MAY 7, 2026

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

District One:
Kelly Kaiama Goodwin
Rhonda Morrison
Robert Pynes, Jr.
Jim Seaman

District Two:
Angie Davis

District Three:
Deidra Shell

District Four:
Randy Martin

District Five:
Shad Stewart

District Six:
Vernon L. Travis, Jr.

District Eight:
Candace Black

Fort Polk Garrison Commander:
Col. J. Adam Barlow

ABSENT :
There was also present Mr. James Williams, Secretary of the Board.
The meeting was opened in prayer by: Candace Black
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Candace Black

Item #1: Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2026 Meeting
On motion of Kelly Goodwin, seconded by Angie Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026 regular meeting and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Item #2: Food Service Quotation Calendar for 2026-2027
On motion of John Blankenbaker, seconded by Candace Black, the Board voted to approve the 2026-2027 Food Service Quotation Calendar. Calendar attached

Item #3: Motion to Receive Bids for Bread, Milk and Juice
On motion of Angie Davis, seconded by Rhonda Morrison, the Board voted to receive bids for bread, milk, and juice.
On motion of Jim Seaman, seconded by Kelly Goodwin, the Board voted to approve the low bid. Bid Attached

Item #4: Motion to Receive Bids for Janitorial and Cafeteria Supplies
On motion of John Blankenbaker, seconded by Candace Black, the Board voted to receive bids for janitorial and cafeteria supplies.
On motion of John Blankenbaker, seconded by Kelly Goodwin, the Board voted to accept the low bid. Bids attached.

Item #5: Motion to Approve the Transportation Committee Recommendation to Buy the Existing Maintenance Shop
On motion of Kelly Goodwin, seconded by John Blankenbaker, the Board voted to approve the transportation committee recommendation to by the existing maintenance shop. A full board vote was called with 9 yeas and 1 nay.

Item #6: Student Recognition
Curriculum Supervisor, Karen Robertson recognized students from the following schools: AHS, LHS, LJHS and PHS.
Each student was presented with a "Certificate of Award" for their accomplishments.
Student names attached.

Item #7: Discussion of 2026 Millage
Tim Ward, Director of Finance informed the Board that there would be no changes on the 2026 millage proposal for 2026. The millages will stay the same.
On motion of Angie Davis, seconded by John Blankenbaker, the Board voted to adopt the millages for the Vernon Parish School Board.
Mr. Ward also informed the Board that the Sales Tax checks will be mailed out or deposited on 6-20-26.

Item #8: Head Start Update
Director of Head Start, Cheree Atkins gave an update on Head Start enrollment, funding and preparation for the 2025 and 2026 school year. council meeting to report.
Ms. Atkins gave the Board a summary of the Head Start and Birth to Five enrollment, family and community partnerships, health services, fiscal, licensing, education, disabilities and meals by USDA.
Ms. Atkins informed the Board that the Vernon Parish School District earns Cognia Systems Accreditation with distinction.
On motion Rhonda Morrison, seconded by Kelly Goodwin, the Board voted to add to the 5-12-26 meeting to approve the VPHS/VPSB school year calendar and VPHS/VP EHS performance pay/performance pay guideline which was presented at the Head Start Policy Council meeting 5-6-26.

Item #9: Salary Personnel Report
Kelly Goodwin, Salary/Personnel Chairperson reported to the Board on the meeting held at 9:30 am on 5-7-26. The following items were discussed by Personnel Director, Joseph Bartz:

1. Discussed Personnel Changes for May, 2026 and asked to add for approval on 5-6-25 agenda. On motion of Jim Seaman, seconded by Kelly Goodwin voted to add to the 5-12-26 agenda for approval of May, 2026 personnel changes.

2. Mr. Bartz also discussed other possible vacant positions for next school year. On motion of Rhonda Morrison, seconded by Deidra Shell the Board voted to add to the 5-12-26 agenda to advertise for the following vacancies:
   1. Two promotional Curriculum Supervisor positions
   2. Promotional principal position at Evans
   3. Non promotional principal position at WLE
   4. Discussion on process to replace District 1/6 Board Member (deceased)On motion of Deidra Shell, seconded by Vernon Travis, the Board voted to complete the process to replace 1/6 Board Member.
   3. Mr. Bartz also reminded the Board Members who have not completed theirFinancial Disclosure Statements to do so as soon as possible. The deadline is May 15th. We will be staying after the 10:00 meeting to complete the Tier 2 and Tier 3 Financial Disclosure Statements.

