

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, APRIL 16, 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, April 16, 2026 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

There were present Mrs. April Brouillette, Mr. Lloyd Whitman, Mrs. Lisa Roberts, Mr. Darin Pasche, Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" McFarland and Mr. William "Bill" Riggs. Mrs. Karen Layton and Mr. Mason Briggs 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 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. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved the March 3 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Superintendent Stokes and the Board Members recognized Samuel Koss and Shelby McKay – 3rd place Louisiana Association of Future Educators Public Service Announcement.

No guests signed in to be recognized.

Committee items:

Construction Committee:

Board President added Mr. Darin Pasche to Finance Committee and 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

April 16, 2026

PROGRESS UPDATE

BH&B

Verda Elementary Administration Building
Construction Budget \$1,217,000.00
NTP 4.6.26/ 365 calendar days

- **Contracts in place**
- **Review pay application 1 for bonds and insurance**
- **Site/ civil work underway**

MHS

- **Covered walkway installation complete**

YWA

- **Georgetown roof warranty is in place**
- **Clear lien certificate accepted**
- **Punch list complete**
- **O&M manuals pending**
- **Review pay app 29**

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

Finance Committee:

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved proposal for Workman's Compensation Insurance with Alliant Insurance through LUBA, presented by Mr. Robert Cowan.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved Final Invoice for Georgetown High payable to Yeager, Watson & Assc., LLC in the amount of \$150,129.80.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved Pay Application #29 for Georgetown High payable to M.D. Descant, LLC in the amount of \$154,061.00.

Finance Committee discussed and recommended approval in the full board meeting expenditures for Child Nutrition facility improvements totaling \$69,400.00. This includes \$30,200.00 at South Grant Elementary for a freezer cover for unloading of food service items and \$39,200.00 at the District Warehouse for a dock extension. Funded from CACFP (Federally funded snack program) fund balance.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved Invoice #5 for Verda Elementary School New Administration Office payable to Barron Heinberg & Brocato Architecture Engineering Planning & Interior Design in the amount of \$453.74.

Motion by Mrs. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved Pay Application #1 for Verda Elementary School New Administration Office payable to Tudor, Inc., in the amount of \$20,425.00.

The Finance Committee Tabled the discussion and recommendation of amendments to the 2025-2026 Parish-wide and District Budgets to reflect year-to-date revenue collections until the May Meeting.

The Finance Committee discussed and recommended for approval in the full board meeting a resolution authorizing withdrawal of \$19,367.00 from the district's Louisiana State Treasure Education Excellence Fund (EEF) investment account and approval of the related investment agreement amendment.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved out-of-state travel for two Montgomery High Students, one Grant High Student to attend and compete at the Educators Rising National Conference, accompanied by the Superintendent and Secondary Supervisor as sponsors, in Portland, Oregon, June 18-24, 2026.

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and unanimously approved expenditures for Child Nutrition facility improvements totaling \$69,400.00, including a freezer cover at South Grant Elementary (\$30,200.00) and a dock extension at the District Warehouse (\$39,200.00). To be funded from the CACFP program.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mr. Whitman and unanimously approved a Resolution authorizing withdrawal of \$19,367.00 from the Grant Parish School Board's

Louisiana State Treasury Education Excellence Fund (EEF) investment account and approving the related investment agreement amendment.



GRANT PARISH
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Grant Parish School Board has been informed of the option to withdraw a certain amount of said funds invested in the State Treasury pursuant to authority of La. R.S. 39.99 (Act 161 of the 2002 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature) and our investment agreement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant Parish School Board does request the execution of the amendment to investment agreement with the State Treasury pursuant to La. R.S. 39.99; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant Parish School Board does request the withdrawal of funds from the State Treasury in the amount of \$19,367.00 to be used as specified in our recently approved EEF plan for Tobacco Settlement Funds.

It is hereby affirmed and certified the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution unanimously adopted by the Grant Parish School Board, Colfax, Louisiana during regular session on April 16, 2026 at which a quorum was present and voted.

Dr. Erin Stokes, Superintendent

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Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved to Table Agenda Number 10 until the May 2026 Meeting which stated the following: (Consider Approving amendments to the 2025-2026 Parish-wide and District Budgets to reflect year-to-date collections).

Motion by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously received and approved the revised job description for the Field/Warehouse Manager position.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously received and approved the revised job description for the Food Service Manager position.

