

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT PARISH SCHOOL
BOARD OF THE PARISH OF GRANT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013.

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, Thursday January 10, 2013 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

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

Mr. Terry Oliver 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 A.J. Lavespere, 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. DeLong and unanimously approved the Revised Agenda

Motion by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved the December 4, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Futrell and unanimously approved the December 17, 2012 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved electing Mr. A.D. Futrell as the School Board President.

The Superintendent presented Mr. A.J. "Tony" Lavespere with an engraved gavel for his year as the board president. The Superintendent thanked Mr. Lavespere for a job well done.

Motion made by Mrs. Layton seconded by Mr. DeLong and unanimously approved electing Mr. Eddie Baxley as the new School Board Vice-President.

Motion made by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved the authorized signatures for Colfax Banking Company.

Motion made by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. DeLong and unanimously

approved setting the board meetings for the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. unless otherwise posted.

Georgetown High School, Grant High School and Montgomery High School were recognized as Top Gains Schools for their School Performance Scores for the 2011-2012 school year.

After some parents voiced their concerns on a reading assignment their children were given.

Motion made by Mr. Baxley, seconded by Mr. DeLong and unanimously voted to pull the book “The Help” from the shelves of the Grant Parish school system.

There were no other guests at the meeting.

The Transportation and Maintenance Committee had nothing to report.

Motion by Mr. DeLong, for the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved a \$5,000.00 budget revision for Verda Elementary.

Motion by Mr. DeLong, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved rebidding the property known as Montgomery Gaines for 85% of the property’s value.

Motion by Mr. DeLong, for the Finance Committee, seconded by Ms. Layton and unanimously approved advertising for Bulk Fuel.

Motion by Mr. DeLong, for the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved payment to Alliance Design Group for services rendered at Verda Elementary; in the amount of \$3,001.39.

Motion by Mr. DeLong, for the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved Application and Certificate for Payment (Application #4) to Phillip Mayo Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$99,317.37 for services rendered at Verda Elementary. The Superintendent expressed the company continues to impress her.

Construction updates are as follows:

Grant Jr. High – There are several new leaks at Grant Jr. High school that have been reported to the contractor. Some of them are reoccurring.

Grant High School track is slowing down due to the weather. The erosion

control has been started.

Montgomery High – the foundation was started and the compaction test had been taken however, the rain washed the spot out.

Verda Elementary – The Superintendent is very pleased with the work that has been done at Verda. The building will be finished on time.

Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved the following policies: BCBB Board Meeting, Notification, BCBD (Preparation and Dissemination), EBBH (Use of Automated External Defibrillator – AED), EFAA (Internet Safety and Technology Acceptable Use), EFA (Internet & Technology Acceptable Use), GAMIA (Electronic Communications Between Employees and Students), GBA (Contracts and (Compensation), GBDA (Employment of Retired Personnel), IDDG (Alternative Schools Education Program), IHAD (Parent Conferences), JCD (Student Conduct), JCDAE (Electronic Telecommunication Devices), JCDAF (Bullying, Cyber bullying, Intimidation, Harassment, and Hazing), JD (Discipline), JDD (Suspension), JDE (Expulsion), and JGCE (Child Abuse).

The Board Members received for approval at the February 2013 Board Meeting the following policies: DFM (Sale of Surplus Equipment and Supplies), FDC (Naming of Facilities), IEC (Class Size), JBCBB (Homeless Children and Youth), and JGCD (Administration of Medication).

Motion by Mr. Lavespere, seconded by Mr. Pennison and unanimously Approved granting the Superintendent permission to disperse millage checks on Tuesday, January 15, 2013. Instructional will get \$575.00 and Support will get \$285.00.

The Board Members received copies of the 2013- 2014 Academic Calendar for adoption at the February 2013 board meeting.

2013-2014 Grant Parish Proposed Academic Calendar

1 st Semester	2 nd Semester
August	January
12 First day back for teachers 13 7 th & 9 th Grade Orientation (students dismiss at noon) 16 First day back for all students (students dismiss at noon)	6,7 Teacher Workday 8 Students return to school 10 Elementary/Secondary Report Cards 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
September	February
2 Labor Day Holiday 19 Student Early Release Day (Pre-Kdg thru 12th) (Parent/Teacher Conferences-Grades 7th-12 th - 3:00-6:00 pm) 24 First six weeks grading period ends	13 *Student Early Release Day, Pre-K thru 12, Parent/Teacher Conferences(Pre-K thru 6th - 12:00-7:00 pm) (7th-12th, 3:00-7:00 pm) 14 Winter Break 18 Fourth Six weeks grading period ends
October	March
3 Student Early Release Day (Parent/Teacher Conferences, Pre-K thru 6 th - 1:00-7:00 pm) 4-7 Fall Break 15 First nine weeks grading period ends for JRHS & HS 22 Secondary Report Cards 31 Early Release Day	3-7 Mardi Gras Holiday 13 *Student Early Release Day 18 First nine weeks grading period ends for HS, Third nine weeks grading period ends for JRHS/State Testing Cycle
November	April
1 Pecan Festival Holiday 5 Second six weeks grading period 11 Veteran's Day Holiday 13 Elementary Report Cards 22 *Student/Teacher Early Release Day 25-29 Thanksgiving Holiday	4 Fifth six weeks grading period ends 7-10 State Testing Cycle II 11 Elementary Report Cards 17 *Student Early Release Day 18-21 Easter Holiday 25 Secondary Report Cards
December	May
20 Third Six weeks grading period ends, Second nine weeks grading period ends for JRHS & HS/1 st semester ends *Student Early Release Day, Pre-K thru 12th 23-Jan 7 Christmas Holiday	13 Last day for Pre-K, 6 th & 8 th grades 19 *Student Early Release Day 20 Student Early Release Day – teachers work until 3:00 pm – Student/Teacher last day

Motion by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved going into Executive Session to discuss legal options to rescind the sale of the Dry Prong Jr. High school site.

Motion by Mr. Lavespere, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved going out of Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved going back into Regular Session.

There was no action taken at the meeting

Motion by Mr. Baxley, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved having the bus barn property surveyed.

Motion by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved tabling the motion concerning legal action to resolve areas of concern at Grant Jr. High, until the documents have been prepared.

The Superintendent gave information to the Board concerning the 2013 LSBA Convention. It will run for three days beginning March 4 through March 6, 2013.

The Superintendent will give the Board Members the dates of the training session at the February 2013 Board Meeting.

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

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

ATTEST:

Sheila S. Jackson
Secretary-Treasurer
Grant Parish School Board