Item #10: Superintendent's Remarks
Superintendent, James Williams welcomed all to the meeting. He thanked the Curriculum Department and Supervisor Karen Robertson organizing the Senior Awards Banquet on Monday, May 5th.
Mr. Williams thanked all the principals, parents and students who attended the meeting today from AHS, LHS, LJHS and PHS. Mr. Williams congratulated the students on their accomplishments and receiving their awards. He informed the Board that other schools would be receiving awards on Tuesday, May 12th. Mr. Williams also recognized the softball and baseball teams who were in the playoffs. Congratulations to all the players and coaches.
Mr. Williams reminded the Board Members to complete their disclosure statements after the 10:00 meeting today.
The graduation and awards dates are also attached.

Item #11: Memorial Resolutions
On motion of Angie Davis, 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 **Frances Kay Harding Moss** who recently passed away; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Moss was a retired Special Education Paraprofessional at West Leesville Elementary; and
WHEREAS, the Board would like to acknowledge family members employed by the Vernon Parish School Board: Ms. Moss's daughter is Vicky Dowden, retired West Leesville Elementary Title One teacher; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Moss 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.
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 **Larry Joe Fulks** who recently passed away; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Fulks was a former custodian at Simpson High School; and
WHEREAS, the Board would like to acknowledge family members employed by the Vernon Parish School Board: Ms. Fulks wife is Janice Fulks, retired Special Education secretary, son, Billy Fulks, former custodian at Simpson High School, daughter, Donna Fairchild, Vernon Middle School secretary, daughter-in-law, Melissa Fulks, retired Hicks and Simpson High School teacher, and grandchildren, Miranda Fulks, Tracy Parker and Neil Standifer, teachers at Simpson ; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Harrell 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.
On motion of Randy Martin , 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 **Edward "Buddy" LeBato** who recently passed away; and
WHEREAS, the Board would like to acknowledge family members employed by the Vernon Parish School Board: Mr. LeBato's son is Mark LeBato, teacher/coach at Pickering High, daughter-in-law, Kelli LeBato, retired Librarian at Pickering High, granddaughter, Bailey LeBato, teacher at Pickering Elementary, grandson, Braden LeBato, Central Office maintenance department, and granddaughter-in-law, Elaina LeBato, Early Head Start teacher at Pickering Elementary; now
WHEREAS, Mr. Howard 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 Kelly Goodwin, 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 **Vera Jean Jett** who recently passed away; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Jett was a retired Leesville High School Special Education Paraprofessional; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Jett was a resident of Vernon Parish School Board; 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.
n motion of Robert Pynes, Jr., 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 **Jackie Dale Self** who recently passed away; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Self was a retired teacher, assistant principal, principal, personnel director, assistant superintendent, superintendent and District One Board Member. Mr. Self served in the School System for over 55 years; and
WHEREAS, his wife, Michelle Self was a retired teacher at East Leesville Elementary and his daughter, Renee Self Rowse was a former West Leesville Elementary teacher; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Self 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.

Item #12: Adjournment:
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.
Authorized Officer

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DEIDRA SHELL, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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JAMES WILLIAMS, SUPERINTENDENT

