

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, Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shane Ray, James C. Burrell, Marilyn Haley, Tracey Rios,
Julie Linson, and Todd Smith

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 Marilyn Haley at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting began with a public hearing to discuss the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 school year. Budget information presented by Mrs. Angela Johnson, business manager.

Agenda Item #1 To approve the agenda.

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

Agenda Item #2 To approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

On the motion of Tracey Rios, seconded by Julie Linson, **the Board approved agenda item #2. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #3 To approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022, Finance Committee Meeting.

On the motion of Tracey Rios, seconded by James C. Burrell, **the Board approved agenda item #3. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #4 To receive the July 2022 financial report.

Information presented by Mrs. Angela Johnson. Item discussed. No action taken.

Agenda Item #5 To adopt the proposed operating budget for the 2022-2023 school year.

On the motion of Todd Smith, seconded by Julie Linson, **the Board approved agenda item #5. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #6 To consider offering 4 operational, tilting skillets for surplus sale.

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

Agenda Item #7 To receive information about the LDOE 5-Year Strategic Planning Initiative which will include focus groups, interviews, and surveys for parents, staff, and students.

Item discussed. No action taken.

Agenda Item #8 To enter into executive session to discuss and review school safety plans and procedures.

On the motion of James C. Burrell, seconded by Julie Linson, **the Board approved agenda item #8. The motion passed unanimously. The Board convened into executive session at 7:10 p.m.**

Agenda Item #8b To reconvene into regular session after discussing and reviewing school safety plans and procedures.

On the motion of James C. Burrell, seconded by Julie Linson, **the Board reconvened into regular session at 7:40p.m.**

Agenda Item #9 To approve two (2) new policies to comply with state law.

- i. File IDFFA—Special Education Advisory Council—Establishes a Special Education Advisory Council and outlines membership and meeting requirements, and
- ii. File LEH—Patriotic Organizations—Provides access to public school facilities and students for patriotic organizations.

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

Agenda Item #10 To approve nine (9) policy revisions to comply with state law:

- i. File GBDA—Employment of Retired Personnel—Provides for the reemployment of retired teachers when a critical shortage has been established and bus drivers in accordance with state law and TRSL/LSERS policies;
- ii. File GBN—Dismissal of Employees—Outlines the provisions and process for the termination of administrators, teachers, substitute teachers and bus drivers;
- iii. File GBRIB—Sick Leave—Includes “special circumstances” as an allowable reason for taking sick leave without the loss of pay;
- iv. File GBRID—Military Leave—Provides for “leaves of absence” and step increases for military duty and outlines the process for employees ordered to active duty;
- v. File IDDFB—Service Animals in Schools—Defines “service animal” and outlines the process for requesting the accompaniment of a service animal;
- vi. File IDDFC—Cameras in Special Education Classrooms—Requires WCPSB to develop procedures for the installation and operation of cameras in special education classrooms and adds a provision for parental camera request(s);
- vii. File JBCE—Public School Choice—Adds the allowance for secondary students to transfer from one high school to another to pursue a specific *program of choice* as outlined by Louisiana Act 533;
- viii. File JGCE—Child Abuse—Defines the role of mandatory reporters, outlines procedures for reporting child abuse and neglect, and requires age-appropriate student instruction relative to child assault/prevention; and
- ix. File JQE—Expectant and Parenting Students—Allows excused absences, check outs, and make up work for expectant and parenting students and includes provisions for lactating students as well as information/assistance in identifying local child care providers.

On the motion of Shane Ray, seconded by Julie Linson, **the Board approved agenda item #10.**

The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 To receive information concerning contracts, resignations, and retirements:

- a. Contracts—Kathy Anderson, Kristina Ashcraft, Emily Edmonson, Rachel Higginbotham, Mika Mills, Keith Murray, Emilia Norris, Erica Russell; and
- b. Resignations—Tracie Boutwell and Minnie Stowe.

On the motion of Julie Linson, seconded by Todd Smith, **the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.**

Marilyn Haley, President
West Carroll Parish School Board

Christy Boyte, Secretary
West Carroll Parish School Board