

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, June 18, 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 Keith Lacombe.

1. On motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board adopted the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, May 14 2024, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. A) Board Member Rickey Adams read a resolution of respect to the late Kenneth Ray Maillet, retired teacher/coach.

On motion by Rickey Adams, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Kenneth Ray Maillet, retired teacher/coach. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B) Board Member Keith Lacombe read a resolution of respect to the late Michael Jude Brinkley, retired teacher.

On motion by Keith Lacombe, seconded by Rickey Adams, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Michael Jude Brinkley, retired teacher.

C) Board Member Robin Moreau read a resolution of respect to the late Vivian Deville Laprairie Descant, retired Federal Programs Secretary,

On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Jill Guidry, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Vivian Deville Laprairie Descant, retired Federal Programs Secretary.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

3. Donna Desoto with the Avoyelles Community Youth Coalition (ACYC) addressed the Board with a summary of statistical improvement configurations displaying

student progress regarding educational presentations and demonstrations by ACYC on the dangers of misusing alcohol, fentanyl, opioids, and vapes.

4. Wendy Marchand, Curriculum Supervisor, addressed the Board regarding DIBELS data.
5. Jennifer Welch, Food Service Supervisor, announced to the Board that the Avoyelles Parish School Board was awarded a \$20,000 Grant from No Kid Hungry for the 2024-2025 school year.
6. Board Member Chris Robinson addressed the Board for discussion on parental contact/notifications.
7. The Sales Tax Report was presented for the month of May, 2024. Sales tax collections totaled \$938,872.64. Of this amount, the 1% sales tax generated \$536,498.47, the 0.25% sales tax generated \$134,124.94, and the building and maintenance fund generated \$268,249.23.
8. The monthly maintenance report on expenditures was submitted.
9. The monthly General Fund 2023-2024 Year-to-Date Report with Comparisons was presented.
10. The 2024-2025 Budget Review was also presented.
11. The following personnel changes were submitted for the Board's review.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

BUNKIE ELEMENTARY LEARNING ACADEMY	Renewal of administrative contract Ashley Ducote, assistant principal, effective July 19, 2024 through July 18, 2026.
COTTONPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Appointment of Contina Pierite, principal, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.
LAFARGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Renewal of administrative contract Kimberly Adams, principal, effective July 12, 2024 through July 11, 2026. Resignation of Kimberly Green Cole, custodian, effective May 5, 2024.

MARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Resignation of Courtney Gagnard, teacher, effective May 24, 2024.

Resignation of Brittany D. Bordelon, teacher, effective August 1, 2024.

PLAUCHEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Resignation of Jada James, behavioral interventionist, effective March 1, 2024.

Resignation of Hayleigh Lachney, teacher, effective June 11, 2024.

Resignation of Brenda Dufour, food service technician, effective August 1, 2024, for the purpose of retirement.

AVOYELLES HIGH SCHOOL

Appointment of Joseph G. Sonnier, (retired) assistant principal, effective July 19, 2024 through June 12, 2026.

Renewal of administrative contract Laura Hargis, principal, effective July 12, 2024 through July 11, 2026.

Resignation of Lisa Breaux, teacher, effective July 15, 2024.

BUNKIE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

Resignation of Carleen Kelly, bus driver, effective May 31, 2024, for the purpose of retirement.

Resignation of Elizabeth Willis, (retired) teacher, effective at the end of the day June 30, 2024.

Resignation of Debra Leblanc, (retired) teacher, effective at the end of the day June 30, 2024.

LOUISIANA SCHOOL FOR THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Appointment of Ginger L. Knight, principal, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Resignation of Michael Roy, teacher, effective May 20, 2024.

Resignation of Lisa Laird, custodian, effective May 31, 2024.

MARKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Appointment of Kristen D. Lemoine, principal, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Resignation of Estelle Priscilla Wright, custodian, effective at the end of the day June 1, 2024, for the purpose of retirement.

Resignation of Coach Bryan C. Smith, Sr., teacher/assistant girls basketball coach, effective August 1, 2024.

AVOYELLES VIRTUAL ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (AVAP)

Renewal of administrative contract Michael Rachal, effective June 9, 2024 through August 3, 2026.

CENTRAL OFFICE

Renewal of administrative contract Thelma J. Prater, Assistant Superintendent, effective July 24, 2024 through July 23, 2026.

**APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL
2024-2025**

BUNKIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Sharice Sullivan, Principal; Ashley L. Ducote, Assistant Principal; Valerie B. Bandy, Lindsey Bertrand, Valerie A. Chesne, Connie D. Ducote, Brandy B. Dupont, Summer Jackson, Bianca J. Word, Chrissy P. Grayson, LeAnn J. Dukes, Micaela D. Drouin, Travis Armand, Sharicka McGlory (part-time social worker) and Dannon D. Dausat (part-time Instructional Coach).

COTTONPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Contina Pierite, Principal; Susan Cole, Assistant Principal; Charlotte M. Kyle, Kayla D. Landry, Torianno C. Robertson, Nick Joffrion, Sarah S. Armand, Angie Champ, Bradley Moreau, Natalie N. Drouin (Speech Therapist), Shelby L. Gash, and Cecilia Robinson (Social Worker), Sharicka McGlory (part-time social worker)

LAFARGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Kimberly Adams, Principal; Marcy Bonnette, Assistant Principal; Holly D. Bordelon, Stephanie Bordelon, Valerie Bordelon, Anna Bradshaw,

Jessica Dauzat, Casey L. Dupuis, Michelle G. Gauthier, Chantelle Hataway, Kelley A. Juneau, Sarah E. Landry, Kristy L. Lonider, Katie D. Luneau, Jennifer Nicholas, Sheryl Parker, Shaun Reynaud, Philip J. Timothy, Abbie C. Dunn, Christy Guillot, Leah D. Hataway, Denton Spinks, Jennifer Franks, Linda Gagnard, Kayla Laborde, Krystle Reynaud, Adrienne B. Smith, Jennifer Harper, Lisa S. Russell, and Dannon D. Dauzat (part-time Instructional Coach).

MARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Kimberly Gagnard, Principal; Claudine Rodgers; Assistant Principal, Brooke N. Anderson, Alexis C. Armand, Stacey Duncan, Hope N. Dupuy, Lisa B. Laborde, Pam S. Laborde, Kayla D. Lemoine, Linda Voinche, Judith E. Williams, Kenneth Ford, Stacey N. Baudin, Natalie Curley Scott, LaLisa Scallan, Lori Boudreaux, Julie G. Barbry, Nikkie V. Guidry, Kelsey R. Scott (Speech Pathologist), Simone Voinche, Chris Dupuy (part-time) (Adaptive PE), Tyjua M. James (contracted ASL Interpreter), Gabre Williams (part-time Instructional Coach).

PLAUCHEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Wendy Adams, Principal; Stephanie L. Belanger, Assistant Principal; Amanda Gauthier, Madison C. Juneau, Allison L. Lacombe, Avery O. Lemoine, Samantha Mire, Michel Morgan, Sara G. Wallace, Kristen Hukins, Bailey V. Lemoine, Sydney L. Newton, Cecelia Clark, Vicki Dufour, Lisa Deshautelle, Rebecca Ivy Lemoine (FSCSC), Kara Lemoine, Tiffany C. Rabalais, Amber A. Arnouville, Guy Lemoine, Rachel L. Normand (Speech Therapist), Lisa L. Hebert, and Sheila Aymond.

RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Tonenikea Wilson, Principal; Sarah E. Reech, Assistant Principal; Samaria D. Allen, Susan Bordelon, Maxine Mury, Sherry A. Reech, Keitha J. Callihan, William Beebe, Kimberly D. Diaz (FSCSC), Jamie C. Farnham and Gabre William (part-time Instructional Coach).

AVOYELLES HIGH SCHOOL: Laura Hargis, Principal; Joseph G. Sonnier, Assistant Principal; Cameron M. Adams, Corey D. Bannister, Bailey M. Gauthier, Ryan J. Gremillion, Jessica P. Harris, Caneshia Jacob, Carrie L. Kimble, Michelle R. Newsom, Abigail M. Sylvester, Melanie N. Williams, Anne Lemoine, Jodie Melancon, Micah L. Bordelon, Sara S. Venable (School Counselor); Pat Joffrion (part-time Instructional Coach); Ritzell A. Veade, Kellie Guilbeau, Lore M. Laborde and Brianna P. Vaccaro.

