

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office in Marksville, Louisiana, with the following members present:

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

Absent: None.

1. Swearing in of Board Members: District Attorney Charles A. Riddle III administered the oath of office to all Board members for a four-year term.
2. Superintendent Karen Tutor presented a plaque to outgoing President Aimee Dupuy and outgoing Vice President Chris Robinson for their service and dedication to the Board for the period January 11, 2022 through December 31, 2022.
3. Superintendent Karen Tutor advised the Board that the terms for the office of President and Vice President of the Avoyelles Parish School Board have expired. She then called for nominations for the office of President.

Board member Lynn Deloach placed the name of Robin Moreau in nomination for the office of President.

Board member Latisha Small placed the name of Chris Robinson in nomination for the office of President.

Board member Rickey Adams moved that nominations for the office of President be closed. The motion was seconded by Aimee Dupuy. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Superintendent Tutor requested that the Board members cast their votes.

Board members who voted for Robin Moreau: Lynn Deloach, Keith Lacombe, Robin Moreau, Rickey Adams, Jill Guidry, and Aimee Dupuy.

Board members who voted for Chris Robinson: Latisha Small, Jay Callegari, and Chris Robinson.

By a vote of 6-3, Robin Moreau was declared President of the Board for the 2023 calendar year.

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 President Robin Moreau.

4. President Robin Moreau called for nominations for the office of Vice President.

Board member Jill Guidry placed the name of Rickey Adams in nomination for the office of Vice President.

No other nominations were made.

Board member Aimee Dupuy moved that nominations for the office of Vice President be closed. The motion was seconded by Jill Guidry. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

By a unanimous vote, Rickey Adams was declared Vice President of the Board for the 2023 calendar year.

5. Superintendent Karen Tutor addressed the Board with a proclamation declaring January 2023 as School Board Members Recognition Month.

6. On motion by Jill Guidry, seconded by Aimee Dupuy, the Board adopted the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. A. Board Vice President Rickey Adams read a resolution of respect to the late Eric Gormsen, Jr., retired principal.

On motion by Rickey Adams, seconded by Jill Guidry, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Eric Gormsen, Jr., retired principal. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Board Member Latisha Small read a resolution of respect to the late Colonel Charles Bernard Jones, retired principal.

On motion by Latisha Small, seconded by Aimee Dupuy, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Colonel Charles Bernard Jones, retired principal.

8. Superintendent Karen Tutor recognized the Students of the Month for December, 2022. Superintendent Tutor 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:

Damani Brown, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; Tylor Williams, Cottonport Elementary School; Kenley Dupuis, Lafargue Elementary School; Bella Laborde,

Marksville Elementary School; Landon Couvillon, Plaucheville Elementary School; Savannah Stewart, Riverside Elementary School; Decareyn Sampson, Avoyelles High School; Rylee Andress, Bunkie Magnet High School; Caroline Spencer, Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences; and Aiden Jacobs, Marksville High School.

On behalf of the Board, President Robin Moreau commended the students on this outstanding achievement.

9. Assistant Superintendent Thelma Prater recognized the Teachers of the Month for December, 2022. She commended the teachers for their dedication, and Superintendent Tutor presented a plaque to each teacher, as follows:

Ruby Hawkins, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; Kayla Landry, Cottonport Elementary School; Joshua Timothy, Lafargue Elementary School; Lori Boudreaux, Marksville Elementary School; Kristin Hukins, Plaucheville Elementary School; Sherry Reech, Riverside Elementary School; Hali Wanersdorfer, Avoyelles High School; Katelyn Hillman, Bunkie Magnet High School; Julie Humble, Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences; and Daniel Murphy, Marksville High School.

On behalf of the Board, President Robin Moreau commended the teachers on this outstanding achievement.

10. Assistant Superintendent Thelma Prater addressed the Board with a recommendation to approve a contract with Canopy Ed, funded by REAL Grant.

On motion by Jill Guidry, seconded by Lynn Deloach, the Board approved the contract with Canopy Ed, funded by REAL Grant, not to exceed \$315,000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Superintendent Karent Tutor addressed the Board with a recommendation to participate in a class action lawsuit regarding vaping.

On motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Jill Guidry, the Board deferred the issue of a class action lawsuit regarding vaping to the Executive Committee for further discussion and consideration. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, addressed the Board regarding a General Fund Budget revision.

On motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Jill Guidry, the Board approved the General Fund Budget revision. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Steve Marcotte, Supervisor of Maintenance, addressed the Board with a request to readvertise bidding of the FFA Camp for Borrel Engineering since no bids were received.