

## SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office in Marksville, Louisiana.

1. Roll Call - The following members were present: Aimee Dupuy, President; Jay Callegari, Vice President; Latisha Small, Lynn Deloach, Keith Lacombe, Robin Moreau, and Chris Robinson.

Absent: Rickey Adams and Jill Guidry.

2. An Invocation was offered by Dexter Compton, Supervisor of Curriculum.
3. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America led by Board member Lynn Deloach.
4. On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Keith Lacombe, the Board adopted the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. Board member Lynn Deloach read a resolution of respect to the late Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., retired Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

On motion by Lynn Deloach, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., retired Director of Curriculum and Instruction. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Board President Aimee Dupuy read a resolution of respect to the late Wilton Anthony Desselle, retired custodian.

On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Jay Callegari, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Wilton Anthony Desselle, retired custodian. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Board member Latisha Small read a resolution of respect to the late Sable Gordon, retired food service technician.

On motion by Latisha Small, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Sable Gordon, retired food service technician. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Vice President Jay Callegari read a resolution of respect to the late Willie Lee McCree Simon, paraprofessional.

On motion by Jay Callegari, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Willie Lee McCree Simon, paraprofessional. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Superintendent Karen Tutor recognized the Students of the Month for January, 2026, 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:

Jo'Macia Williams, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; Lorenzo Bazile, Jr., Cottonport Elementary School; Annie Turner, Lafargue Elementary School; Leland Dauzat, Marksville Elementary School; Brielle Wells, Plaucheville Elementary School; Chelsea Jones, Riverside Elementary School; Aaron Greenhouse, Avoyelles High School; Melanie Hardy, Bunkie Magnet High School; Lucas Guillory, Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences; and Aaliyah Daigre, Marksville High School.

On behalf of the Board, President Aimee Dupuy commended the students on this outstanding achievement.

10. Assistant Superintendent Thelma J. Prater recognized the Teachers of the Month for January, 2026. She commended the teachers for their dedication, and Superintendent Tutor presented a plaque to each teacher, as follows:

Dorethea Haywood, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; Nicki Pierite, Cottonport Elementary School; Kayla Laborde, Lafargue Elementary School; Linda Voinche, Marksville Elementary School; Bailey Lemoine, Plaucheville Elementary School; Yvonne Bassett, Riverside Elementary School; Leah Ducote, Avoyelles High School; Abigail Turner, Bunkie Magnet High School; James Barnette, Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences; and Bailey Gaspard, Marksville High School.

On behalf of the Board, President Aimee Dupuy commended the teachers on this outstanding achievement.

11. Amy Volentine, Testing/Media Manager, recognized the 2026 Outstanding School Support Personnel as follows:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy – Adinah Francisco, Secretary; Cottonport Elementary – Max Brown, Custodian; Lafargue Elementary – Jennifer Bryant, Secretary; Marksville Elementary – Vida James, Paraprofessional; Plaucheville Elementary – Danielle Sons, Paraprofessional; Riverside Elementary – Dana Dixon, Paraprofessional;

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Avoyelles High – Debra Williams, Food Service Technician; Bunkie Magnet High – Daniel Williams, Custodian; LaSAS – Melissa Terrell, Secretary; Marksville High – Linda Daigrepont, Paraprofessional;

HIGH SCHOOL: Avoyelles High – Eugenia Lemoine, Bus Driver; Bunkie Magnet High – Teena Ponthieux, Paraprofessional; LaSAS – Nancy Savoy, Custodian; Marksville High – Aytia Hill, Secretary; AVAP – David Wells, Custodian;

CENTRAL OFFICE: Mark Dufour, Food Service Warehouse Technician, Central Office.

◆ **DISTRICT WINNERS**: Dana Dixon, Paraprofessional, Riverside Elementary School; Linda Daigrepoint, Paraprofessional, Marksville High School; Aytia Hill, Secretary, Marksville High School; and Mark Dufour, Food Service Warehouse Technician, Central Office.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

12. Marcus Guillory with Delta Engineering presented a building project update on the Avoyelles Community Education Center.
13. Superintendent Karen Tutor presented Avoyelles Community Education Center program update. Anticipated programs to be offered include electronics, welding, carpentry, and some medical (EMT, CNA, EMR).
14. The Sales Tax Report was presented for the month of January, 2026. Sales tax collections totaled \$1,137,907.86. Of this amount, the 1% sales tax generated \$650,233.03, the 0.25% sales tax generated \$162,558.31, and the building and maintenance fund generated \$325,116.52.
15. The monthly maintenance report on expenditures was presented.
16. Mary Bonnette, Finance Director, presented the 2025-2026 Year-to-Date Report with Comparisons.
17. The following personnel changes were reported for the Board's review:

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

**COTTONPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Resignation of Banks Frazier, food service technician, effective January 20, 2026.

Resignation of Sandi Moreau, teacher, effective February 5, 2026.

Appointment of MaKinzey K. Cazlot, (TAT) teacher, effective February 6, 2026 through May 27, 2026.

Transfer/Appointment of Brandi Williams, from regular education to K-2 Special Education Resource teacher, effective February 3, 2026 through February 28, 2026.

Appointment of Theresa Williams, (retired) teacher, effective February 3, 2026 through May 27, 2026.

Appointment of Miraflor Jeansonne, food service technician, effective February 10, 2026.

#### LAFARGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Appointment of Kimberly M. French, IDEA-B Special Education Paraprofessional, effective January 20, 2026.

