

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 5, 2015.

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 5, 2015 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

There were present Mr. Randy Browning, Mrs. Lisa Roberts, Mrs. Karen Layton, Mrs. Charlene Anderson, Mr. Buddy Pennison, Mr. Bill Riggs, Mrs. Mary Bullock and Mr. A. D. Futrell.

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 Mr. A. D. Futrell, Grant Parish School Board Member, 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. Karen Layton and unanimously approved the April 16, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Mallory Crawford was recognized for having Perfect Attendance for 13 years.

Ethan Lewis and Evhan Lewis were both recognized for having Perfect Attendance for 12 years.

Recognition of Valedictorian and Salutatorian for each High School:

Grant High:

Val: Mallory Crawford, Ethan Lewis, and Evhan Lewis

Sal: Brittany Freeman

Montgomery High:

Val: Samantha Austin

Sal: Austin Pinder

Georgetown High:

Val: Henry "A.J." Thompson

Sal: Kendra Stapleton

Recognition of Composite Academic All-State from each High School:

Grant High –

Football – Daniel Powell

Girls Basketball – Mallory Crawford, Jennifer Peckmore, and Jessica Peckmore

Boys Basketball – Ethan Lewis and Evhan Lewis

Mallory Crawford was recognized for getting Platinum Level of Work-keys

Assessment.

The School Board recognized the Regional Science Fair Participants:

Pollock Elementary –

Jacob Mercer

Olivia Caraway

Kelsey Bradshaw

Ella Self

Mia Kilpatrick

Kelsie Elias

Hannah Mobley

McKenzie Davis

South Grant Elementary

Brendan Slayter

Verda Elementary

Emily Thomisee – 2nd place in Chemistry

Georgetown High

Jackson Nichols

Sadie Hoadley

The Board recognized Ms. Katie Woodard, of Grant High School as the District Winner of the Louisiana School Boards' Association Art Contest.

Mr. Craig Tappel of Brown and Brown Insurance gave his proposals and stated the rates were the same as last year.

Motion by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mr. Browning and unanimously approved the following budget revisions:

**Grant Parish School Board
Proposed Budget Revisions
05/05/15**

PARISHWIDE:

Colfax	8,000	Storage Cabinets for classrooms
Pollock	32,000	Remodel Bathrooms
	7,058	Paint Bathroom by kindergarten
South Grant	13,000	Remodel Bathrooms
Montgomery	3,470	Carpet classrooms & desks
Georgetown	3200	Desks
Verda	15,000	Remodel Bathrooms
Central Office	3,000	Additional Ad Valorem Revenue
	2,000	Repairs & Maint. & 1,000 janitor salary

DISTRICT:

South Grant	8,000	Masonry work from a/c replacements
	22,000	Remodel Bathrooms
Montgomery	5,000	Carpet classrooms
Verda	9,000	Remodel Bathrooms

The Transportation and Maintenance Committee had nothing to report.

Motion by Charlene Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and to request State Superintendent John White to allow Dr. Gary Jones to assist the Grant Parish School Board with creating a new Superintendent evaluation document. Motion failed.

Yeas – 3: Mr. Riggs, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Roberts. Nays – 5: Mr. Browning, Mrs. Layton, Mr. Pennison, Mrs. Bullock and Mr. Futrell.

Mr. Futrell would like to see the Education Committee and the Policy and Procedure Committee develop a new evaluation plan.

Motion by Mr. Pennison, seconded by Mrs. Layton to approve Brown & Brown for the Worker's Comp Insurance. Motion failed.

Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Riggs to go with Slaughter Insurance for the Grant Parish School Boards' Worker's Compensation Insurance.

The Board received proposal's for increasing menu prices to be approved at the June 2015 Board Meeting.

Proposal for the 2015-2016 School Year

Due to an increase in food prices, requesting that student breakfasts increase from \$.85 to \$1.00; student lunches increase from \$1.35 to \$ 1.50; and adult lunches increase from \$2.60 to \$2.75

Last meal increase

2011- Where I believe it was increased by \$0.10

Breakfast and Lunch Prices of surrounding parishes

	Breakfast	Lunch	Employee
Lasalle	\$1.00	\$1.25 (Elem) \$1.50 Jr/high	\$2.00
Jackson	\$1.20	\$2.00	\$3.00
Winn	\$0.85	\$1.35	\$2.75
Caldwell	\$0.75	\$1.75	\$2.75
Natchitoches	\$0.75	\$1.25 (Elem) \$1.50 (Jr/ High)	\$3.00
Grant Currently	\$0.85	\$1.35	\$2.60
Grant Proposed	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.75

Motion by Mrs. Roberts seconded by Mrs. Bullock and unanimously approved granting the Superintendent permission to sign the Engagement Letter to maintain Rozier, Herrington and McKay as the Grant Parish School Board's Certified Public Accountants. The total amount will be \$28,950.00.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mrs. Anderson and unanimously approved granting the Superintendent permission to disburse sales tax and millage supplemental checks on May 14, 2015 and May 15, 2015.

The Board received for approval at the June 2015 board meeting the Employee Dress Code Policy.

Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. Roberts and approved Amanda Morrison's administrative contract as the principal at Grant High School. Mrs. Anderson voted nay.

Motion by Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Pennison and unanimously approve the Inventory Tax Resolution.



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RESOLUTION BY GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OPPOSING ANY CHANGES TO THE INVENTORY TAX

- WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a budget deficit of \$1.6 billion; and
- WHEREAS, any bill that proposes reductions in or a repeal of the Inventory Tax would be detrimental to the Grant Parish economy; and
- WHEREAS, one third of the land mass of Grant Parish is designated U. S. National Forest and not subject to taxation; and
- WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Inventory Tax received contributes to the supplemental compensation for employees and bond payments; and
- WHEREAS, reducing or repealing this local revenue stream would cause a loss of revenue of \$1,276,759 for Grant Parish in general and \$509,680 specifically to the Grant Parish School Board; and
- WHEREAS, Grant Parish School Board employees' salaries are among the lowest in the state and Grant Parish is among the highest poverty rates in the state; a repeal or any reduction would only compound this issue; and
- WHEREAS, by supporting any changes to reduce or repeal the Inventory Tax would mean a decline in the local economy and create more economic hardships on many families in Grant Parish; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, the Grant Parish School Board urge State Senators and State Representatives to find alternative measures in balancing the State budget without any reduction or repeal of the Inventory Tax that local government rely on for operations.

I, Sheila S. Jackson, Superintendent of the Grant Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Grant Parish School Board at its regular meeting held on May 5, 2015.


Sheila S. Jackson, Superintendent

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Pennison and unanimously approved
the appointment of The Chronicle as the official journal for July 1, 2015 through
June 30, 2016.

The Board received for approval at the June 2015 board meeting Student and Faculty Handbooks for Pollock Elementary.

The Board received for approval at the June 2015 board meeting Student and Faculty Handbooks for South Grant Elementary.

Motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Anderson and approved the Board entering into Executive Session pursuant to La. R. S. 42:17 (A)(1) for a personnel concern.

Motion by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mrs. Layton and unanimously approved going back to regular session.

The Superintendent told the Board of Financial Disclosures that needed to be filled out and returned to the Ethics Commission.

There was discussion of the Budget work session which will be May 18, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

The Superintendent stated she appreciates the work the teachers do.

Motion by Mrs. Layton, seconded by Mr. Pennison and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

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

ATTEST: _____

Sheila S. Jackson
Secretary-Treasurer
Grant Parish School Board