BUNKIE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL: Chuck Normand, Principal; Candice Hardy, Assistant Principal; Rhonda M. Andress, McKenzie Bienvenu, Kourtney K. Bordelon, Margaret Garnett, Jacob M. Guillory, Jimmie R. Hillman, Katelyn Hines Hillman, Jessica L. Juneau, Reagan V. Lemoine, April M. Mabou, Daniel H. Murphy, Abigail R. Turner, Sabrina Washington, Dylan West, David L. Willis, Noah J. Ferrell, Danielle S. Moreau, Lance F. Gauthier, Kimberly L. Phillips, Dana Blood, Sarah L. Riche (School Counselor); Kristy Dauzat (part-time Instructional Coach), Amanda C. Fontenot (HS JAG); Chalayne D. Beaubouef, (AWARE) Social Worker; Paul D. Newton and Jill J. Tassin.

LOUISIANA SCHOOL FOR THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES: Ginger Knight, Principal; Monique H. Gaspard, Assistant Principal; Jean B. Andrus, Jeremy Bonnette, Maddie L. Bordelon, Keri Desselle, Sarah B. Dupont, Tonya C. Gauthier, Katherine W. Green, Brandy Lemoine Hoyt, Julie Humble, Casey Nastasi, Kristie Parker, Amy Pitre, Carolyn Roy, William

Williber, Julie Ryland, Summer N. Anderson, Ward Bordelon, William Moreau, Samantha S. Roy (School Counselor), Shea Jeansonne (Adaptive P.E.).

MARKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Kristen Lemoine, Principal; Bryant Humphrey; Assistant Principal, Micheal Broussard, Assistant Principal; Tina Anderson, John T. Dunbar, Judd Dupuy, Joshua W. Harper, Nettie D. Jeansonne, Dolly E. Rousseau, Levon A. Minor, James Deshautelle, Sheena R. Grote, Brandi Lacombe, Jonathan Landry, Sarah M. Dupont (School Counselor), Joseph Greenhouse (JAG teacher), Kristy Dautat (part-time Instructional Coach), Pat Joffrion (part-time Instructional Coach), Jarvis L. Roberts, Ashley L. Dubea, Alex R. Perkins, and Chris Dupuy (part-time) (M/M Itinerant and Area Jail).

AVOYELLES VIRTUAL ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (AVAP): Michael Rachal, Administrator; Aimee C. Hayes (Special Education Teacher), and Leigh C. LeJeune, AWARE 2 Program Manager – based at AVAP.

LEARNING CENTER: Laure' A. Tubre, English Learner Teacher

TITLE-I MOBILE CLASSROOM: Kristi R. Bordelon and Patricia Rebouche

SCHOOL NURSE: Elizabeth Whitmore, Louanne Bain, Christina Coco, Naomi L. Clark, Victoria D. Ford, Veronica B. Mayeux, and Cheyenne Bordelon.

AVOYELLES PARISH PUPIL APPRAISAL CENTER: Stacy Bordelon (Early Interventionist), Casey Foret (Early Interventionist), Catherine Lemoine (IDEA-B- IEP Facilitator), Lillie D. Armand (Speech Pathologist), Jenifer J. Ryan (Discipline Coordinator), Madeline B. Riche (Speech Pathologist), Brooke F. Normand (Speech Pathologist), Rochelle Baldoz (Educational Diagnostician), Tammy Tassin (Educational Diagnostician), Lindsay Gremillion (Educational Diagnostician), Laurie L. Armand (Educational Diagnostician); Charvet V. Robinson (IDEA-B Nurse); Aimee H. Watts (Social Worker); Teressa S. Feierabend (contracted) School Psychologist; and Tyjua M. James, (contracted) ASL Interpreter.

AVOYELLES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD CENTRAL OFFICE: Karen Tutor, Superintendent; Thelma Prater, Assistant Superintendent; Wendy Marchand, Curriculum Supervisor; Dexter Compton, Secondary Education Supervisor; Amy W. Volentine, Media/Testing Manager; Jennifer Dismar, Child Welfare & Attendance Supervisor; Murray (Ray) Carlock, Maintenance Supervisor; Jennifer Welch, Food Service Supervisor; Jessica Gauthier, Student Information Manager; Melvin T. Young, Transportation Manager; Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; Jessica W. Rachal, Accounting/Sales Tax Supervisor; Melissa A. Gauthier, Grants Accountant; Demetria Alexander, Supervisor of Federal Programs; Dawn G. Pitre, Supervisor of Special Services; Tammy Lemoine, Computer System Specialist; Rebecca Spencer, Network Supervisor; Alex Frank, Network Administrator; and Kenya Chavez, Network Administrator.

