

DATE, TIME, PLACE
The Calcasieu Parish School Board met in a regular session at 3:30 Broad Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Aaron Natal, President. The prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were read. Mr. Washington, Superintendent, VarMetre and the following members were present: Aaron Natal, Karen Hardy-McReynolds, Glenda Gay, Patrick Pichon, Mary Fontenot, Dean Roberts, Dr. Betty Washington, Eric Tarver, Tony O'Barion, Phyllis Ayo, Russell Castille, Billy Breaux, Rev. Desmond Wallace, Shawn Baumgarten, Rev. Wallace offered a motion, with a second by Dr. Washington, to amend the agenda and add the Executive Session item and the Take Appropriate Action on Executive Session items 7.F and 7.G. With the discussion to the extent stated by Mr. Tarver asked on a Point of Order would the Board have to vote unanimously by majority vote before replying it would be majority vote. After brief discussion, Rev. Wallace and Dr. Washington withdrew the motion to amend the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
On a motion to approve by Mr. Breaux and a second by Mr. Tarver, the Minutes of January 13, 2026 were approved on a unanimous vote.

PRESENTATIONS
A. SHS Student Council/Destination Zero Death/High School District Drive/Vice/Brand White, Principal/ Destination Zero Death SV Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Dr. VarMetre gave the following report:
1. Program Governance
• No Policy Council meeting was held January 2026. Our next meeting will be held on February 9, 2026.
• Father's & Children Activity: Making Learning Fun!
Students were fully engaged in the hands-on STEM project, sharing predictions about why the snowman mixture felt firm in their hands but quickly melted when set down. Parents also learned how something as simple as a good night's sleep can make a big difference in their child's learning and school success.
• Celebrated the 100th day of school in style by dressing up as 100 year old versions of ourselves! Students had a blast transforming into "centenarian" characters and acting like their grandparents. The halls were full of creaks, gray hair, and coats of gray hair.
• Our annual Coordinators' Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Lake Charles Event Center.
Program Operations
• Enrollment – 450
2. You have each received the school population report that reflects the beginning numbers in December and the ending numbers in January.
3. I would like to report our January 2026 sales tax numbers which show collections at \$19,153,306, which is \$1,822,397 above budget for the month and \$328,235 or 1.7% above collections for the same month in 2025.
4. The latest hurricane report was in your packet.
5. All board members are required to complete a Tier 2 Financial Report (Leaders PFD) file system by May 15. This process is now required by the state. The disclosure will now no longer be allowed via upload, email, fax, hand delivery by mail. While we will provide you with instructions on how to complete this report on your own, we will also schedule a time to have the MIS Lab open to provide computers and assist you with this new process. We will follow up with more information later.
6. We held our monthly Literacy Day event at Henning Elementary School this past month. Students at Henning Elementary focused on the importance of reading and District Staff were present to read a book. Thank you to Dr. Anderson and her staff for organizing this event. It was a fantastic event.
7. Our elementary Special Education students participated in BROADBENT this event allows for students with special needs to interact with animals and participate in games and activities centered around the rodeo. Thank you to Mrs. JoAnn Meaux for founding and organizing this event every year.
8. The Louisiana Music Educators Association (LMEA) gave out state-wide awards this month and CPSB educators fared very well. Ms. Anna Lou Babin (T.S. Cooley – Retired) received the Distinguished Legacy Award. Karl Proksch (S.J. Welsh Middle Choir), Eva Lomax (S.J. Welsh Middle Band) and Mathew McMillen (Sulphur High Wind Symphony) received the Standard of Excellence Award. Mathew McMillen also received the Outstanding Jazz Educator Award for District V, David Billodeaux (Iowa High Band), and Darren Hooper (Sulphur High Band) received the Outstanding Young Music Educator Award, and Tony McCordle (Admin. Director for Visual and Performing Arts) received the Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Contributor Award. Congratulations to these educators and thank you for representing CPSB so well.
9. This month CPSB also helped to host the Region V honor band for Middle and High School students. Students from all over the area were able to come together to learn additional music from guest clinicians and participate in a performance at McNeese State University. Congratulations to these students and thank you to the music educators and the Visual and Performing Arts Department for helping to host this event.
10. CPSB held our Partner in Education Brunch at the Lake Charles Event Center. This is an annual event that allows us to honor the many businesses and individuals that serve as Partners in Education in our schools. Thank you to these entities for helping to make a difference in the lives of the children in Calcasieu Parish. Dr. Anderson and her team did a great job organizing this event.
11. Starks High School held Career Day this past month. Students were able to meet with representatives from various businesses and occupations to explore possible career paths. Thank you to Kolby Gilbert for organizing this event.
12. If you asked to be registered for the LSBA convention in March, your travel folder was placed in your packet.

