 4-H Office, LSU Ag. Center – Introduce their new staff as all members are new and they are looking forward to rebuilding our Grant Parish Program.

No guests signed in to be recognized.

Committee items:

Construction Committee:

Mr. Scott Gaspard, Gaspard Construction Services, Grant Parish School Board Construction Manager, was not presented. Mr. Riggs updated the board members and superintendent on construction using a written report from Mr. Gaspard.

Construction update is as follows:

Georgetown High School:

We now have Partial occupancy and the students and faculty are in the new building.

Work continues and will complete during the summer months.

Notice has been issued to D'Argent concerning no renewal of the modular lease. A Site evaluation meeting was held last week and we are waiting on a cost estimate for the removal of the units. GPSB maintenance and IT are working to remove equipment, furniture and disconnect utilities.

Verda Elementary:

Administration building, Legal has developed a contract for architectural services and it was sent to BHB for review. After the contract is in place we will have a design planning meeting.

MHS stadium bleachers:

We have reviewed a design repair plan with a vendor and we are waiting for the quote. The quote will help us decide the next direction.

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

Finance Committee:

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved proposal for Workman's Compensation Insurance with Alliant Insurance – Robert Cowan.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved to Table the Grant High School Digital Scoreboard and Video Screen until the May Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved Pay App. #22 for Georgetown High, payable to M.D. Descant, LLC, in the amount of \$236,691.55.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and approved changing School Based Health Center Services for South Grant Elementary School to Christus School Based Health Center. Aye: Mr. Briggs, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Brouillette and Mr. Whitman. Nay: Mrs. McFarland and Mr. Riggs. Mrs. Layton and Mr. Slaughter were absent.

The Board Members received list of future projects needs and wants for each school.

The Superintendent discussed with the board members Personnel Report, Financial Report, Calendars, Student Count, LSBA Capital Conference – April 30, 2025 – Hilton Baton Rouge Capital Center and Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, due May 15, 2025.

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