

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, October 2, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Johnny Smith, Charles Townsend

Cullen Kovac 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 Shane Ray, **the Board approved agenda item #1. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #2 To approve the minutes of the September 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

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

Agenda Item #3 To receive the August 2023 financial report, including budget-to-actual comparisons. Report received and discussed. No action taken.

Agenda Item #4 To observe a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Donald Gwin, former teacher, coach, and administrator of Epps High School and former superintendent and board member of the West Carroll Parish School Board.

Moment observed.

Agenda Item #5 To adopt changes to the West Carroll Parish School Board's Pupil Progression Plan.

On the motion of Todd Smith, seconded by Laura Perkins, **the Board approved agenda item #5. Cullen Kovac abstained from voting. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item #6 To adopt the Compliance Questionnaire for the audit of the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2023.

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

Agenda Item #7 To approve a *Settlement Offer* of \$3,774, the West Carroll Parish School Board's portion of the mass-action lawsuit which was litigated by the Frantz Law Group against Altria, for the expenses incurred as a result of JUUL usage in schools,

- a) To approve a *Release of Claims* against Altria and related entities, a requirement of accepting the settlement offer made to the West Carroll Parish School Board through the Frantz Law Group for expenses incurred as a result of JUUL usage in school.

On the motion of Cullen Kovac, seconded by Laura Perkins, **the Board approved agenda item #7. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #8 To consider an option to purchase approximately 2.67 acres of land in Forest.

On the motion of Shane Ray, seconded by Cullen Kovac, **the Board referred this item to the Finance Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #9. To consider an option to use the balance of Goodwill fire proceeds to replace lights on the Oak Grove High School baseball field.

On the motion of Cullen Kovac, seconded by Todd Smith, **the Board referred this item to the Finance Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #10 To consider an option to obtain surveys and appraisals for the properties (buildings and acreage) of Kilbourne High School and Epps High School.

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

Agenda Item #11 To receive the September personnel report. Item discussed. No action taken.

On the motion of Cullen Kovac, seconded by Todd Smith, **the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.**