

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office in Marksville, Louisiana, with the following members present:

Lynn Deloach, President; Jill Guidry, Vice President; Latisha Small, Keith Lacombe, Robin Moreau, Jay Callegari, Chris Robinson, Rickey Adams, and Aimee Dupuy.

Absent: None.

An Invocation was offered by Dexter Compton, Supervisor of Secondary Education.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America led by Board Member Rickey Adams.

1. On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Jay Callegari the Board adopted the minutes with the exception of Item #12 of the regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Rickey Adams, the Board agreed to rescind Item #12 – the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Marksville and the Avoyelles Parish School Board, dividing the net revenue collected from electronic enforcement device citations in school zones on a 50/50 basis. The motion was approved by the following 7-2 vote:

YEAS: Keith Lacombe, Robin Moreau, Jay Callegari, Lynn Deloach, Jill Guidry, Rickey Adams, and Aimee Dupuy.

NAYS: Latisha Small and Chris Robinson.

Board President Lynn Deloach went on record as saying, *“I have come to believe that photo tickets are illegal due to concerns about due process as written in Act 103. During a recent school board meeting, conflicting information was presented on the legality and lack of statutory authority with the appointment by the Mayor and/or the city council of an out-of-town attorney as a designee instead of the City Judge of Marksville. Furthermore, the law emphasizes the need for clear signage and proper notification to drivers as per SB No. 302, which is lacking. A total of nine (9) warning signs with an explanation of the placement of these are required. There is proof of purchase of one sign. The discrepancy between the school board’s assertions and the legal framework suggests a need for further investigations and clarifications on this matter. It is crucial that we uphold the principles of transparency and justice in any enforcement measures; therefore, I am uncomfortable supporting this agreement at this time.”*

2. A) Board Member Latisha Small read a resolution of respect to the late Priscilla Gilbert Jones, retired teacher.

On motion by Latisha Small, seconded by Aimee Dupuy, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Priscilla Gilbert Jones, retired teacher. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B) Board Member Lynn Deloach read a resolution of respect to the late Errol Lynn Aymond, retired teacher.

On motion by Lynn Deloach, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Errol Lynn Aymond, retired teacher.

3. Superintendent Karen Tutor recognized the Students of the Month for September, 2024, and presented a plaque to each student. Also, each Board member read a short biography detailing the accomplishments of each student.

The Students of the Month at each school are as follows:

Christopher Dupre, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; Aubrey Augustine, Cottonport Elementary School; Dalton Turnage, Lafargue Elementary School; Klay Wade, Marksville Elementary School; Londyn Coleman, Plaucheville Elementary School; Tate Gremillion, Riverside Elementary School; Ariana Greenhouse, Avoyelles High School; Tamia Desselle, Bunkie Magnet High School; Edgar Stevenson, Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences; and Zoey Cloud, Marksville High School.

On behalf of the Board, President Lynn Deloach commended the students on this outstanding achievement.

4. Vice President Jill Guidry recognized the Teachers of the Month for September, 2024. She commended the teachers for their dedication, and Superintendent Tutor presented a plaque to each teacher, as follows:

Patty Riche, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; Allison Lacombe, Cottonport Elementary School; Valerie Bordelon, Lafargue Elementary School; Kayla Lemoine, Marksville Elementary School; Sara Wallace, Plaucheville Elementary School; Yvonne Bassett, Riverside Elementary School; Abigail Sylvester, Avoyelles High School; Dana Blood, Bunkie Magnet High School; Khalil Roy, Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences; and Ashley Gonzales, Marksville High School.

On behalf of the Board, President Lynn Deloach commended the teachers on this outstanding achievement.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

5. The Sales Tax Report was presented for the month of September, 2024. Sales tax collections totaled \$937,494.51. Of this amount, the 1% sales tax generated \$535,752.09, the 0.25% sales tax generated \$133,866.37, and the building and maintenance fund generated \$267,876.05.
6. The monthly maintenance report on expenditures was presented.
7. The 2023-2024 General Fund Financials were presented.
8. The 2023-2024 Food Service Financials were presented.
9. The monthly General Fund 2023-2024 Year-to-Date Report with Comparisons was presented.
10. Discussion was held regarding consequences for posting misinformation about campus lockdowns on social media.
11. Jenny Welch, Food Service Supervisor, presented the Board with pictures of the remodeled Bunkie Magnet High School and LaSAS Cafeteria.
12. Discussion was held regarding High School Day at Grambling State University.
13. The following personnel changes were presented for the Board's review.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

COTTONPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Change appointment date for Brandi L. Williams, teacher, effective August 2, 2024 through May 27, 2025.

Transfer/Appointment of Shelby L. Gash, teacher from K-2 Special Education Resource to Pre-K LA-4, effective October 1, 2024, replacing Sarah Armand who resigned.

Transfer/Appointment of Willie Simon, Paraprofessional from ISS to Title 1 Lab, effective September 10, 2024.

Transfer/Appointment of Connie Lee, Paraprofessional from Title 1 Lab to