

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, FEBRUARY 3, 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, February 3, 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, Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" McFarland, 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 Mrs. April Brouillette, 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 Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved the January 6, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and the January 20, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes.

Student of the Year and Teacher of the Year Recognitions and Reception was held at the PDC at 5:00PM.

Recognize:

Grant Parish District Student of the year: 5th Grade: Harper Durand – Pollock Elementary, 8th Grade: Emery Stokes – Grant Jr. High and 12th Grade: Alena Brouillette – Montgomery High.

District Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2025-2026 Samantha Lemoine (Verda Elementary), District Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2025-2026 Whitney Constance (Grant Jr. High), District Secondary Teacher of the Year for 2025-2026 Rhonda Chelette (Grant High), District Elementary New Teacher of the Year for 2025-2026 Abigail Little (South Grant Elementary), District Early Childhood Teacher of the Year 2025-2026 Jenna Stanley (South Grant Elementary) and District Outstanding School Support Employee for 2025-2026 Betsy Lyles (Grant High).

Dr. Erin Stokes, Superintendent, recognized 2025 LSBA Certified School Board Member

Designation – Attaining more than 20 Continuing Learning Units. District 1 – Mrs. April Brouillette and District 4 – Mr. Mason Briggs. Board Member Training Hours for 2025: District 1 – April Brouillette - 20.75 Hours, District 2 – Lloyd Whitman - 9.5 Hours, District 3 – Karen Layton - 12.25 Hours, District 4 – Mason Briggs - 23.25 Hours, District 5 – Lisa Roberts - 6.25 Hours, District 6 – Mike Slaughter II - 8.25 Hours, District 7 – Debbie McFarland - 6.25 Hours and District 8 – William Riggs - 10.5 Hours.

No other guests signed in to be recognized.

Guest: Emily Beuleman, Auditor with Rozier, McKay, & Willis gave Audit Report for 2024-2025.

Retirement:

Susan Clarius, Bookkeeper at Grant Jr. High School, effective February 1, 2026. Laura Traylor, Bus Operator at Grant Jr. High School, effective January 1, 2026, she was not present.

Motion by Mr. Briggs, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved to accept resignation of Mr. Mike Slaughter in District 6.

Agenda item number VIII was tabled to be received and considered at a Special Board Meeting. (Following the vacancy consideration of appointment to fill the vacancy of District Number 6).

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

February 3, 2026

PROGRESS UPDATE

BH&B

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

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

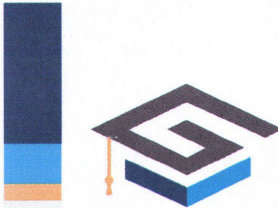
BASE BID & ALTERNATES	CENLA	TUDOR
Base Bid	\$ 969,678	\$ 990,000
Additive Alt. No. 1 – Front Porch	\$ 37,000	\$ 42,000
Additive Alt. No. 2 – Sliding Gates	\$ 93,600	\$ 75,000
Additive Alt. No. 3 – New Intercom	\$ 125,000	\$ 107,000
BB + Alt 1	\$ 1,006,678	\$ 1,035,000
BB + Alt 1 + 2	\$ 1,100,678	\$ 1,110,000
BB + Alt. 1 + 2 + 3	\$ 1,225,278	\$ 1,217,000

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

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Briggs and unanimously approved after discussion, accepting lowest bid for Verda Elementary New Administration Building with Tudor, Inc., Base Bid and Alternates 1, 2, and 3 in the amount of \$1,217,000.00.

Motion by Mr. Briggs, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved \$52,133.00 of district prior year funds to be used to install door entry systems at Pollock Elementary School. The remaining \$11,075.00 will be funded through a security grant.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved a Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Treasury.



**GRANT PARISH
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

BOARD RESOLUTION

On February 3, 2026, at a meeting of the Grant Parish School Board held in Colfax, Louisiana, a quorum being present, the following business was conducted:

WHEREAS, Act 461 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session appropriated funds for curriculum, furnishings, shelving, and storage for Type III Early Childhood Education and Care Centers; and

WHEREAS, state law, policies of the Louisiana Division of Administration, and an Executive Order of the Governor require a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (“CEA”) with the Louisiana Department of Treasury as a condition for receipt of such funds.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish School Board hereby authorizes Dr. Erin Stokes, Superintendent, to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on behalf of the Board with the Louisiana Department of Treasury, and to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to implement, amend, or renew said agreement, on such terms as she may deem advisable.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Grant Parish School Board on February 3, 2026.

Subscribed and sworn before me, April Brouillette
Board President

Erin Stokes
Superintendent

2/3/26
Date

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Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved to set time and date for April 2026 Board Meeting as Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:00PM.

The Board Members received the 2026-2027 School Choice Plan.