May VPSB Student Recognition
Anacoco High School
State Literary Rally
Gage inks
Cannon Haymon
Cadence McNeely
Softball Class B State Runner Up
Emilee D'Amico
Ava Davis
Ruth Rodriguez
Oni Duran
KK Reibold
Madison Chance
Randi Brooks
Bella Shapkoff
Sarie Procell
Khyleigh Caillier
Tori Haymon
Bree Dowden
Brit Dowden
Hayden LaCaze
Jacy Cobb
Lacey Smith
Managers
Eva Pinegar
Piper
Caroline Crow
Bristol Comeaux
Leesville High School
FBLA:
Allie Lin- 1st place- Real Estate
Hope Sims- 3rd place- Business Management
Boys Power Lifting:
Seth Dukes- State Champion- 123lb Class
Sam Hewitt- State Champion- 114lb Class
Javion Dixon- 3rd Place- 165lb Class
Leesville Junior High
FBLA
Levial Bell
Aaliyah Clark
Kynleigh Donelson
Ethan Ghaazanchian
Raelynn Marsh
Phillip Papillion
Brentlee Raggio
Austin Rowlands
Aundre Sayeed
Jayla Soniat
Aly Spinden
Pickering High School
State Powerlifting
Braden Ford- 1st Place
Xavier Mitchell- 2nd Place
Israel Araiza- 3rd Place
Hunter Noel- 4th Place
Landon Noel- 5th Place
Layla Anthony- 2nd Place
Alyssa Brown- 3rd Place
Literary Rally
Autumn Eichenberger- 1st Place in IBCA
4-H
Loryn Bailey- 6th Place in Up Cycle Fashion
National Honor Band-Carnegie Hall Series
Rebecca Ennenbach
Ethan Jackson

VERNON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the **VERNON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD** District of the Parish of Vernon, Louisiana.

	MILLAGE
Parish Wide School Regular	4.16 mills
Parish Wide School Special	.09 mills
Ward 1 Maintenance Regular	12.98 mills
Ward 2 Hornbeck Maintenance Regular	13.66 mills
School District 143 Hornbeck Construction & Maintenance	10.27 mills
Ward 2 Orange Maintenance Regular	13.08 mills
Ward 3 Maintenance Regular	18.64 mills
Ward 4 Maintenance Regular	14.57 mills
Ward 5 Maintenance Regular	19.11 mills
Ward 6 Maintenance Regular	12.68 mills
Ward 6 School Dist 161 Additional funding	9.75 mills
Ward 7 Maintenance Regular	17.33 mills
Ward 8 Maintenance Regular	14.32 mills
Ward 8 School Dist 151 Additional funding	10.21 mills
Leesville Sinking Fund	19.37 mills
Orange Sinking Fund	7.52 mills
Ward 3 Sinking Fund	1.20 mills
Pickering Sinking Fund	3.93 mills
Ward 6 Sinking Fund	2.56 mills
Ward 7 Sinking Fund	20.50 mills
Ward 8 Sinking Fund	22.52 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Vernon, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2026, and to make collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 9
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0
ABSENT: 3

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted at a regular board meeting held on May 12, 2026 at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Leesville, Louisiana, this 12th day May, 2026

_____(Superintendent)

	Bidder 1	Bidder 2	Bidder 3	Bidder 4	Bidder 5	Bidder 6	Bidder 7	Bidder 8	Bidder 9	Bidder 10
	Veritv	Pyramid	Economical	Grimes	Sayes	Sintas	Unipak	Quill	Interboro	Teachers pet
ROLL TISSUE REG	82.88	No bid	39.45	40.10	48.90	107.00	No bid	68.01	No bid	50.46
ROLL TISSUE 9"	36.10	No bid	18.63	85.10	21.80	No bid	No bid	34.64	No bid	93.50
ROLLTISSUE 12"	54.37	No bid	21.84	30.25	23.80	39.36	No bid	24.97	No bid	39.23
NAPKINS	70.57	No bid	33.95	49.25	34.10	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	108.00
PAPER TOWELS SINGLE FOLD	23.33	No bid	18.20	22.90	24.10	No bid	No bid	41.06	No bid	27.40
PAPER TOWELS MULITI FOLD	18.17	No bid	17.50	22.30	21.90	41.25	No bid	28.76	No bid	24.50
TRASH CAN LINERS 1.5 MIL	34.43	No bid	21.25	25.04	No bid	37.59	22.27	No bid	20.24	36.70
WATER MOP HEADS 16OZ	3.52	3.19	2.93	30.60	3.49	No bid	No bid	5.01	No bid	4.50
WATER MOP HEADS 24OZ	4.86	4.19	4.12	47.25	3.99	3.90	No bid	6.38	No bid	6.24
HOUSE BROOMS	8.83	7.99	3.83	5.45	No bid	No bid	No bid	4.65	No bid	8.58
MOP HANDLES 54"	No bid	4.59	3.85	24.25	4.59	No bid	No bid	7.98	No bid	9.02
MOP HANDLES 60"	5.27	5.59	4.25	2.93	4.79	5.19	No bid	5.72	No bid	4.69
PLASTIC SERVING GLOVES LARGE	No bid	8.99	3.17	6.20	No bid	36.96	No bid	38.62	16.80	26.64
PLASTIC APRONS	58.64	No bid	13.45	55.80	No bid	No bid	No bid	5.52	5.80	59.74
DRINKING STRAWS	No bid	No bid	32.74	45.10	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	50.00

