

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, MAY 6, 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, May 6, 2025 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

There were present Mrs. April Brouillette, Mr. Lloyd Whitman, Mr. Mason Briggs, Mrs. Lisa Roberts, 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.

Motion by Mrs. Brouillette, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved the April, 1 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Community Service Recognition: Grant High School: The following students have completed the requirements for the Community Service Diploma Seal (at least 80 hours of community service). Bella Daniels and Joshua Decker were present. Kirsten Iles, Jayme Hicks, Myra Anderson, Emily Boren, Emma Anthony, Malaya Martin, Venice Stelley and Aubrie Schumacher were not present.

No guests signed in to be recognized.

Committee items:

Construction Committee:

Mr. Scott Gaspard, Gaspard Construction Services, Grant Parish School Board Construction Manager updated the board members and superintendent on construction.



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Grant Parish School Board
Project Management Services Report
Repairs and New Construction for Grant Parish Schools

May 6, 2025

PROGRESS UPDATE
BH&B

Colfax Elementary

- Project punch list is 99% complete
- Clear Lien received

Verda Elementary

- Contract with BHB ready for signature
- Site Survey scheduled
- Design is underway

YEAGER WATSON & ASSOCIATES

Georgetown High School
Under contract with MD Descant Construction
Construction Budget \$10,345,157.00

Project is 97% complete

- Modular buildings are removed
- Drawing for stone parking is complete, pricing has been requested
- Remaining work is progressing

Additional Project

Montgomery High School Football Stadium Bleacher update and repair

- Project program developed
- Pricing received

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

Finance Committee:

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved plan to allocate funds to schools for the use of maintaining and updating facilities which may include capital improvement projects.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved allowing Grant High School to use allocated funds toward the purchase of a digital scoreboard.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved granting Superintendent authority to begin the Request for Proposals Process for the digital scoreboard according to state law.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved Montgomery High School football stadium bleacher renovation by JW Custom Fabrication in the amount of \$64,800.00.

Motion by Mrs. Brouillette, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved allocating \$1,100,000.00 for construction of New Verda Elementary Office Project.

Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved various School Projects using Prior Year Fund Balances.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved amended District Budgets.

Motion by Mrs. Brouillette, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved amended Parishwide Budgets.

Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved amended General Fund Budget.

Motion by Mr. Briggs, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add: Consider approving final invoice for D'Argent Companies in the amount of \$44,409.20 as the final payment for the Modular Building Lease.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved final invoice for D'Argent Companies in the amount of \$44,409.20 as the final payment for the Modular Building Lease.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved Pay Application #19 for Colfax Elementary payable to M. D. Descant, LLC in the amount of \$196,197.50.

Motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved accepting Clear Lien Certificate for Colfax Elementary.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved Pay application #23 for Georgetown High payable to M. D. Descant, LLC in the amount of \$25,942.13.

Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved out of state travel to Orlando Florida July 4 – July 10, 2025 for FCCLA National Convention: Miranda Smith, sponsor along with qualifying Grant High School Students: Kate Savell, Pheobie Pate, Ella Firment and Audaleigh Carpenter.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved The Colfax Chronicle as the Official Journal July1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved granting the Superintendent permission to disburse Sales Tax and Millage Tax Supplement Checks as funding becomes available.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved the 2025-2026 Extended Contract Employee Calendar.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved the Emergency Evacuation Accommodations Agreement with Legacy Nursing and Rehabilitation of Pollock.



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

EMERGENCY EVACUATION ACCOMMODATIONS AGREEMENT

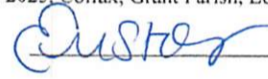
Be it known this 6th day of May, 2025, and in the event of a natural disaster or emergency, the members of the Grant Parish School Board unanimously approved a resolution granting unto the Legacy Nursing and Rehabilitation of Pollock, Grant Parish, Louisiana, the permission to evacuate and transport the residents, patients, and staff of Legacy Nursing and Rehabilitation of Pollock by Grant Parish School Board buses to Hardtner Medical Center, LaSalle Nursing Home, or Colfax Reunion and Rehabilitation Center for safe shelter.

Placement preference will be given to patients and staff of Legacy Nursing and Rehabilitation of Pollock during an evacuation need. The patients will not be transported to any school facilities during such events.

The Grant Parish School Board will be indemnified by the Legacy Nursing and Rehabilitation of Pollock in the event a claim arises involving injury to a Legacy Nursing and Rehabilitation of Pollock resident, patient, or staff member while being sheltered at Hardtner Medical Center, LaSalle Nursing Home, or Colfax Reunion and Rehabilitation Center.

THUS DONE and passed this 6th day of May, 2025, Colfax, Grant Parish, Louisiana.

 Debbie Nugent, Administrator
 Legacy Nursing and Rehabilitation



 Dr. Erin Stokes, Superintendent
 Grant Parish School Board

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Received the 2025-2026 Grant Parish School Policy Student Handbook for approval at the June Meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved Acceptable Use Policy for Artificial Intelligence, Addendum to the Acceptable Use of Technology Systems Policy (AUP).

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved proposed change to the Technology Fee for Grant Parish School Board, Policy: JS, Schedule of Fees, Appendix A.

Motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved Grant Parish School Board Chromebook Loan Agreement 2025-2026.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved Revised Speech-Language Pathologist Coordinator Job Description.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved granting Superintendent permission to apply, on behalf of the Grant Parish School Board, to serve as a Services Provider for the LA GATOR Scholarship Program, contingent upon funding approval by the Louisiana Legislature for the upcoming school year.

The Superintendent discussed End-of-Year DIBELS results for the current school year with the Board Members.

Motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and approved (Mr. Whitman voted nay) Professional Service Agreement between Grant Parish School Board and Gaspard Construction Services, LLC.

The Superintendent discussed with the board members Personnel Report, Financial Reports, Calendars, Student Count and Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, due May 15, 2025. Grant High School, Georgetown High School and Montgomery High School all had students qualify for the State Track Meet at Louisiana State University. Georgetown High School and Montgomery High School were in the quarterfinals for baseball.

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