

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, JULY 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, July 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. 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. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved the June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the June 16, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.

No guests signed in to be recognized.

Committee items:

Construction Committee:

Board President, Mason Briggs, adds Mrs. McFarland to the Construction Committee.

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



Gaspard Construction Services, LLC.  
[gaspardconstructionservices@gmail.com](mailto:gaspardconstructionservices@gmail.com)

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

July 1, 2025

PROGRESS UPDATE  
**BH&B**

**Verda Elementary Administration Building**  
**Construction Budget \$1,100,000.00**

- Design process 50%

**YEAGER WATSON & ASSOCIATES**

**Georgetown High School**  
Under contract with MD Descant Construction  
**Construction Budget \$10,471,912.00**

Project is 98% complete

- Exterior site work and sod installation
- Exterior building work

**Additional Project**

**Montgomery High School Football Stadium Bleacher update and repair**

- Demolition of bleacher section complete
- Project progressing

**Georgetown High School Gym**

- Concrete work installed at the bleachers
- Gym floor repair and refinish scheduled for the last week of July

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

Finance Committee:

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved Grant High School quote from Terry's Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. for roof overflow drain repair in the amount of \$28,600.00.

The Superintendent and Board Members reviewed court order concerning payments to sub-contractors for Montgomery High School.

Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved renewal of the 4-H MOU, Justin Dufour, Parish Chair, Grant Parish Ag. Center addressed the board members.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved Pay Application #24 for Georgetown High, payable to M.D. Descant, LLC in the amount of \$36,111.40.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved Pay Application #25 for Georgetown High, payable to M.D. Descant, LLC in the amount of \$110,236.10.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved Invoice #1 for Verda Elementary, payable to Barron Heinberg & Brocato Architecture Engineering Planning & Interior Design in the amount of \$28,305.04.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved time and date for the August 2025 Board Meeting for Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:00PM.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved Scope of Work for NIET services.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved allowing the Superintendent to enter into a contract with The Center for Literacy and Learning for consulting services for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved a Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to negotiate and execute Rapides Foundation 2025-2028 Early Childhood Education Access Grant.



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



BOARD RESOLUTION

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2025 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 she/he may deem advisable, to negotiate and execute grant agreements on behalf of the Board, per the 2025-2028 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  
7/1/25  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Dr. Erin Stokes, Superintendent  
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Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved a Resolution authorizing Superintendent to negotiate and execute Rapides Foundation Healthy Behavior Grant Agreements.



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Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved a Resolution authorizing Superintendent to negotiate and execute Rapides Foundation Effective Schools Grant.



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Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved the 2025-2026 District Employee Handbook.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved the 2025-2026 Athletic Handbook and 2025-2026 Grant High, Grant Jr. High, Georgetown High, Montgomery High, Pollock Elementary, South Grant Elementary and Verda Elementary Student and Faculty Handbooks.

Roll call vote to adopt 2025 Millage Rates and was unanimously approved. (Mason Briggs – yay, Lisa Roberts – yay, Karen Layton – yay, Lloyd Whitman – yay, Deborah

McFarland – yay, William “Bill” Riggs – yay, April Brouillette – yay, Michael Slaughter II – absent.



## GRANT PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2025 Tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Grant Parish School Board

	MILLAGE
Colfax 1A Maintenance	5.94 mills
Georgetown District 16 Maintenance	14.81 mills
Georgetown District 16 Maintenance	3.97 mills
Montgomery District 21 Maintenance	4.09 mills
Montgomery School District 21 (bonds)	15.00 mills
Verda District 31 Maintenance	3.68 mills
Verda School District 31 (bonds)	19.00 mills
Consolidated School District 33(bonds)	15.00 mills
Consolidated School District 33 Maintenance	2.37 mills
South Grant Elementary District 33 Maintenance	1.90 mills
Pollock 9A Maintenance	6.00 mills
Building & Repair	4.75 mills
Constitutional	5.17 mills
General Support	6.34 mills
Salary Supplement	11.34 mills
Consolidated District 33	2.00 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2025, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Mason Briggs, Lisa Roberts, Karen Layton, Lloyd Whitman,  
Deborah McFarland, William Riggs, April Brouillette

NAYS: None

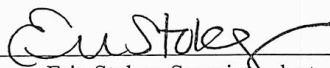
ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Michael Slaughter II

### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on July 1, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Colfax, Louisiana, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2025.

  
Erin Stokes, Superintendent

Dr. Erin Stokes, Superintendent  
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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF Grant

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, duly commissioned and qualified within and for the aforesaid parish and state, personally came and appeared:

Erin Stokes  
(Authorized person to represent the taxing district)

who, after first being duly sworn, did depose and state that:

He/she is the duly authorized Superintendent of the Grant Parish School Board  
(Title or position) (Taxing district)

(Mark the appropriate box below to show how you complied with the Open Meetings Law.)

Affiant, Erin Stokes, who did depose and hereby states: "A public meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Law at R.S. 42:11, et seq., including allowing a public comment period before taking a vote, R.S. 42:14(D), to adopt the millage rates for the 2025 tax year. Public written notice of the agenda, date, time, and place of the meeting  was posted on the building where the meetings of this taxing authority are usually held no less than 24 hours before the meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays and/or  was published in the official journal no less than 24 hours before the meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

A quorum or simple majority of the total membership of the taxing authority was physically present and voting at the public meeting, which was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Grant Parish School Board Office, 512 Main Street, Colfax, LA 71417. The meeting was conducted in accord with the prior noticed agenda. Matters not included on the agenda were not discussed without the unanimous approval of the members present after complying with all provisions of R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(ii)(cc)".

[If applicable and as required by R.S. 42:23(A) and R.S. 44:36(F) as a non-elected board we have video or audio recorded, filmed or broadcast live all proceedings of our public meeting and ensure the recording will be maintained for at least 2 years.]

Copies of all required notices and agenda are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Erin Stokes  
Erin Stokes, Superintendent  
Grant Parish School Board

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED Before Me, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025, at Colfax, Louisiana.

Melinda Graves Lashley  
Notary Public

Printed or Typed Name (as commissioned): Melinda Graves Lashley

Notary ID or Bar Roll No.: 90050

Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved granting the superintendent permission to sign the Engagement letters to maintain Rozier, McKay & Willis as the Grant Parish School Board Certified Public Accountants for the Annual Independent Audit.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved to amend the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved preliminary approval of the 2025-2026 General Fund Operating Budget and allow spending to commence based on this preliminary approval.

Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved preliminary approval of the 2025-2026 Parishwide and District Budgets and allow spending to commence based on this preliminary approval.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved preliminary approval of the 2025-2026 Lunch Fund Budget and allow spending to commence based on this preliminary approval.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved preliminary approval of all other 2025-2026 Budgets and allow spending to commence based on this preliminary approval.

The Superintendent discussed with the board members Personnel Report, Financial report, Student Count, Teacher positions, District wide meeting for teachers and personnel and upcoming LEAP score updates.

Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Layton 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