



# Avoyelles Parish Schools

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July 11, 2024

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To: Members of the  
Avoyelles Parish School Board

Fr: Karen L. Tutor  
Superintendent of Schools

Please be advised of the schedule for upcoming School Board meeting during the month of July, as follows:

**Tuesday, July 16, 2024**

School Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.  
School Board Office

A proposed agenda will be emailed to you on the Thursday prior to the meetings for your review.

Thank you.

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## BOARD MEETING OF THE AVOYELLES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024

1. Recommendation to approve the adoption of the minutes of the regular Board meeting held Tuesday, June 18, 2024 and Special Board Meetings held Friday, June 21, 2024 and Thursday, June 27, 2024 as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News official journal of the Board.
2. Action - Resolution of Respect to the late Beverly Ann Eloby Freeman, retired teacher. **(attached) (Latisha Small)**  
Action- Resolution of Respect to the late Albert Ray Dossman, retired custodian. **(attached) (Chris Robinson)**

### INFORMATION ITEMS: (No Action Required)

3. Recognition of Technical Diploma students. **(Dexter Compton)**
4. Sales tax report for the month of June, 2024. **(attached) (Jessica Rachal)**
5. Monthly Maintenance report on expenditures. **(attached) (Rickey Adams)**
6. Proposed 2024-2025 Consolidation Budget. **(attached) (Mary Bonnette)**
7. The District was awarded \$290,496 in SAMHSA (Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration) grant funds to provide continuous services. The funds will be released July 1, 2024. **(Assistant Superintendent Thelma Prater)**
8. Personnel Changes **(attached) (Assistant Superintendent Thelma Prater)**
9. Discussion on the Garfish Bayou Road enhancements being done. **(Jay Callegari)**

### CONSENT ITEMS: (Recommendation to approve consent agenda items)

10. Recommendation to approve the contract between Avoyelles Parish School Board and the Board of Supervisors of LSU on behalf of its Health Sciences Center and the Louisiana Autism Spectrum Disorder and Related Disabilities Project (LASARD) for training events at Cottonport Elementary. Funded by Set Aside Grand funds in the amount of \$17,500 effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. **(attached) (Dawn Pitre)**
11. Recommendation to approve the contract between Avoyelles Parish School Board and the Board of Supervisors of LSU on behalf of its Health Sciences center and the Louisiana Autism Spectrum Disorder and Related Disabilities Project (LASARD) for training events at Plaucheville Elementary. Funded by IDEA-B Funds in the amount of \$17,500 effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. **(attached) (Dawn Pitre)**
12. Recommendation to approve the Contract between Avoyelles Parish School Board and Deaf Education Network for both direct and consultative student services for our deaf and hard of hearing students. Funded by General Funds at the hourly rate of \$65 per hour effective August 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. **(Dawn Pitre)**

13. Recommendation to approve the request for Overnight Travel. **(attached) (Assistant Superintendent Thelma Prater)**
14. Recommendation to approve contract with Cook Center to continue to provide mental health services to students, families, and staff, funded by Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant Funds. **(attached) (Assistant Superintendent Thelma Prater)**
15. Recommendation to approve Handbook Changes to reflect New La. Legislation. **(attached) (Jenny Dismer)**
  - a. Additional Handbook Revisions adopted April 12 and revised laws of Grading Policy.
16. Recommendation to approve the new policy File: JGCF: Behavioral Health Support For Students. **(attached) (Jenny Dismer)**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

17. Discussion/Action FFA money for Middle School FFA \$3,000. **(Robin Moreau)**
18. Recommendation to approve New position Child Nutrition Program Liaison. **(attached) (Jenny Welch)**
19. Recommendation to Terminate Avoyelles Parish School Board Performance-Based Energy Efficiency contract. **(attached) (Ray Carlock)**
20. Recommendation to approve a service contract with Johnson Controls, Inc. **(attached) (Ray Carlock)**
21. Recommendation to allow the SBRT to proceed with Phase 2 of the Bae Sec Landing. **(attached) (Ray Carlock)**
22. Recommendation to accept the low bid from Ross Bus Equipment Sales for used buses and to purchase 3 used 2021 buses for \$255,000.00. Funded by the Bus Reserve Fund. **(attached) (Ray Carlock)**

**RESOLUTION OF RESPECT TO THE LATE  
BEVERLY ANN ELOBY FREEMAN  
RETIRED TEACHER**

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has called to her eternal resting place, Beverly Ann Eloby Freeman, retired Teacher, and

Whereas, Mrs. Beverly Ann Eloby Freeman has devoted 31 years of service to this educational system. Mrs. Freeman received a Bachelor of Science degree from Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi in 1975. Before receiving her degree, she taught Home Economics one year at Hinds Agricultural High School in Hind County, Mississippi. In 1975-1976, she taught Adult Education in Jackson Mississippi. Her first teaching experience in Avoyelles Parish began August 20, 1980 until her retirement on May 21, 2011. In 1983, she added Mentally Retarded Certification and in 1996, Mild/Moderate Certification.

Whereas, this Board feels that her passing to her eternal reward should be noted at this time in recognition of the unselfish service she rendered to the cause of public health for so many years, Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Avoyelles Parish School Board expresses its sincere regret in the loss of this beloved former employee, and

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Avoyelles Parish School Board and that a copy be transmitted to her family.