CONSENT ITEMS:

12. Request to name the Marksville Weekly News as the official journal of the Board for the period beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
13. Request to approve the job description for Behavioral Health Personnel.
14. Request to approve the EDgear Software Services/License Agreement in the amount of \$117,494.00 funded by General Fund.
15. Request to post an RFP for technology devices for the 2024-2025 school year.
16. Request to approve the 2024-2025 District Parent and Family Engagement policy.
17. Request to approve the Soliant contract for ASL Interpreter from General Funds in the amount of \$74 per hour.
18. Request to approve the High School Dual Enrollment Agreement between the Avoyelles Parish School Board and Louisiana State University at Alexandria for 2024-2025 with a price increase to \$50 credit hour.
19. Request to approve overnight travel requests.

On motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board approved the consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTION ITEMS:

20. Board Member Latisha Small addressed the Board for discussion on the student advisory plan for the 2024-2025 school year. Since some student advisors are unable to attend every board meeting in person, it was suggested that they be allowed to send their school updates each month via email to be published in the board's newsletter.

On motion by Latisha Small, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board approved the student advisory plan for the 2024-2025 school year by the following 8-1 vote:

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

NAYS: Chris Robinson.

21. Board President Lynn Deloach addressed the Board with a recommendation to approve the Finance Committee Report.

On motion by Jill Guidry, seconded by Jay Callegari, the Board approved the Finance Committee Report. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22. Blake Knoll with 1st Insurance addressed the Board with recommendations and discussion of the insurance policy renewal.

On motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board approved the insurance policy from Liberty Mutual for an annual premium of \$1,379,339.06 with a \$25,000 deductible, rejected uninsured motorists coverage and medical payments,

and granted authority to Finance Director Mary Bonnette to sign all documents required. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, gave a report on the public hearing held regarding millage rates. Board members Lynn Deloach, Aimee Dupuy, Chris Robinson, and Jay Callegari had attended the meeting. Ms. Bonnette then recommended that the Board adopt the adjusted millage rate(s).

On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Jay Callegari, the Board adopted the adjusted millage rate(s). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

24. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, addressed the Board with a recommendation to set forth the adjusted millage rate(s) and roll forward to millage rate(s) not exceeding the maximum authorized rate(s).

On motion by Jill Guidry, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board agreed to set forth the adjusted millage rate(s) and roll forward to millage rate(s) not exceeding the maximum authorized rate(s). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

25. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, addressed the Board with proposed Budget Revisions for Food Services for the schools and for LaSAS.

On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Rickey Adams, the Board approved the Revised Food Services Budget for the schools. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

On motion by Jill Guidry, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board approved the Revised Food Services Budget for LaSAS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

26. Ray Carlock, Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the Board with a recommendation to approve Change Order #1 for AHS/RES Schools Reroofing and Repairs Project. This change order decreases the contract price by \$70,000.00 due to installing the new TPO roof over the existing flat roof at AHS/RES which will eliminate the need to tear out the existing roof.

On motion by Jill Guidry, seconded by Aimee Dupuy, the Board approved Change Order #1 for AHS/RES Schools Reroofing and Repairs Project as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

27. Ray Carlock, Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the Board with a recommendation to approve Change Order #2 for AHS/RES Schools Reroofing and Repairs Project. This change order will increase the contract price by \$118,000.00 to provide the Davis Bacon Act wages and reporting documents which were not included in the original specifications or contract. The Davis Bacon Act wages and reporting documents are required for the use of ESSER 3 federal funds.

On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Rickey Adams, the Board approved Change Order #2 for AHS/RES Schools Reroofing and Repairs Project as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

28. Ray Carlock, Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the Board with a recommendation to approve the lowest bidder for custodial and maintenance supplies.

On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Aimee Dupuy, the Board awarded the custodial and maintenance supplies contract to the lowest bidder. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

29. Ray Carlock, Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the Board with a recommendation to allow the Spring Bayou Restoration Team (SBRT) to proceed with Bae Sec Landing improvements.

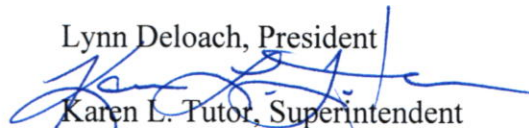
On motion by Jill Guidry, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board granted approval for the SBRT to proceed with Bae Sec Landing improvements. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

30. On motion by Jay Callegari, seconded by Chris Robinson, the Board removed Item #30 from the agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business, on motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Robin Moreau, the meeting was adjourned.

AVOYELLES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Lynn Deloach, President



Karen L. Tutor, Superintendent
Secretary/Treasurer