

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, March 4, 2024, at 6:40 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dustin Clements gave the invocation.

The regular meeting of the West Carroll Parish School Board was called to order by President, Laura Perkins, at 6:40 p.m.

Agenda Item #1 To approve the agenda.

On the motion of Cullen Kovac, seconded by Shane Ray, opposed by Johnny Smith, **the Board approved agenda item #1. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item #2 To approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

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

Agenda Item #3 To recognize Teddy Garcia as the 2023-2024 Bus Drover of the Year (sponsored by PCAL).

Award presented to Mr. Garcia by Superintendent Boyte.

Agenda Item #4 To set the date and time of the 2023-2024 Honors Banquet for April 18, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

On the motion of Cullen Kovac, seconded by Shane Ray, **the Board approved agenda item #4. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #5 To postpone the April Board meeting from April 1st until April 18th because of spring break.

On the motion of Johnny Smith, seconded by Charles Townsend, **the Board approved agenda item #5. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #6 To approve a resolution to enter into an agreement with the village of Forest to collect sales/use tax for them.

On the motion of Cullen Kovac, seconded by Truman Smith, **the Board approved agenda item #6. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #7 To receive the January 2024 financial report, including budget-to-actual comparisons.

Presented by business manager, Angela Johnson.

Agenda Item #8 To receive an update on audit findings from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Presented by business manager, Angela Johnson.

Agenda Item #9 To consider the need for a long-term planning/reconfiguration committee based on February student count.

On the motion of Truman Smith, seconded by Cullen Kovac, opposed by Todd Smith and Johnny Smith, **the Board decided against forming a long-term planning/reconfiguration committee. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item #10 To approve the recommendations of the Finance committee on the following business matters:

- a. To nominate and elect the Finance Committee Chair for 2024.

Todd Smith nominated Shane Ray but withdrew the nomination. Shane Ray nominated Todd Smith. Todd Smith accepted the nomination.

- b. To receive the October-December 2023 quarterly financial report, including budget-to-actual comparisons.

Report presented by Angela Johnson, Business Manager.

- c. To consider changes to property insurance coverage based on proposed premium adjustments.

Committee recommended removing Fiske Union and Marietta Street properties from property insurance coverage.

- d. To consider a plan for BESE/ESSER stipends to be paid to full-time personnel.

Committee recommended paying stipends as presented.

- e. To prioritize major projects for each site to be included in budget revisions.

Committee recommended starting the top 3 major projects identified by school principals.

- f. To approve the construction of a softball concession stand with restrooms at OGHS once all required permits and Fire Marshal approval are obtained.

Committee recommended approving construction through Booster and Softball funds once permits and Fire Marshal approval are obtained.

- g. To consider allowing the creation of an OGHS Ward Fund receivable for a project which will be reimbursed by a legislative appropriation.

Committee recommended allowing the creation of an OGHS Ward Fund receivable to begin construction on the project.

- h. To consider options regarding the Village of Epps tax millage proposition.

Committee recommended non-renewal of the Village of Epps SD1 tax millage proposition.

On the motion of Truman Smith, seconded by Johnny Smith, **the Board approved finance committee recommendations for item #10. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #11 To go into executive session to discuss the performance of superintendent.

On the motion of Truman Smith, seconded by Shane Ray, **the Board convened into executive session at 7:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.**

On the motion of Cullen Kovac, seconded by Truman Smith, **the Board reconvened into regular session at 8:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #12 To receive maintenance updates following the list provided on February 16. Report received. No action taken.

Agenda Item #13 To receive the monthly personnel report. Report received. No action taken.

On the motion of Cullen Kovac, seconded by Johnny Smith, **the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Laura Perkins, President
West Carroll Parish School Board**

**Christy Boyte, Secretary
West Carroll Parish School Board**