

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, AUGUST 12, 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, August 12, 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, and Mr. William "Bill" Riggs. Mrs. Karen Layton and Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" McFarland 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. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved the July 1, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

No guests signed in to be recognized.

Retirements:

Rebecca Lasyone, Teacher at South Grant Elementary, effective August 1, 2025 was not present. Jacqueline Lewis, Federal Programs Facilitator at Central Office, effective August 1, 2025 was present. Deidra "Deedee" Savoy, Speech Therapist at the Central Office, effective August 2, 2025 was present. Sharon Wagley, Teacher at Montgomery High, effective August 1, 2025 was not present.

The Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, was duly convened by Mr. Mike Slaughter, Vice-President of the Grant Parish School Board, who then stated that the Grant Parish School Board was ready to hold a public meeting on the 2025-2026 Approved Budget that was held at 5:00 PM. Farrah Edwards, Finance Director and Superintendent Erin Stokes discussed the 2025-2026 Approved Budget with the Board Members. No guests were present.

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**

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

- Design process 80%

**YEAGER WATSON & ASSOCIATES**

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

Project is 99% complete

- Project Substantial completion
- Closeout period

**Georgetown High School Gym**

- Gym floor repair and refinish scheduled for the last week of August

**Additional Project**

**Grant High School Roof Drain Project**

- Scheduled for week of August 18

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

- Home field bleachers complete
- Visitor 80%



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

Motion by Mrs. Brouillette, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved Final Invoice #22004015 for Montgomery High Renovations payable to Barron Heinberg & Brocato Architecture, Engineering Planning, Interior Design in the amount of \$3,495.80.

Motion by Mrs. Brouillette, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved Invoice #2 for Verda Elementary School New Administration Office Building payable to Barron Heinberg & Brocato Architecture, Engineering Planning, Interior Design in the amount of \$15,856.78.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved Pay Application #26 for Georgetown High payable to M.D. Descant, LLC in the amount of \$109,221.50.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved accepting Substantial Completion for Georgetown High School.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved Final Pay Application, (#20), for Colfax Elementary payable to M. D. Descant, LLC, in the amount of \$25,100.00.

Motion by Mrs. Brouillette, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved Final Invoice for Colfax Elementary payable to Barron Heinberg & Brocato Architecture, Engineering Planning, Interior Design, in the amount of \$18,852.77.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved adopting a Resolution to sell surplus 1999 Haulmark Utility Trailer through an online auction conducted by Dixie Surplus Auctions.

**RESOLUTION**

The Grant Parish School Board having ownership of one surplus enclosed utility trailer intends to offer it for sale through an online auction; and

WHEREAS, the items are listed as follows with the minimum price for each:

- 1 1999 16x7 Haulmark trailer \$1,500

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Grant Parish School Board will place these items for sale at the next available online auction conducted by Dixie Surplus Auctions.

WHEREAS, proceeds received upon completion of sale will revert back to Grant High School Band.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Grant Parish School Board in regular session held at Colfax, Louisiana, on August 12, 2025.



Mason Briggs, President  
Grant Parish School Board



Erin Stokes, Ed.D, Superintendent  
Grant Parish School Board

Received for approval at the September Board Meeting the 2025-2026 Pupil Progression Plan.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved 2025-2026 Athletic Handbook Revision.

Received for approval at the September Meeting Policy File: IFA, Instructional Materials, Policy File: JBD, Student Absences and Excuses, Policy File: JCDAF, Bully and Hazing, Policy File: JDE, Expulsion, Policy File: JGCE, Child Abuse and Policy File: JGCF, Behavioral Health Support for Students.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved adopting the 2025-2026 General Fund Operating Budget.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Brouillette and unanimously approved adopting the 2025-2026 Parishwide and District Budgets.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved adopting the 2025-2026 Lunch Fund Budget.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved adopting all other 2025-2026 Budgets.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved adopt a Resolution adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balances of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

## **BUDGET RESOLUTION**

The following resolution was offered by Lloyd Whitman and seconded by William Riggs on

Tuesday August 12, 2025:

**WHEREAS**, the proposed General Fund and the Special Revenue Fund Budgets have been submitted to this School Board for review and consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the public hearing on the proposed General and Special Revenue Fund Budgets and notice of the availability of the proposed budgets for review at such hearing has been timely published in The Colfax Chronicle; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing on the proposed General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budgets has now been reviewed and considered; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the School Board that the proposed General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budgets are hereby approved, adopted and finalized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** actual revenues, expenditures, and fund balances for the year ended June 30, 2026, are hereby adopted as the amended budgets for the year, in compliance with the requirements of the state law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary-Treasurer of the School Board, Dr Erin Stokes, or her successor, is hereby authorized to make such changes within the various budget classifications as she may deem necessary provided that any reallocation of funds affecting in excess of five percent (5%) of the projected revenue collections must be approved in advance by action of the School Board at a meeting duly noticed and convened.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent of the School Board, Dr Erin Stokes, or her successor, in her capacity of Chief Administrative Officer of the School Board, is hereby directed to advise the School Board in writing when:

- 1) Revenue collections plus projected revenue collections for the remainder of the year, within a fund, are failing to meet estimated annual budgeted revenues by five percent (5%) or more, or
- 2) Actual expenditures plus projected expenditures for the remainder of the year, within a fund, are exceeding the estimated budgeted expenditures by five percent (5%) or more, or
- 3) The actual beginning fund balance, with a fund, fails to meet the estimated beginning fund balance of five percent (5%) or more, and the fund balance is being used to fund current year expenditures.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary-Treasurer of the School Board, Dr Erin Stokes, or her successor, shall certify completion of all actions required by Louisiana R.S. 39:1306 by publishing a notice of the minutes of the meeting in The Colfax Chronicle.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mason Briggs, Mrs. Lisa Roberts, Lloyd Whitman, William Riggs, April Brouillette, Michael Slaughter

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Karen Layton, Deborah “Debbie” McFarland

The Superintendent discussed with the board members Personnel Report, Financial Report, Calendars, Attendance Data, Test Score Data and School Board Disclosure Statement – Responding Year 2025-2026 – Louisiana Board of Ethics, due September 15, 2026.

Mr. Whitman stated good start to a new school year and proud of all involved.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Slaughter 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