

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 6, 2026

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 6, 2026 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.

Dr. Erin Stokes, Superintendent, recognized Board Members and thanked them for their service. January is School Board Appreciation Month. Dr. Stokes also recognized Mr. Mason Briggs as the 2025 Grant Parish School Board President.

No guests signed in to be recognized.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved to elect Mrs. Brouillette as Grant Parish School Board President for 2026.

Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved to elect Mr. Whitman as Grant Parish School Board Vice-President for 2026.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved to add Mr. Briggs to the Finance Committee and remove Mrs. Brouillette from Finance Committee. That was the only change to the 2026 Standing Committees.

Motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously authorized signature for Colfax Banking Company.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Briggs and unanimously approved setting time and date for the 2026 Board Meetings at 6:00PM on the first Tuesday of each month.

Motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved the December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Roberts 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

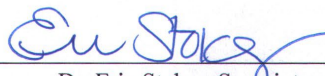
**WHEREAS**, such instruction may be received from an institution of higher education in this state, from instruction sponsored by the State Department of Education, or by an in-service training program conducted by a city or parish school board central office or the Louisiana School Boards Association, 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 2025.

#### **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 6, 2026.



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Dr. Erin Stokes, Superintendent  
GRANT PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved to adopt local School Board Resolution declaring January as School Board Recognition Month.



# GRANT PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

**WHEREAS**, the mission of public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members are responsible for ensuring the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district;+

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Erin Stokes, Superintendent, do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the Grant School Board and proclaim January 2026 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH in Grant Parish. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's children.**

**IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.**

*Erin Stokes*

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Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved adopting the Louisiana School Boards Association Code of Conduct.

Mr. Riggs updated the board members and superintendent on construction, Mr. Scott Gaspard, Gaspard Construction Services, Grant Parish School Board Construction Manager was not present.



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

January 6, 2026

**PROGRESS UPDATE**

**BH&B**

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

- Design modifications completed
- Advertisement and rebid schedule
  - 1<sup>st</sup> advertisement, January 8, 2026
  - Prebid meeting, January 14, 2026 at 2:00 pm
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> advertisement, January 15, 2026
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> advertisement, January 22, 2026
  - Bid date, January 29, 2026 , 2:00 pm

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

Received summary of data collected by Attuned to be used for strategic planning.

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

Received for approval at the February Meeting Policy: File: JGCF, Behavioral Health Support for Students, Policy: File: BCBB, Notification of School Board Meeting, Policy: File: DFM, Sale of Surplus Equipment and Supplies, Policy: File: DJE, Purchasing, Policy: File:

EBBC, Emergency/Crisis Management, Policy: File: GBC, Recruitment, Policy: File: GBN,  
Dismissal of Employees and Policy: File: GBRA, Employee Conduct.

The Superintendent discussed with the board members Personnel Report, Financial  
Report, Calendars and Student Count.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved  
adjourning the meeting.

s/April Brouillette  
April Brouillette  
President  
Grant Parish School Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Erin Stokes  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Grant Parish School Board