This concludes the Superintendent's Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. C & I Committee/January 27, 2026/Phyllis Ayo, Chair
Mrs. Ayo gave the following report:
The Calcasieu Parish School Board Curriculum and Instruction Committee met Tuesday, January 27, 2026, in the Board Room, 3310 Broad Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana. Committee Members Present: Phyllis Ayo, Chair, Mary Fontenot, Damon Hardesty, Karen Hardy-McReynolds, Tony O'Barion, Patrick Pichon, Rev. Desmond Wallace, and Dr. Betty Washington; Vice Chair. Other Board Members Present: Billy Breaux and Russell Castille.
The C & I Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Phyllis Ayo, Chair. The roll was called and there was a quorum. The prayer and pledge were led by Dr. Betty Washington.
Mr. Ronnie Harvey, Jr., Chief Academic Officer, presented the Board with the recommendation of the calendar committee for school year 2027-2028.
On a motion by Dr. Betty Washington and seconded by Billy Breaux, it was recommended to approve the calendar for school year 2027-2028 as presented; the motion carried on a unanimous vote.
On behalf of the committee, Mrs. Ayo offered a motion to approve the calendar for 2027-2028; a second was not needed. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.
Next, Mr. Harvey and various C & I team members presented the CPSB School Performance Scores.
• Owen Clanton - Administrative Director Middle Schools
• Tony McCordle - Administrative Director Career & Tech
• Willona Jackson - Administrative Director Elementary Schools
• Kristi Russell - Director of Elementary Curriculum
• Mikie Ferguson - Principal Henry Heights Elementary School
• Robert Pete - Administrative Director High Schools
• Wendy Hill - Administrative Director Special Services Dept and Alternative Programs
• Dr. Shonna Anderson - Supervisor Special Projects
• Dr. Michelle Joubert - Administrative Director Early Childhood
This was for information only and did not require a vote.
There being no further business to discuss, Phyllis Ayo requested a motion to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. which was made by Dr. Betty Washington and seconded by Russell Castille; the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