Resignation of Michelle G. Gauthier, teacher, effective at the end of the day May 27, 2026, for the purpose of retirement.

#### MARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Transfer/Appointment of Theresa D. Carmouche, from early interventionist paraprofessional to kindergarten teacher, effective January 13, 2026 through May 27, 2026.

Appointment of Michelle Verdidia Brouillette, early interventionist paraprofessional, effective January 20, 2026.

Appointment of Emily B. Belgard, teacher, effective February 10, 2026 through May 27, 2026.

#### PLAUCHEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Correction of Appointment for Kayla D. Ramero, from food service technician to Title-I schoolwide paraprofessional, effective December 9, 2025.

#### AVOYELLES HIGH SCHOOL

Appointment of Cain-Oscar Bergeron, instrumental music teacher, effective January 16, 2026 through May 27, 2026.

Transfer/Appointment of Ryan Gremillion, from social studies teacher to health and PE teacher, effective January 29, 2026 through May 27, 2026.

Appointment of Candace Guidroz Magalhaes, teacher, effective February 4, 2026 through May 27, 2026.

Appointment of Lykeria E. Tyler, special education school-based paraprofessional, effective February 5, 2026.

**BUNKIE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL**

Transfer/Appointment of Shanique Boyd, food service technician, from Marksville Elementary, effective January 29, 2026, replacing Sara Howard.

Resignation of Sara Howard, food service technician, effective at the end of the day January 29, 2026, for the purpose of retirement.

Appointment of Tanya M. Simmons, (TAT) High Needs special education teacher, effective February 10, 2026 through May 27, 2026.

Resignation of Bryant Humphrey, Assistant Principal, effective at the end of the day February 17, 2026.

**AVAP**

Appointment of Jared Scott Guillory, teacher, effective January 28, 2026 through May 27, 2026.

**CENTRAL OFFICE**

Resignation of Dexter J. Compton, Sr., Curriculum Supervisor, effective at the end of the day June 30, 2026, for the purpose of retirement.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

18. Request to approve the purchase of curriculum material and PD, funded as listed.
19. Request to approve the renewal of ICEV for computer-based curriculum for CTE courses, student licenses, state-credential, funded by Textbook in the amount of \$62,700.00.
20. Request to approve the renewal of Follett Software, our library system, funded by Title-I funds in the amount of \$9,266.40.
21. Request to approve the renewal of a five-year license with DETEL for 50 HPE Aruna access points across the district for a total of \$11,930.50 to be paid with technology funds.
22. Request to approve the renewal of the one-year license for Incident IQ, the district's technology inventory online system, for a total of \$12,300.00 to be paid with technology funds.

23. Request to approve the special education cameras from Howard in the amount of \$32,320.00 to be funded by IDEA-B.
24. Request to grant permission to bid for Bread/Bread Products, Milk/Milk Products, Produce, Supplies, Grease Trap, Non-Hazardous Disposal, and Staple Food for the 2026-2027 school year.
25. Request to grant permission to bid for Janitorial Supplies, Maintenance Supplies, Air Filters and Paint, and Paint Supplies for the 2026-2027 school year.
26. Request to approve overnight travel.

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

27. Assistant Superintendent Thelma Prater addressed the Board with changes made to the Alternative Education Program Administrator job description.

On motion by Latisha Small, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board approved the changes to the Alternative Education Program Administrator job description. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

28. Mary Bonnette, Finance Director, addressed the Board with a recommendation to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in (i) the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax therein and (ii) Parishwide School District of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of special taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Lynn Deloach, the Board approved to take action with respect to adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in (i) the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax therein and (ii) Parishwide School District of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of special taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

29. Mary Bonnette, Finance Director, addressed the Board with a recommendation to approve the Insurance Procurement Timeline for 2026.

On motion by Keith Lacombe, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board approved the Insurance Procurement Timeline for 2026. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

30. Mary Bonnette, Finance Director, addressed the Board with a recommendation to approve the bid opening report for Audit of Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026.

On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Lynn Deloach, the Board approved the Bid Opening Report for Audit of Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026.

31. Mary Bonnette, Finance Director, addressed the Board with a recommendation to approve the budget revision for 2025-2026 for grants and LaSAS.

On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Jay Callegari, the Board approved the budget revision for 2025-2026 for grants and LaSAS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

32. Jessica Rachal, Sales Tax Supervisor, addressed the Board with a recommendation to approve the increase in the hourly rate charge to \$275 for our sales tax attorney.

On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Keith Lacombe, the Board approved the increase in the hourly rate charge to \$275 for our sales tax attorney. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

33. Jessica Gauthier, Supervisor of Federal Programs & Student Information Systems, addressed the Board with a recommendation to approve the contract with Lit Academy in the amount of \$11,656.00, funded by Title-I Funds.

On motion by Latisha Small, seconded by Chris Robinson, the Board approved the contract with Lit Academy in the amount of \$11,656.00, funded by Title-I funds. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

34. Ray Carlock, Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the Board with a recommendation to approve the Marksville Elementary School and Avoyelles High School driveway improvements engineering proposals from Delta Engineering Group in Mansura in the amount of \$14,500.00 for each project, funded by Maintenance Fund.

On motion by Chris Robinson, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board approved the Marksville Elementary School and Avoyelles High School driveway improvements engineering proposals from Delta Engineering Group in Mansura in the amount of \$14,500.00 for each project, funded by Maintenance Fund. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

AVOYELLES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Aimee Dupuy, President

Karen L. Tutor, Superintendent  
Secretary/Treasurer