

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 10, 2012.

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 10, 2012 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

There were present Mr. Roland "Buddy" Pennison", Mr. Randy Browning, Mr. Eddie Baxley, Mr. A.J. Lavespere, Mr. A.D. Futrell, Mr. Terry Oliver and Mrs. Karen Layton.

Mr. Marvin DeLong was absent.

Mrs. Sheila S. Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer was also present.

The Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, was duly convened by Honorable Randy Browning, President of the Grant Parish School Board, who then stated that the Parish School Board was ready to transact any business which may come before the Board.

Motion made by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved the revised agenda.

Motion made by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Pennison and unanimously approved the December 6, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Futrell, seconded by Mr. Oliver and unanimously approved Mr. A.J. Lavespere as President of the Grant Parish School Board.

Mr. Browning, the outgoing President, presented Mr. A.J. Lavespere, the incoming President, the gavel for his term as president. Mr. Lavespere thanked everyone for their support.

Superintendent Jackson presented the outgoing President, Mr. Randy Browning with a gavel for a year of great service. She thanked him for all of his hard work and for all of the great changes the School Board has been able to make.

Motion made by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved Mr. Terry Oliver as Vice President of the Grant Parish School Board.

Mr. Terry Oliver thanked everyone for their support.

Motion made by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously

approved authorized signatures for Colfax Banking Company.

Motion made by Mr. Baxley, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. as the date and time for the board meetings. Transportation and Maintenance Committee meeting will be held at 5:00 P.M. and the Finance Committee meeting will be held at 5:30 P.M. prior to the 6:00 P.M. meeting.

Mrs. Carolyn Lincecum, from Sandra Caston's Horace Mann Insurance Co., recognized Ms. Freda Huntsberry with a \$100.00 Visa gift card for perfect attendance for the month of November, 2011.

Mrs. Lincecum also stated that she wished nothing but the best for Mrs. Debbie McKay, Director of Federal Programs, on her retirement. Mrs. Lincecum stated everyone will miss Ms. McKay and everyone knew she always had the children first in her heart.

The Superintendent presented Ms. Debbie McKay, Director of Federal Programs, a plaque for thirty years of excellent service for the Grant Parish School Board. The Superintendent will miss all of her hard work and dedication.

The Transportation and Maintenance Committee had nothing to report.

Motion made by Mr. Baxley, for the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Pennison and unanimously approved construction of a metal building for baseball/softball locker rooms at Georgetown High, to come out of prior year district funds in the amount of \$11,200.00.

Motion made by Mr. Baxley, for the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Oliver and unanimously approved purchasing Ms. Doris Bell's property at Georgetown High to come out of prior year funds, in the amount of \$3,000.00.

The Superintendent spoke on the work being done at Montgomery High School and Verda Elementary. All of the preliminary work has started and Alliance Design Group will be at the February board meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Futrell, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved adopting policy DIBA: American Recovery and Reinvestment Reporting Requirements.

Motion made by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously

approved adopting the revision to policy II: Testing Program.

The Board Members received for approval at the February 2012 board meeting policy IDDF: Education of Students with Exceptionalities.

The Board Members received for approval at the February board meeting, a copy of the Proposed Academic Calendar for 2012-2013 school year.