B. Budget Committee/January 27, 2026/Tony O'Barion, Chair
Mr. O'Barion gave the following report:
The Calcasieu Parish School Board Budget/Fiscal Management Committee met at 6:24 p.m., Tuesday, January 27, 2026, in the Board Room, 3310 Broad Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana. A quorum was present.
Present: Tony O'Barion - Chair, committee members Russell Castille, Betty Washington, Mary Fontenot, Phyllis Ayo, Desmond Wallace, and Dennis Bent - Secretary. Other Board Members Present were Damon Hardesty, and Karen Hardy-McReynolds.
Absent: Patrick Pichon, Shawn Baumgarten, Aaron Natal, Billy Breaux, Glenda Gay, Eric Tarver, and Dean Roberts
Mr. O'Barion called the meeting to order.
Mr. Bent presented information about the proposed structure of the 2026-2027 Salary Schedules. Key updates include reducing the number of steps for 182-day teachers to forty-seven. He also discussed increasing the number of steps for support staff to thirty. Terri Johnson, representing SWLA federation of Teachers, submitted a blue card to address the board.
On a motion by Dr. Washington and seconded by Mrs. Hardy-McReynolds, it was recommended that the proposed structure of the 2026-2027 Salary Schedules be approved.
On behalf of the committee, Mr. O'Barion offered a motion to approve the recommendation; a second was not needed. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.
Mr. Bent then presented a current update on the status of the fifty million funds. This was presented as information only and did not require any action.
The next item presented was a current update on the status of the Riverepat funds. This was presented as information only and did not require any action.
There being no further business to discuss, on a motion by Dr. Washington and seconded by Mrs. Hardy-McReynolds, the committee adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION
Items A-D are available for viewing at the end of this document and at www.cpsb.org/Minutes.
Mr. Natal read the following:
A. Approval of CPSB Head Start Program Federal Grant/\$4,818,215.00
On a motion by Mr. Tarver and a second by Mr. O'Barion, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.
B. Approval of CLECO Right of Way/new electrical service underground in front DeQuincy High School, near the highway, and within the school property right-of-way. Approval is based on attorney final review of all wording.
On a motion by Mr. Tarver and a second by Mr. O'Barion, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.
C. Adoption of District #24 Bond Resolution
On a motion by Mr. Tarver and a second by Mr. O'Barion, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.
D. Approval of Resolution and Petition Authorizing Vinton Land Acquisition/Vinton High School
On a motion by Mr. Tarver and a second by Mr. O'Barion, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.
E. Approval of request to purchase property at 517 Lake Street, Westlake, LA, adjacent to S.P. Arnette Middle School/Riverepat Funds.
On a motion by Mr. Tarver and a second by Mr. O'Barion, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE
Mr. Natal read the following:
A. Bid #2026-C23/School Nutrition Program/Cafeteria Tables/Food Services Funds
On a motion by Mr. Hardesty and a second by Mr. Baumgarten, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.
B. Bid #2026-JS01/Janitorial Supplies/General Funds
On a motion by Mr. Hardesty and a second by Mr. Baumgarten, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.
C. Bid #2026-C07/Copy Paper/General Funds
On a motion by Mr. Hardesty and a second by Mr. Baumgarten, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE
Mr. Natal read the following:
A. Change Order Number One (1) for Addition to Western Heights; Barry King, AIA, Architect; Seth Prida Construction, LLC, Contractor; District #23 Bond Funds; Increase of \$18,969.17 and Increase of Thirty (30) days.
On a motion by Mr. Hardesty and a second by Mr. Castille, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A. Executive session to discuss Conley et al. v. Lake Charles School Board (Now Calcasieu Parish School Board) No. 80-1709 as stipulated to No. 9981, U.S.D.C.W.D. La.
Mr. Tarver, with a second by Mr. Baumgarten, offered a motion to adjourn into Executive Session.
The following submitted Blue Cards to address the Board:
Mark Horne, Sr., Craig Marks, representing the NAACP
Linda Holmes, donated Blue Card
Diana Ross, donated Blue Card
Patricia Dunn, donated Blue Card
Starrine Harris, donated Blue Card
Carmen Gordon-Williams
Levetha Basmir
Rebecca Rule, representing CAE
Carolyn Webb
Jacob Rafferty
Sandra Baynes, representing LAE/NEA
Laticia Matthews
Lavonne
Sipho Nkosi
Milton Bellard
Brylon Harris
Gene Tibodeaux
Ellawrenia Woods
Alex Richard
The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. on a unanimous vote.

TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION
And take appropriate action if necessary, with respect to Conley et al. v. Lake Charles School Board (Now Calcasieu Parish School Board) No. 80-1709 as stipulated to No. 9981, U.S.D.C.W.D. La.
On a motion to resume Regular Session by Mr. Tarver and seconded by Mr. Breaux, the Board resumed Regular Session at 8:06 p.m. Mr. Tarver offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fontenot, to adjourn the meeting to the following date:
V. Lake Charles School Board (Now Calcasieu Parish School Board) No. 80-1709 as stipulated to No. 9981, U.S.D.C.W.D. La.
The motion carried with the following members in attendance:
CONGREGATIONS AND PRECINCTS
Mrs. Gay, Dr. Washington, Mrs. Hardy-McReynolds, and Rev. Wallace asked for a letter of condolence to the family of Mr. Thomas Archard. Mr. Pichon asked for a letter of condolence to Mrs. Butler from LaGrange at the loss of her father.
Mrs. Ayo asked for a letter of condolence to the family of Mrs. Teresa Castro.
Mr. Pichon, Rev. Wallace, Dr. Washington, and Mrs. Hardy-McReynolds congratulated the Washington-McReynolds family.