

AVOUELLES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office in Marksville, Louisiana, with the following members present:

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

1. On motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Jill Guidry, the Board adopted the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, and the Special Board meeting held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 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 Aimee Dupuy read a resolution of respect to the late David Kirk, custodian.

On motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Jill Guidry, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late David Kirk, custodian. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(b) Board member Lynn Deloach read a resolution of respect to the late Muriel Gaspard, retired Title I paraprofessional.

On motion by Lynn Deloach, seconded by Jay Callegari, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Muriel Gaspard, retired Title I paraprofessional. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(c) Board President Robin Moreau read a resolution of respect to the late Mary Elizabeth Jackson, retired teacher.

On motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Chris Robinson, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Mary Elizabeth Jackson, retired teacher. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Superintendent Karen Tutor recognized the Students of the Month for February, 2023. Superintendent Tutor presented a plaque to each student while each Board member read a short biography detailing the accomplishments of each student.

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

Serenity Stevenson, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; Serenity Hegger, Cottonport Elementary School; Alyssa Sayer, Lafargue Elementary School; Lainey Laborde, Marksville Elementary School; Anniston Frank, Plaquemine Elementary School; Cory Terrell, Riverside Elementary School; Ethan Rusk, Avoyelles High School; Jayla Brown, Bunkie Magnet High School; Heidi Gauthier, Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences; and Antonio (AJ) Ford, Jr., Marksville High School.

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

4. Assistant Superintendent Thelma Prater recognized the Teachers of the Month for February, 2023. She commended the teachers for their dedication, and Superintendent Tutor presented a plaque to each teacher, as follows:

Katelyn Lavalais, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; Mallory Lemoine, Cottonport Elementary School; Gabre Williams, Lafargue Elementary School; Pam Laborde, Marksville Elementary School; Lore Laborde, Plaquemine Elementary School; Aslyn Dennie, Riverside Elementary School; Lisa Breaux, Avoyelles High School; Elizabeth "Liz" Mayeaux, Bunkie Magnet High School; Tonya Gauthier, Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences; and Phillip Augustine, Marksville High School.

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

5. Jessica Gauthier, SIS Coordinator, recognized the 2023 Students of the Year winners, as follows:

5th Grade: Johntavion Green, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; Kierstyn Bonnette, Cottonport Elementary School; McKenzie Seastrunk, Lafargue Elementary School; Leyah Williams, Marksville Elementary School; Zoey Moreau, Plaquemine Elementary School; and Brantley Maddox, Riverside Elementary School.

*District Winner: McKenzie Seastrunk, Lafargue Elementary School.

8th Grade: Ariana Greenhouse, Avoyelles High School; Ava Webb, Bunkie Magnet High School; Demarcus Thomas, LaSAS; and Madison Ferguson, Marksville High School.

*District Winner: Demarcus Thomas, Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences.

12th Grade: Seth Aucoin, Avoyelles High School; A'Myria Perry, Bunkie Magnet High School; Gabrielle Thomas, LaSAS; and Lanny Bliss, Marksville High School.