

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, November 6, 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

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

**Agenda Item #2** To approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

On the motion of Cullen Kovac, seconded by Laura Perkins, **the Board approved agenda item #2. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #3** To approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023, Finance Committee Meeting.

On the motion of Johnny Smith, seconded by Shane Ray, **the Board approved agenda item #3. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #4** To recognize Kasyn Hale as the West Carroll Parish Schools' New Teacher of the Year. Award presented by Superintendent Christy Boyte.

**Agenda Item #5** To recognize Sarah Morris as the West Carroll Parish Schools' Elementary Teacher of the Year. Award presented by Superintendent Christy Boyte.

**Agenda Item #6** To recognize Josh Wilhite as the West Carroll Parish Schools' High School Teacher of the Year. Award presented by Superintendent Christy Boyte.

**Agenda Item #7** To recognize John Robert Warner as the West Carroll Parish Schools' Principal of the Year. Award presented by Superintendent Christy Boyte.

**Agenda Item #8** To receive the September 2023 financial report, including budget-to-actual comparisons. On the motion of Johnny Smith, seconded by Todd Smith, **the Board approved agenda item #8. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #9.** To approve the following recommendations from the October 10, 2023, Finance Committee meeting:

- a. To approve the revised property insurance list,*
- b. To accept the highest bids received on Pioneer Elementary (pending title opinion), buses, tires, and skillets,*
- c. To approve the proposed sales tax distribution for the 2023-2024 school year,*
- d. To approve using the remaining funds from the Goodwill fire proceeds to reimburse the general fund for permitted expenditures which occurred during the allowable period,*
- e. To approve the transfer of funds from Kilbourne High School ward funds to Oak Grove Elementary ward fund and Oak Grove High School ward fund as proposed,*
- f. To approve the transfer of \$198,802 from Epps School ward fund to Forest School ward fund, and*
- g. To approve the transfer of \$253,844 from the 4.57 mills collected in the Epps School District to the General Fund for documented prior expenditures relating to the operation and maintenance of Epps School.*

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

**Agenda Item #10** To approve the recommendation from the November 6, 2023 finance committee meeting regarding the option to purchase approximately 2.67 acres of land in Forest. On the motion of Todd Smith, seconded by Shane Ray, **the Board substituted agenda item #10 with a motion to offer the fair market value to the sellers for the purchase of one plot of land along Hwy 17 and to consider a future purchase of the other two plots of land if the owner sells the existing buildings and has them removed.**

**Yeas:** Charles Townsend, Todd Smith, Truman Smith, Laura Perkins, and Shane Ray  
**Nays:** Cullen Kovac and Johnny Smith - Mr. Kovac explained that he instead accepted the recommendation of the Finance Committee against the entire purchase because it is the job of the Finance Committee to do the heavy lifting in matters of finance.  
The motion passed.

**Agenda Item #11** To consider the option of moving athletic lights and poles from Kilbourne High School to Forest High School.

On the motion of Laura Perkins, seconded by Cullen Kovac, **the Board approved agenda item #11, agreeing to obligate the lights for a future date. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #12** To consider granting an easement for Entergy to lay an underground line to the base of the cell tower on the Epps High School campus.

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

**Agenda Item #13** To begin the superintendent evaluation for the 2022-2023 (previous) school year.  
**Item discussed; no action taken.**

**Agenda Item #14** To receive the monthly personnel report.  
**Item discussed; no action taken.**

On the motion of Shane Ray, seconded by Cullen Kovac, **the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.**

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**Truman Smith, President**  
**West Carroll Parish School Board**

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