

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, September 12, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Invocation by Kent Davis.

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

Agenda Item #1 Public hearing to discuss:

- a. the proposed operating budget for the 2024-2025 school year, and
- b. millage rates for the 2024 tax year.

Information discussed by the Board. Though allowed, no questions were received from the public.

The regular meeting of the West Carroll Parish School Board was called to order by President, Laura Perkins, immediately following the public meeting.

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 observe a moment of silence in remembrance of Larry Gene Gammill, who served from 1963 until 2015 in the successive roles of Oak Grove High School Teacher and Coach, Oak Grove Elementary and Oak Grove High School Principal, West Carroll Parish Supervisor, and West Carroll Parish School Board Member;

Agenda Item #3 To approve the minutes of the August 5, 2024, Finance Committee Meeting.

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

Agenda Item #4 To approve the minutes of the August 5, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

On the motion of Truman Smith, seconded by Todd Smith, the Board approved agenda item #4. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 To approve the minutes of the August 26, 2024, Special Board Meeting.

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

Agenda Item #6 To receive the July 2024 monthly financial report, including budget-to-actual comparisons.

Report presented by Angela Johnson, business manager.

Agenda Item #7 To receive an update on audit findings from the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024.

Report presented by Angela Johnson, business manager.

Agenda Item #8 To adopt the responses to the compliance questionnaire for the 2024 audit.

On the motion of Todd Smith, seconded by Johnny Smith, the Board approved agenda item #8. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 To adopt the proposed operating budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Agenda Item #10 To adopt the millage rates for the 2024 tax year.

Constitutional Millage	7.530	#1079011
Maintenance Millage	6.510	#1079012
Maintenance Millage Parish Wide	11.830	#1079026
Ward One Maintenance	4.600	#1079022

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

Agenda Item #11 To consider the purchase of a new bus to transport students with disabilities.

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

Agenda Item #12 To consider listing for surplus sale the building located at 891 Hwy 17 in Epps.

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

Agenda Item # 13 To approve the following policy revisions which were proposed by Forethought after the 2024 legislative session and approved by Board special counsel:

- a. **Policy ABCB:** Qualifications for School Board Members—Adds the requirement of a high school diploma or equivalent and prevents the service of board members not otherwise excluded,
- b. **Policy BBBC:** Board Member Continuing Education—Adds the requirement for Board members to be trained in special education policy,
- c. **Policy BCBB:** Notification of School Board Meetings—Requires notice of Board meetings to the LA Commissioner of Administration and other requestors,
- d. **Policy GBA:** Contracts and Compensation—Add requirements regarding the annual approval of salary schedules and supplemental pay and sets guidelines for the elimination and reorganization of staff,
- e. **Policy GBRIB:** Sick Leave—Provides for sick leave of school employees who become disabled by students while acting in their official capacity,
- f. **Policy GBRIBB:** Sick Leave Bank—Establishes three separate accounts for the sick leave bank, allows for direct donations, and sets donation limits,
- g. **Policy JDA:** Corporal Punishment—Disallows the taping of student mouths or otherwise restricting of student airways regardless of parent consent,
- h. **Policy JGC:** Student Health Services—Requires a written prescription for the performance of noncomplex health procedures in the school setting,
- i. **Policy JGCB:** Immunizations—Requires a written prescription for the performance of noncomplex health procedures in the school setting and eliminates the requirement for students to receive COVID-19 vaccinations,
- j. **Policy JGCD:** Administration of Medication—Allows nurses and trained school personnel to administer Naloxone and other life-saving medications,
- k. **Policy JGCF:** Behavioral Health Services for Students—Provides for the delivery of medically necessary behavioral health services but disallows providers convicted or pled to crimes listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C).

On the motion of Todd Smith, seconded by Shane Ray, **the Board approved agenda item #13. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item #14 To receive the monthly maintenance report and an update on projects.
Report presented by Larry Boyte, maintenance supervisor.

On the motion of Shane Ray, seconded by Todd Smith, **the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.**

Laura Perkins, President
West Carroll Parish School Board

Christy Boyte, Secretary
West Carroll Parish School Board