

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, January 13, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Johnny Smith

Invocation by James Morgan.

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

Agenda Item #1 To approve the agenda.

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

Agenda Item #2 To nominate and elect the 2025 President and Vice President of the West Carroll Parish School Board.

The “floor” opened for nominations. **Truman Smith, seconded by Todd Smith nominated Laura Perkins as President. The Board agreed unanimously.**

Kent Davis, seconded by Shane Ray, nominated Truman Smith as Vice President. The Board agreed unanimously. The “floor” closed.

Agenda Item #3 To receive an audit presentation from Kristina Sage of Kolder, Slaven, and Company, LLC for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024.

Report from Kristina Sage. No action taken.

Agenda Item #4 To recognize Mr. James “Jay” Morgan as West Carroll Parish School’ Bus Driver of the Year for the 2024-2025 school year.

Plaque presented to Jay Morgan from Transportation Supervisor, Larry Boyte, and Superintendent, Christy Boyte.

Agenda Item #5 To receive administrative updates from Oak Grove High School.

Report from Principal John Warner. No action taken.

Agenda Item #6 To approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

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

Agenda Item #7 To receive the November 2024 financial report, including budget-to-actual comparisons. **Report from business manager, Angela Johnson. No action taken.**

Agenda Item #8 To nominate and elect the 2025 Finance Committee of the West Carroll Parish School Board.

On the motion of Truman Smith, seconded by Kent Davis, **the Board approved keeping current configuration of the Finance Committee, which consisted of Chairperson Todd Smith, Shane Ray, and Laura Perkins. 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 West Carroll Parish School Board Media center, 410 Willis Street, Oak Grove, LA. The September Regular School Board meeting will be scheduled for September 8th in recognition of Labor Day.

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

Agenda Item #10 To approve the proposed policies based on 2024 legislative updates and the review of Board counsel.

- a. Policy CBD-Employment of the Superintendent
- b. Policy GAEAA-Title VII Employee Sexual Harassment
- c. Policy GAD-Personnel Records
- d. Policy GAMK-Use of Pronouns and Given Names
- e. Policy GBC-Recruitment
- f. Policy IDBA-Sex Education
- g. Policy IDDF-Education of Students with Exceptionalities
- h. Policy JAAA-Title IX Sexual Harassment
- i. Policy JGC- Student Health Services

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

Agenda Item #11 To consider the option to list the Kilbourne High School sign for surplus sale.

On the motion of Shane Ray, seconded by Truman Smith, **the Board approved agenda item #11. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #12 To approve a resolution adopting the Louisiana Attorney General's guidance regarding H.B.71 and the posting of the Ten Commandments.

On the motion of Shane Ray, seconded by Kent Davis, **the Board approved agenda item #12.**

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Board members recognized and plaques presented.

Agenda Item #14 To receive the monthly maintenance report and update on projects.

Report from maintenance supervisor, Larry Boyte. No action taken.

Agenda Item #15 To receive the monthly personnel report.

Report received. No action taken.

On the motion of Shane Ray, seconded by Kent Davis, **the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.**

The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Perkins, President
West Carroll Parish School Board

Christy Boyte, Secretary
West Carroll Parish School Board