**School Choice Plan
2026 – 2027**

In compliance with Bulletin 111 - The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System, local school districts are required to offer families of students enrolled in schools that receive letter grades of D or F the opportunity to transfer their children to select schools with an A, B, and/or C rating. The option to transfer is based on the selected receiving schools' grade-level capacity.

1. The GPSB will notify parents of their school choice options if a school's initial identification for School Improvement 1 or above or Academically Unacceptable Level 1 (AUS1) or above occurs with the fall final accountability release. The school shall offer choice beginning with the following school year. Parents in schools that have been identified as schools in need of improvement will be notified by letter of the opportunity to transfer their child to a higher achieving school in the district. The letter will explain the criteria that identified this school as a choice school, what the choice school is doing to address the problem of low achievement, and how the parents can become involved in addressing the academic issues that caused the school to be identified for school improvement.
2. Students will be offered a choice to eligible receiving schools with available capacity. Parent preferences among choices offered will be considered but not guaranteed. Capacity is 85% of the grade-level limit as detailed by Bulletin 741 – Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators. Considerations affecting capacity also include group size restrictions issued by the State of Louisiana.
 - a. The maximum enrollment in a class or section in grades K-3 shall be 26 students.
 - b. The maximum enrollment in a class or section in grades 4-12, is 33 students.
3. School Choice applications will be available March 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026 on the Grant Parish School Board website. Student transfers under the choice option must be submitted online by the established deadline.
4. Choice will be offered to students in an eligible Title I school until the school is no longer identified as Academically Unacceptable.
5. Low-income, low-achieving students will be given first priority in the selection process according to an established rubric.
6. Grant Parish School Board will utilize district and federal funded transportation schedules to transport school choice students as much as possible to meet the needs of school choice students. Applications for transportation will be available March 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026.

7. Students exercising the option to transfer to another public school may remain in that school until the student has completed the highest grade in the school or until the student's school of origin is no longer identified as academically unacceptable or in school improvement. However, transportation will not be provided after the end of the school year in which the student's school of origin is no longer identified for school improvement. Students will not be allowed to transfer to any school that is identified as Academically Unacceptable.
8. If there are no schools to which the student can transfer, parents will be notified that their child's school is identified as Academically Unacceptable and that the child is eligible for choice although there are no choice options currently available.
9. The Director of Federal Programs or Elementary Supervisor will notify parents of the transfer once a decision has been determined.
10. Receiving schools will provide equal educational opportunities for all students eligible to transfer, including students with disabilities and English Language Learners.
11. All new enrollees to a receiving school that are currently zoned for an AU school are required to complete an application by the established deadline. This includes students enrolling in Kindergarten for the 2026 – 2027 school year.

Official Policy: <http://caps.gpsb.org:81/GrantCAPS.htm>



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Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved the
Emergency Evacuation Accommodations Agreement with Colfax Nursing and Rehab, LLC.



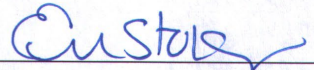
EMERGENCY EVACUATION ACCOMMODATIONS AGREEMENT

Be it known this 3rd day of February, 2026 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 Colfax Nursing and Rehab, LLC of Colfax, Grant Parish, Louisiana, the permission to place the residents, patients, and staff of the Colfax Nursing & Rehab, LLC of Colfax within either or both the Colfax Elementary gymnasium, or the Grant Jr. High gymnasium. However, placement preference will be given to students and staff within both educational institutions in the event an evacuation need should arise involving students and staff.

The Grant Parish School Board will be indemnified by the Colfax Nursing & Rehab, LLC of Colfax in the event a claim against same arises involving injury to a Colfax Nursing & Rehab, LLC of Colfax resident, patient or staff member while occupying the said evacuation centers.

THUS DONE and passed this 3rd day of February, 2026, Colfax, Grant Parish, Louisiana.

Jordan Imhoff, Managing Director
Colfax Nursing and Rehab, LLC



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Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved 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.

Received for approval at the March Meeting the draft 2026-2027 School Calendar.

Mrs. Shana Delrie, Elementary Supervisor gave Early Childhood Updates: 2026-2027 Early Childhood Coordinated Funding Request, 2026-2027 Lead Agency Coordinated

Enrollment Plan, 2026-2027 Early Childhood Lead Agency Blueprint, Early Childhood Community Lead Agency Intent to apply for 2026-2028 and Early Childhood Ready Start Network Lead Agency Intent to apply for 2026-2028.

The Superintendent discussed with the board members Personnel Report, Financial Report, Calendars, Student Count, Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement due May 15, 2026 and thanked the Board Members for attending Student of the Year and Teacher of the Year Recognitions and Reception at the PDC at 5:00PM.

Scott Gaspard discussed the Montgomery High School Punch List with Board Members.

Board Member Comments: Mr. Whitman ask Kathy Smith, Principal at Grant High School about soccer play-off games.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. McFarland 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