

The Parish School Board of the Parish of West Carroll, State of Louisiana, met in a public meeting at it's regular meeting place, the West Carroll Parish Media Auditorium, in Oak Grove, Louisiana, Monday, January 8, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cullen Kovac

Shane Ray 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.

On the motion of Todd Smith, seconded by Charles Townsend, **the Board approved an addendum to remove agenda item #5 from original agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #1 To approve the amended agenda.

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

Agenda Item #2 To nominate and elect the 2024 President and Vice President of the West Carroll Parish School Board.

On the motion of Johnny Smith, **the Board approved the nomination and election of Laura Perkins as 2024 Board President by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously.**

Johnny Smith nominated Todd Smith as 2024 Vice President but withdrew the motion.

On the motion of Shane Ray, **the Board approved the nomination and election of Truman Smith as 2024 Board Vice President by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #3 To recognize the Oak Grove High School Football Team, Head Coach Ryan Gregory, and other football coaches as the LHSAA, Division IV, Non-Select State Champions for the second consecutive year.

No action taken.

Agenda Item #4 To recognize Owen Kelly along with FFA Sponsor, Billy Wilhite, for Owen's title as State Champion for his Gulf of Mexico Speech at the 2023 FFA Ag State Leadership Development Event.

No action taken.

Agenda Item #5 Removed by vote from original agenda.

No action taken.

Agenda Item #6 To approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

On the motion of Johnny Smith, seconded by Todd Smith, **the Board approved agenda item #6. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #7 To receive the November 2023 financial report, including budget-to-actual comparisons. Report presented by business manager, Angela Johnson.

Agenda Item #8 To nominate and elect the 2024 Finance Committee and Finance Committee Chair of the West Carroll Parish School Board.

On the motion of Truman Smith, seconded by Johnny Smith, **the Board approved to nominate and elect Todd Smith, Shane Ray, and Laura Perkins as the 2024 Finance Committee and to elect a Finance Committee Chair at first Finance Committee meeting.**

The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9. To set the day, time, and location of the Regular Monthly Board Meetings of the West Carroll Parish School Board as the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the West Carroll Parish School Board Media Center, 410 Willis Street, Oak Grove, LA. Regular School Board meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month in July and September because of holidays.

On the motion of Truman Smith, seconded by Shane Ray, **the Board approved agenda item #9. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #10 To set the day, time, and location of quarterly West Carroll Parish School Board Finance Committee Meetings to coincide with the Regular Monthly Board Meetings on the first Monday of February, May, August, and November at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the West Carroll Parish School Board Media Center, 410 Willis Street, Oak Grove, LA.

On the motion of Todd Smith, seconded by Truman Smith, **the Board approved agenda item #10. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #11 To approve insurance changes that result in a premium reduction of \$32,903 based on proposed changes approved by the Finance Committee and Board in November 2023.

On the motion of Truman Smith, seconded by Todd Smith, **the Board decided to request more insurance quotes with amended information. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #12 To approve the proposed changes to the following policies based on 2023 legislative updates and the review of Board counsel:

- A. *Policy BCBK: Executive Sessions—Includes allowable topics for executive session discussions,*
- B. *Policy DC: Annual Operating Budget—Requires posting of budgets to the website,*
- C. *Policy DFK: Gifts and Donations—Disallows the solicitation of gifts from public servants but allows for donations to WCPSB,*
- D. *Policy DIBA: American Recovery and Reinvestment Reporting Requirements—Deletion is advised in the absence of ARRA funds,*
- E. *Policy DID: Audits—Includes provisions for the annual audit and posting on the district website,*
- F. *Policy EBBC: Emergency/Crisis Management—Establishes a District Threat Assessment Team and provides specifications for Crisis Management and Response Plans,*
- G. *Policy EBBH: Use of AEDs and Cardiac Emergency Plan—Allows schools to accept donated AEDs and funds to purchase AEDs; Requires interscholastic events to have a cardiac emergency plan, AEDs, and trained AED users who have received CPR training,*
- H. *Policy EBBI: Public Health Emergency—Removes reference to Bulletin 741 for health and safety standards,*
- I. *Policy EBCB: Video/Audio Monitoring of School Board Property—Adds student privacy provisions for audio recordings,*
- J. *Policy ED: Student Transportation Management—Allows for the use of Multi-function School Activity Buses instead of passenger or cargo vans for school activities,*
- K. *Policy GBG: Probation—Recognizes the superintendent’s authority to dismiss employees who are not entitled to a hearing before the Board,*
- L. *Policy GBRIB: Sick leave—Changes the word “physician” to allow for verification of illness from a “clinician” as defined,*
- M. *Policy IHAD: Parent Conferences—Changes the word “pupil” to “student” and allows for phone and virtual conferences,*
- N. *Policy JGB: School Wellness—Requires 15 minutes of recess daily for students in grades K-5, and*
- O. *Policy JGC: Student Health Services—Requires schools to use the state-approved dyslexia screener in kindergarten.*

On the motion of Shane Ray, seconded by Johnny Smith, **the Board approved agenda item #12.**
The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #13 To celebrate School Board Recognition Month by recognizing each Board member for their dedicated leadership and continuing service to the students, schools, and communities of West Carroll Parish.

No action taken.

Agenda Item #14 To receive the monthly personnel report.

No action taken.

On the motion of Johnny Smith, seconded by Todd Smith, **the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.**
The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Perkins, President
West Carroll Parish School Board

Christy Boyte, Secretary
West Carroll Parish School Board