ITEM PRICE 1½ Lb. Loaves - 51% Whole Wheat 49% Enriched Flour Sliced Bread, First Grade Commercial pack-Thin Sliced...each slice equals one (1) ounce. Package must be labeled and indicate spécifications, count, nutrition information, non-sesame seeded, etc. $ 3.97 1½ Lb. Loaves - 51% White Whole Wheat 49% Enriched Flour Sliced Bread, First Grade Commercial pack-Thin Sliced...each slice equals one (1) ounce. Package must be labeled and indicate specifications, count, nutrition information, non-sesame seeded, etc. 51% Whole Wheat 49% Enriched Flour Hamburger Buns with a Pale color- First Grade, $ 3.68 16ct 12 Regular Size to package - 20 oz. weight. Package must be labeled and indicate specifications, count, nutritional information, non-sesame seeded, etc. $ 4.29 51%Whole Wheat 49% Enriched Flour Hot Dog Buns with a pale color - First Grade, 12 Regular Size to 16 ct package -20 oz. weight. Package must be labeled and indicate specifications, count, nutritional information, non-sesame seeded, etc. $ 4.29 6ct 51% Whole Wheat 49% Enriched Flour Split Steak (Hoagie) Buns with pale color, First Grade, 24 regular size to package - 55.4 oz. weight. Package must be labeled and indicate specifications, count, nutrition information, non-sesame seeded, etc. SUBMITTED BY: Flowers Bakeries Sales of Louisiana, LLC Duane Ramon, Market VP Supplier Authorized Signature $ 2.12 DATE 4/28/26 DOES YOUR COMPANY CLAIM LOUISIANA PREFERENCE? (YES or NO) (Attach all necessary documentation) Page 4

BID FORM TO: Vernon Parish School Board 201 Belview Road Bid Due: 10:00 A.M. Due Date: May 7, 2026 Leesville, LA 71447 Midstate The following bid, to furnish and deliver milk and juice to the school lunchrooms of Vernon Parish doing normal work hours, is herewith submitted. For the price of 0369ocents for White Whole Milk: 0.3390 cents for fat fre Chocolate; 2.3390 cents for fat free Strawberry; 2.3390 cents for fat free White; $0.89 cents for fat-free Lactose Free; OR°0.4090 cents for fat free Chocolate milk per plastic bottle; 4090 cents for fat free fat Strawberry milk per plastic bottle; 0. 4090for fat free White milk per plastic bottle; and for the price of 0.89 cents for fat-free Lactose Free milk per plastic bottle; 0.28004 ounce pure orange juice (no sugar added, to be packaged in individual 4 ounce plastic bottles, or cartons), 0.27004 ounce100% pure applejuice (no sugar added, to be packaged in individual 4 ounce plastic bottles, or cartons), $0.2700 4 ounce 100% pure grape juice (no sugar added, to be packaged in individual 4 ounce plastic bottles, or cartons), and we agree to furnish and deliver to the lunchrooms of the following schools: Anacoco High School Anacoco, LA East Leesville Elementary School Leesville, LA Evans High School Evans, LA Hicks High School Hicks, LA Hornbeck High School Hornbeck, La Leesville High School Leesville, LA Pickering High School Pickering Community, Leesville, LA Pitkin High School Pitkin, LA. Parkway Elementary School Leesville, La "North" Polk Elementary School Fort Polk, LA Rosepine Elementary School Rosepine, LA Page

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