

The Parish School Board of the Parish of West Carroll, State of Louisiana, met in a public meeting at its regular meeting place, the West Carroll Parish Media Auditorium, in Oak Grove, Louisiana, Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Truman Smith, Laura Perkins, Todd Smith, Shane Ray, Cullen Kovac, Johnny Smith, Charles Townsend

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Shane Cupples gave the invocation.

The regular meeting of the West Carroll Parish School Board was called to order by President, Truman Smith, at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item #1 To approve the agenda.

On the motion of Johnny Smith, seconded by Todd Smith, the Board approved agenda item #1. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 To approve the minutes of the November 6, 2023, Finance Committee Meeting.

On the motion of Todd Smith, seconded by Laura Perkins, the Board approved agenda item #2. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 To approve the minutes of the November 6, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

On the motion of Cullen Kovac seconded by Todd Smith, the Board approved agenda item #3. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 To observe a moment of silence and receive comments in remembrance of Lacey Sims Harrell, teacher at Goodwill and Oak Grove Elementary Schools.

Comments received from principal, Emily Bradley, after a moment of silence.

Agenda Item #5 To recognize John Lawson Green as the West Carroll Parish School Board's 2023-2024 Fifth Grade Student of the Year.

Award presented by Board President, Truman Smith, and Superintendent Christy Boyte.

Agenda Item #6 To recognize Breianna Blansett as the West Carroll Parish School Board's 2023-2024 Eighth Grade Student of the Year.

Student was not in attendance. Her accomplishments were recognized by Board President, Truman Smith, and Superintendent Christy Boyte.

Agenda Item #7 To recognize Brooklyn Nix as the West Carroll Parish School Board's 2023-2024 Twelfth Grade Student of the Year.

Award presented by Board President, Truman Smith, and Superintendent Christy Boyte.

Agenda Item #8 To recognize and celebrate School and District Performance Score increases and Honoree statuses.

Information received. No action taken.

Agenda Item #9. To receive the October 2023 financial report, including budget-to-actual comparisons.

On the motion of Shane Ray, seconded by Charles Townsend, the Board approved agenda item #9. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 To determine the composition of a district reconfiguration committee.

Todd Smith made a motion to form a reconfiguration committee, but withdrew it.

Laura Perkins made a motion, seconded by Shane Ray, to "table" item #10. Motion failed due to lack of support.

Todd Smith made a motion, seconded by Johnny Smith, to form a long-term planning/reconfiguration committee after assessing student counts in February 2024. The committee shall consist of 2 board members, the superintendent, the principal and 2 parents from each school site, 3 teachers from FHS, 2 teachers from OGE, and 2 teachers from OGHS. Teachers must be nominated and selected by the majority vote of other teachers at their respective schools.

For: Johnny Smith, Charles Townsend, Todd Smith, Truman Smith

Against: Laura Perkins, Shane Ray, Cullen Kovac

The motion passed.

Agenda Item #11 To enter executive session to complete the superintendent's evaluation for the 2022-2023 school year.

On the motion of Todd Smith, seconded by Cullen Kovac, the Board convened into executive session at 7:42 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

On the motion of Cullen Kovac, seconded by Todd Smith, the Board reconvened into regular session at 8:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #12 To receive the monthly personnel report.

Information received. No action taken.

On the motion of Cullen Kovac, seconded by Shane Ray, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

Truman Smith, President
West Carroll Parish School Board

Christy Boyte, Secretary
West Carroll Parish School Board