JUNE 9, 2026

THE VERNON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION AT 10:00 A.M., 201 BELVIEW ROAD, LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA. BOARD PRESIDENT DEIDRA SHELL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ON ROLL CALL THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

District One:
KELLY K. GOODWIN
RHONDA MORRISON
JIM SEAMAN
MARK H. SMITH
ROBERT PYNES, JR.

District Three:
DEIDRA SHELL

District Four:
RANDY MARTIN

District Six:
VERNON L. TRAVIS, JR.

District Seven:
JOHN BLANKENBAKER

District Eight:
CANDACE BLACK

ABSENT:
ANGIE DAVIS: DISTRICT TWO
SHAD STEWART: DISTIRICT FIVE
COL. J. ADAM BARLOW: FORT POLK GARRISON COMMANDER

There was also absent Mr. Joseph M. Bartz, Secretary of the Board.
The meeting was opened in prayer by: RANDY MARTIN/PAUL COOPER
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: RANDY MARTIN/PAUL COOPER
Roll Call

President Deidra Shell announced that Item #9a would need to be added to the agenda. On motion of Vernon L. Travis, Jr., seconded by John Blankenbaker, the Board voted to add Item #9a to the agenda.

Item #1: Approval of Minutes
On motion of Kelly Goodwin, seconded by Jim Seaman, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2026 regular meeting and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Item #2: Report from Salary/Personnel Committee
Salary Personnel Chairperson, Kelly Goodwin reported to the Board on discussion during the committee meeting at 9:30. The following items were discussed: personnel changes for June, 2026, advertising for administrative vacancies, 12 month employee contracts and change in advertising procedure.

Item #3: Motion to accept Employee Retirements
On motion of Deidra Shell, seconded by Rhonda Morrison , the Board voted to approve employee retirements presented during 9:30 Salary/Personnel meeting.

Item #4: Motion to accept Leave Without Pay Requests
On motion of Kelly Goodwin, seconded by Candace Black, the Board voted to approve Leave Without Pay Requests presented during the 9:30 Salary/Personnel meeting.

Item #5: Motion to Authorize the President and Secretary to Pay Claims
On motion of Randy Martin, seconded by Jim Seaman, the Board voted to authorize the president and secretary to pay the claims presented during 9:00 Salary/Personnel meeting.

Item #6: Budget Amendments related to Personnel Changes and final 25-26 budget revisions
On motion of Vernon L. Travis, Jr., seconded by Rhonda Morrison, the Board voted to approve budget amendments related to personnel changes and final 25-26 budget revisions.

Item #7: Motion to approve contracts for 12 month employees
On motion of Jim Seaman, seconded by Kelly Goodwin, the Board voted to approve contracts for 12 month employees.

Item #8: Motion to advertise for administrative vacancies
On motion of John Blankenbaker, seconded by Rhonda Morrison, the Board voted to advertise for administrative vacancies.

Item #9: Motion to advertise for activity bus for PHS
On motion of Randy Martin, seconded by Kelly Goodwin, the Board voted to advertise for an activity bus for PHS.

Item #9a: Motion to form committee
On motion of Vernon L. Travis, Jr., seconded by John Blankenbaker, the Board voted to form a committee (one time meeting) for the purpose of negotiating the new Superintendent's contract. This committee shall be comprised of the Board President, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Chairman of the Salary/Personnel Committee.

Item #10: Student Recognition Evans High School
Student names attached

Item #11: Superintendent's Remarks
Superintendent, James Williams welcomed all to the meeting. He congratulated Evans School students who were recognized at the meeting for their outstanding accomplishments.
Tim Ward, Finance Director reported to the Board on the Sales Tax bonus checks and provided a copy of the collections for 25-26. Checks will be paid on June 18th.
The next board meeting will be July 9th.
Chad Hagan, 4-H Coordinator, presented Mr. Williams with a plaque as outgoing Superintendent.
Dwain Tampkins and Matthew Wheeler with Cenergistics presented the Board with a trophy and a check for their savings.
Superintendent Williams discussed the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents & Administrators opposition to key arguments in Governor Landry's executive order on teacher pay raises.

Item #12: Memorial Resolution
On motion of Candace Black, seconded by the Board, the Board voted to adopt the following memorial resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the members of the Vernon Parish School Board wish to express their sympathy to the family of Charles Thomas Marze who recently passed away; and
WHEREAS, the Board would like to acknowledge family members employed by the Vernon Parish School System: Mr. Marze daughter is Charlotte Hooks, Hornbeck High School Principal; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Marze was a resident of Vernon Parish; now
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Vernon Parish School Board requests a copy of this memorial be sent to his family at this time of sadness.

On motion of Vernon L. Travis, Jr., seconded by the Board, the Board voted to adopt the following memorial resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the members of the Vernon Parish School Board with to express their sympathy to the family of Annie Norris who recently passed away; and
WHEREAS, the Board would like to acknowledge family members employed by the Vernon Parish School System: Alice Henry, North Elementary, teacher is Ms. Norris' sister; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Norris was a former LHS custodian; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Norris was a resident of Vernon Parish; now
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Vernon Parish School Board requests a copy of this memorial be sent to her family at this time of sadness.

Item #13: Adjournment
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Authorized Officer

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DEIDRA SHELL, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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JOSEPH M. BARTZ, SUPERINTENDENT

GENERAL OPERATING FUND
BUDGET TO ACTUAL
2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR
May,2024

REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	REVISED BUDGET DEC, 2023	ACTUAL EXPENSES THRU May 31, 2024
LOCAL	$20,684,112	$17,830,134
STATE	56,731,096	52,384,373
FEDERAL	6,207,998	5,593,144
OTHER SOURCES	3,750,000	1,473,592
TOTAL - REVENUES	$87,373,206	$77,281,242
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES		
REGULAR INSTRUCTION	$35,390,377	$26,811,898
SPECIAL EDUCATION	10,378,288	6,075,124
VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS	1,933,237	1,359,117
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL	941,552	695,285
SPECIAL PROGRAMS	272,056	178,281
PUPIL SUPPORT	3,831,127	2,761,618
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF	4,986,777	4,109,502
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	3,896,492	3,543,515
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	6,074,892	3,997,890
BUSINESS SERVICES	518,344	392,350
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	8,308,848	6,348,650
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	7,366,035	4,641,050
CENTRAL SERVICES	1,563,979	1,552,160
FOOD SERVICES	335,956	(337)
COMMUNITY SERVICES	40,791	33,206
OTHER USES OF FUNDS	1,462,059	190,382
TOTAL - EXPENDITURES	$87,300,808	$62,689,690
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	$72,398	$14,591,552
FUND BALANCE:		
BEGINNING	$10,204,675	$ 10,204,675
ENDING	$10,277,073	$24,796,227

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