2012-2013 Proposed Grant Parish Academic Calendar

1st Semester	2nd Semester
August	January
6 First day back for teachers	7, 8 Teacher Workday
9 7 th & 9 th grade Orientation (students dismiss at noon)	9 Students return to school
10 First day back for all students (students dismiss at noon)	10 Elementary/Secondary Report Cards
	21 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday</i>
September	February
3 <i>Labor Day Holiday</i>	7 *Student Early Release Day, Pre-K thru 12
13 *Student Early Release Day (Pre-K thru 12) Parent-Teacher Conferences-Grades 7-12, (3:00-7:00 pm)	Parent-Teacher Conferences, Pre-K thru 8 (12:00-7:00 pm), 9-12 th grade (3:00-7:00 pm)
19 First six-weeks grading period ends	8-12 <i>Spring Break Holiday</i>
25 Elementary Report Cards	15 Secondary Report Cards
	21 Fourth six-weeks grading period ends
	27 Elementary Report Cards
October	March
10 First nine-weeks grading period ends for JRHS & HS	13 *Student Early Release Day
*Student Early Release Day	14 First nine-weeks grading period ends for HS
11-12 <i>Fall Break</i>	Third nine-weeks grading period ends, JR HS
18 Secondary Report Cards	19 State Testing Cycle I
31 Second six-weeks grading period ends	20 Secondary Report Cards
	22 *Student Early Release Day
	25-29 <i>Easter Holiday</i>
November	April
1 * Student Early Release Day	8-12 State Testing Cycle II
Parent-Teacher Conference, Pre-K thru 6 12:00-7:00 pm	9 End of 5 th six-weeks
2 <i>Pecan Festival Holiday</i>	15 Elementary Report Cards
6 <i>Election Day Holiday</i>	19 *Student Early Release Day
7 Elementary Report Cards	
12 <i>Veteran's Day Holiday</i>	
19-23 <i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	
December	May
21 Third six-weeks grading period ends	10 Last Day for Pre-K, K, 6 th , and 8 th grades.
Second nine-weeks grading period ends, JRHS & HS-1 st Semester ends	17 Students last day (students dismiss at noon)
*Student Early Release Day, Pre-K thru 12	Sixth six-weeks grading period ends
24-Jan 8 <i>Christmas Holiday</i>	Second nine-weeks grading period ends for HS-Fourth nine-weeks grading period ends For JRHS
	20 Teacher-Workday/Parent-Teacher Conference

*Schools dismiss at 12:00 pm on Early Release Days, for **STUDENTS ONLY**. Each student day is 385 minutes. Total number of students' days: 170. Total number of teacher days: 176.
(Calendar revised 01/05/2012)

Motion by Mr. Futrell, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved the following administrative contract. Sharil May: (1-11-12 to 6-30-14). Gaylyn Constance (11-9-11 through 06-30-14.) Rebecca Durand (07-1-11 through 06-30-13). Stephanie Leger (07-01-11 through 06-30-13) and Julie Cole (07-27-11 through 06-30-14).

Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Pennison and unanimously approved granting the Superintendent permission to disperse the millage checks on

Friday, January 13, 2012.

Motion made by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved a resolution concerning Early Childhood Education.

Motion made by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation for the following personnel changes:

A. Resignations:

1. Cindy Maxwell – teacher @ Georgetown High effective 01-04-12.
2. Sherry Atwell – Bus Driver @ Georgetown High effective 12-31-11.
3. Amy Ennis – teacher @ Montgomery, effective 12-21-11.

B. Employ:

1. Audrey Lemoine – SPED teacher @ Pollock Elementary, replacing Emily Smith effective 01-05-12.
2. Jalee Jones – English teacher @ Montgomery High, replacing Amy Ennis effective 01-05-12.

Motion made by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Pennison and unanimously approved going into executive session to consider an application for enrollment from Mrs. Alice Piper on behalf of her grandson.

Mrs. Piper stated she would like to have an open hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mr. Baxley and unanimously approved going out of executive session.

Motion made by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved going back into regular session.

Motion made by Mr. Baxley, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved the student to be enrolled at Grant High School.

Motion made by Mr. Futrell, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved going into executive session to consider an application for enrollment from Mrs. Connie Tassin on behalf of her son.

Mrs. Tassin stated that she would like to have an open hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mr. Futrell and unanimously approved going out of executive session.

Motion made by Mr. Baxley, seconded by Mr. Futrell and unanimously approved going back into regular session.

Motion made by Mr. Baxley, seconded by Mr. Futrell and unanimously approved the student to attend Montgomery High School.

Mr. Randy Browning said the Superintendent's evaluation was satisfactory. Mr. Browning also stated the Board appreciated all of the hard work the Superintendent does for everyone in Grant Parish, especially the children.

The Superintendent had several comments for the board members. The members were reminded of the upcoming School Board Convention and asked to let her know if they planned on attending.

School Board Member training is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. at the Grant Parish School Board Office.

The Superintendent updated the board on the Athletic Program. The Superintendent stated work had been done on coaching athletic pay supplements, contract extensions and job descriptions.

The Dry Prong Jr. High property is still being assessed and there will be more information available at the February 7, 2012 board meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Futrell, seconded by Mr. Baxley and unanimously approved adjourning the meeting.

/s/A.J. Lavespere
Randy Browning
President
Grant Parish School Board

ATTEST:

Sheila S. Jackson
Secretary-Treasurer
Grant Parish School Board