



BOARD MEETING OF THE AVOYELLES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recommendation to approve the adoption of the minutes of the regular Board meeting held Tuesday, August 19, 2025, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board.
4. Recognition of Student of the Month for August 2025. **(attached) (Superintendent Tutor)**
5. Recognition of Teacher of the Month for August 2025. **(attached) (Superintendent Tutor)**

INFORMATION ITEMS: (No Action Required)

6. Sales tax report for the month of August, 2025. **(attached) (Jessica Rachal)**
7. Monthly Maintenance report on expenditures. **(attached) (Rickey Adams)**
8. Monthly General Fund 2025-2026 Year-to-Date Report with Comparisons. **(attached) (Mary Bonnette)**
9. Introduction to Karen Burlew, new 4-H agent in Avoyelles Parish **(Superintendent Tutor)**
10. Partnership with the Children & Youth Advisory Board of the 12th Judicial District Court to help promote Work-based Learning. **(Dr. Jay Callegari)**
11. Retired Employee Athletic Pass. **(attached) (Amy Voluntine)**
12. Personnel Changes **(attached) (Assistant Superintendent Thelma Prater)**

CONSENT ITEMS: (Recommendation to approve consent agenda items)

13. Request to approve the MOU between Tunica Biloxi Education Department and The Avoyelles Parish School Board. **(attached) (Superintendent Tutor)**
14. Request to approve the High Dosage Tutoring in the amount of \$241,610, funded by High Dosage Tutoring Grant. **(attached) (Wendy Marchand)**
15. Request to approve the Teaching Strategies for Early Childhood for the Creative Curriculum for Pre-K, in the amount of \$54,470.00, funded by Title I/General Fund. **(attached) (Wendy Marchand)**



16. Request to approve proposal/MOU for Career Compass to be funded by Orchard, Perkins, and CTE funds. **(attached) (Dexter Compton)**
17. Request to approve the MOU between the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on behalf of Louisiana State University Eunice (LSUE and the Avoyelles Parish School District regarding students enrolling in LSUE Workforce Innovation and Continuing Education online noncredit courses. **(attached) (Dexter Compton)**
18. Request to approve reimbursement (from General Fund) for teachers who have a change of placement and need to take the Praxis to be certified in their new position.
(Superintendent Tutor)
19. Request to approve the revised policies, as follows: **(Superintendent Tutor)**
 - a. File: JBD - Student Absences and Excuses (attached)
 - b. File: JCDAF - Bullying and Hazing (attached)
 - c. File: JGCE - Child Abuse **(attached)**
 - d. File: IFA - Instructional Materials **(attached)**
20. Request to approve the Sunbelt Education Gifted Teacher Part-Time, Catherine Lemoine, at a rate of \$70 per hour, funded by General Funds. **(attached) (Dawn Pitre)**
21. Request to approve overnight travel. **(attached) (Assistant Superintendent Thelma Prater)**

ACTION ITEMS:

22. Recommendation to approve the attached policies to fulfill the requirements of the GUMBO Projects: **(Superintendent Tutor)**
 - a. Financial Management **(attached)**
 - b. Accounting/Budgeting **(attached)**
 - c. Property Standards **(attached)**
 - d. Record Retention **(attached)**
 - e. Annual Operating Budget **(attached)**
 - f. Period Budget Reconciliation **(attached)**
23. Recommendation to approve the removal of the partial award of the Cyber grant to HiTech and award the full amount to Avexon for a total of \$207,835. **(attached) (Becky Spencer)**
24. Recommendation to approve Bus Turn-Around Form **(attached) (Ray Carlock)**



25. Recommendation to approve clearing the FFA Old River Lot by Lambert Equipment in Mansura for \$16,540.00. This will be funded with FFA Funds. This will prepare the lot for the construction of the FFA Camp House **(attached) (Ray Carlock)**
26. Recommendation to approve construction of a Bunkie Magnet High School Automatic Gate by Rusk Carpentry in the amount of \$32,187. This will be funded by a \$50,000.00 School Safety Grant. **(attached) (Ray Carlock)**
27. Recommendation to approve construction of the Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy Automatic Gate by Rusk Carpentry in the amount of \$32,355.00. This will be funded by a \$50,000.00 School Safety Grant. **(attached) (Ray Carlock)**
28. Recommendation to purchase 11 carpet cleaners from Economical Supplies for \$21,730.50, which is State contract price. These will be for all 6 elementary schools, per Thelma Prater. This will be funded out of Maintenance fund. **(attached) (Ray Carlock)**
29. Recommendation to approve the cleanup of RES Ball Field by Rusk Construction for the amount of \$13,880.00. This will include removing fences, trees, light poles, old buildings, shipping containers, tennis court poles and fence, and mowing the property. This will make the property ready for maintenance to maintain the grass. **(attached) (Ray Carlock)**
30. Recommendation to approve a 9 school termite treatment and warranty proposal with Bayou Mosquito of Alexandria, La, in the amount of \$12,955.00 initial total with \$11,470.00 annual renewal inspection for all schools combined. **(attached) (Ray Carlock)**