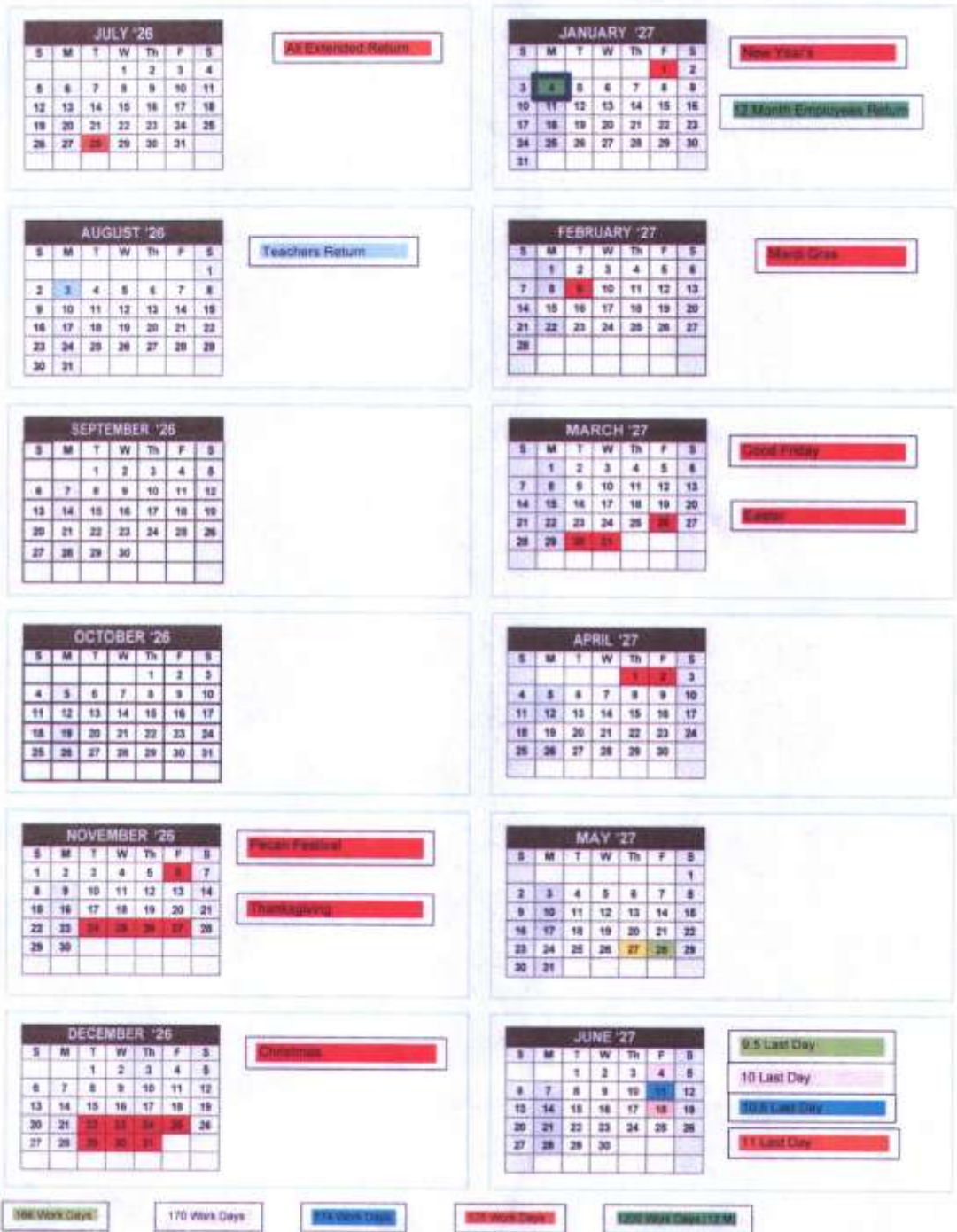
Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously received and approved the revised job description for the Food Service Technician position.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved testing date change on the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar, due to the late approval of state testing dates.



Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously approved the Extended Contracts 9.5 - 12 Month 2026-2027 Calendar.

EXTENDED CONTRACTS 9.5 - 12 | 2026-2027 CALENDAR



The Superintendent reviewed and discussed the Strategic Plan with Board Members.

Received for approval at the May Meeting the Child Nutrition Program's updated Procurement Plan.

The Superintendent discussed with the board members Personnel Report, Financial Report, Calendars, Student Count and Tier 3 Financial Disclosure Statement due May 15, 2026. The superintendent invited the Board Members to the Early Childhood Expo at B-22 on May 2, 2026 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM.

Mr. Whitman recognized Mrs. Karen Layton, District 3 Board Member, for 24 years of service award at the Louisiana School Boards Association Conference held in Baton Rouge on March 29-31, 2026.

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