

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, MAY 7, 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, Tuesday May 7, 2013 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

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

Everyone was present.

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.D. Futrell, 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 by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved the revised agenda.

Motion by Mr. Lavespere, seconded by Mr. DeLong and unanimously approved the April 2, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Mr. Oliver, seconded by Mr. DeLong and unanimously approved the April 16, 2013 Special Training Meeting.

Mrs. Carolyn, of Sandra Caston's Horace Mann Insurance, presented April Ward with a gift card for \$100.00 for perfect attendance for the month of March.

The Superintendent recognized the following students as State Literary Rally winners:

**Georgetown High School** - Brandy Whitlow - Sociology - 2nd Place  
Elizabeth Hyde - Parenthood Education - 2nd Place  
Rachael Montgomery - Psychology - 3rd Place

**Grant High School** - Mallory Crawford - AgriScience II - 2nd Place

**Montgomery High School** – Desiree Guidry – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Nutrition & Food

The Superintendent recognized the Georgetown Lady Bulldogs as Class C

Cross Country State Runner-Up:

Kristen Huntsberry  
Felicity Traylor  
Brooke Lincecum  
Kamryn Hudson  
Brooke Kendrick  
Morgan Bruce  
Shai Johnson  
Brandy Whitlow  
Hannah Sinclair

Manager: Kellee Rey

The Superintendent recognized the Georgetown Lady Bulldogs as Class C

Softball State Runner-Up:

Kristen Huntsberry  
Felicity Traylor  
Brandy Whitlow  
Morgan Bruce  
Savanah Lincecum  
Tanner Maxwell  
Kellee Rey  
Brooke Lincecum  
Kandis Truelove  
Sabrina Carter  
Lakin Higgs  
Whitney Jenkins  
Shai Johnson  
Mikayla Traylor

The Superintendent recognized Shanel Bruins, of Grant High School as a State Qualifier in Tennis and Track.

The Superintendent recognized Mattison McCain, of Grant High School, as a State Qualifier in Golf.

The Superintendent recognized the following students as District Winners for the LSBA Art Contest:

2nd Grade Verda Elementary- Madison Shufflin  
5th Grade-south Grant-Zephronia Skelton  
12th Grade-Danae Monroe

The Superintendent recognized Mrs. Ruby Funk for her retirement after 13 years of service as a bus driver for the Grant Parish School Board.

The Transportation and Maintenance Committee decided to request fuel two times a year instead of four times a year.

Motion by Mr. DeLong, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved budget revisions for Colfax District funds; Georgetown District funds; Pollock District funds, Grant Jr. High District funds for Verda Parishwide funds.

Motion by Mr. DeLong, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved change order #2 for Verda Elementary.

Motion by Mr. DeLong, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Verda Elementary.

The Superintendent spoke of the FY 2012-2013 Fiscal Risk Assessment (LEA's preliminary data). There were no deficiencies for Grant Parish. There were no citations given to the parish.

The construction updates were as follows:

Montgomery High Cafeteria is 51% to 52% completed It was recommended that no more days be given to Wyndham Contracting Group, LLC. The estimated date of completion is now May 31, 2013 with the final completion date of June 15, 2013.

Verda Elementary is almost completed. The work done by Phillip Mayo Construction Company was phenomenal work. The Superintendent and Board are very pleased with the work. The punch list has been confirmed and everything has been checked and fixed.

The Grant High School Track will be completed after graduation.

Motion by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved granting the Superintendent permission to sign the Engagement Letter to maintain Rozier, Herrington & McKay as the Grant Parish School Board Certified Public Accounts.

Motion by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved the appointment of The Chronicle as the official journal for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved continued participation in the suit of East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, et al v. Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System suit of East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, et al Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System.

The Board received quotes from the Brown & Brown Insurance Company for Property Insurance.

Motion by Mr. Baxley, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved Brown & Brown Insurance Company as the carrier for the Worker's Comp Insurance.

Any discussion of the Montgomery Gaines woodland property property was tabled until the June , 2013 Board Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved canvassing the returns and declare the result of the special election held in Consolidated School District 33.

It was then moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election held in Consolidated School District No. 33 of the Parish of Grant, Louisiana:

PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 OF THE PARISH OF GRANT, LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Office, 512 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Consolidated School District No. 33 of the Parish of Grant, Louisiana (the "District"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, April 6, 2013, with a quorum being present, did examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition to wit:

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 TAX PROPOSITION

Shall Consolidated School District No. 33 of the Parish of Grant, Louisiana (the "School District") levy and collect a special tax of two and sixty-six hundredths (2.66) mills on all property subject to taxation in said School District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2013 and ending with the year 2022 (an estimated \$80,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for the purpose of improving, repairing and maintaining Grant Junior High School, provided the School Board does not levy the Consolidated School District No. 11 ("District 11") 4.03 mills ad valorem tax authorized at the election held in District 11 on November 6, 2012?

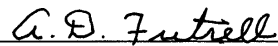
The canvass of the results of the election showed that there was a total of **308** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **420** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, and that there was a majority of **112** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Colfax, Louisiana, on this, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

  
President

Motion by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved granting the Superintendent permission to disburse the sales tax and millage supplement checks on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of May. No amount has been given as of yet.

Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved going out of Regular Session

Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved going into Executive Session to hear a parental concern as per 42:17.

The decision was upheld as discussed with the parent by the principal at Pollock Elementary.

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

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved going into regular session.

The Board considered a motion from the Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Baxley, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and determined by a vote of 5 yeas (Lavespere, Layton, Baxley, Oliver, and Futrell) and 3 nays (Browning, Delong and Pennison) to support the Superintendent and her staff in the Executive Session matter.

The Superintendent informed the Board of the 6-1 decision that ruled the voucher program as unconstitutional.

The Superintendent also explained that HB160/ Reynolds (delay value-added assessment for 1 year) and HB 466/ Harvard (allow for the current system of letter grade labeling to be used for this school year and require legislative oversight of the accountability formula) are the next items that are being looked at in the legislature.

The Superintendent scheduled a budget session for May 20, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

All of the Board members received a copy of the graduation schedule from the Superintendent.

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

s/A.D. Futrell  
A.D. Futrell  
President  
Grant Parish School Board

ATTEST:

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Sheila S. Jackson  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Grant Parish School Board