

MEETING MINUTES



Attendees

Voting Members

Keith Giles, District 1
Bruce Brown, District 3
Kendall McKenzie, District 4
Robert Boone, District 5
Scott Breland, District 6
David Pettit, District 7
Frankie Crosby, District 8
Lesley McKinley, District 9-Vice President
Dr. John Wyble, District 2-President

Non-Voting Members

Frances Varnado, Superintendent
G. Wayne Kuhn, Attorney

1. Call to Order

John Wyble

2. Invocation

Lesley McKinley

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Scott Breland

4. Recognize Franklinton High School and Mt. Hermon School

In addition to Franklinton High School and Mt. Hermon School, ADAPT presented to the Board

5. Approval of minutes for the April 6, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Motion made by: Frankie Crosby

Motion seconded by: Keith Giles

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

6. Approval of minutes for the April 20, 2023 Special Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023 Special Board Meeting

Motion made by: Kendall McKenzie

Motion seconded by: Scott Breland

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

7. Presentation of the Efficiency Report by Gibson Consulting Group

8. Presentation of March 2023 financial statements

Ms. Knight presented the March 2023 financial statements for the following funds:

General Fund

School Lunch Fund

Tax District #4 Bond Sinking Fund

9. Adopt the millage rates

FRANCES VARNADO
SUPERINTENDENT

JOHN WYBLE
PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Washington Parish School Board:
(Name of taxing district)

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
District Wide Tax for General Fund	
Constitutional Tax	3.91 Mills
General Operational Tax	5.12 Mills
General M & O Tax	5.12 Mills
General M & O Tax	4.83 Mills
School District Taxes:	
Angie District Maintenance Tax	Special Taxes 5.19 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Washington, 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 2023, and to make the 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: 0

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on May 18, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Franklinton, Louisiana, this 18th day of May, 2023.

Frances Varnado

Frances Varnado, Superintendent

DISTRICT 1 - KEITH GILES	DISTRICT 4 - KENDALL MCKENZIE	DISTRICT 7 - DAVID PETTIT
DISTRICT 2 - JOHN WYBLE	DISTRICT 5 - ROBERT BOONE	DISTRICT 8 - FRANKIE CROSBY
DISTRICT 3 - REV. BRUCE L. BROWN, SR.	DISTRICT 6 - SCOTT BRELAND	DISTRICT 9 - LESLEY MCKINLEY

Motion to adopt millage rates

Motion made by: Kendall McKenzie

Motion seconded by: Scott Breland

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

10. Consider a motion to change the rate paid to drivers of district-owned buses for extra-curricular overnight bus trips

Table the agenda item.

Motion made by: Kendall McKenzie

Motion seconded by: Robert Boone

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

11. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding new retirees' health and life insurance payments to Office of Group Benefits

Motion made to have New Retirees pay Office of Group Benefits directly via ACH or check for their health and life insurance benefits during the transitional period before their insurance benefits are deducted from their retirement check.

Motion made by: David Pettit

Motion seconded by: Kendall McKenzie

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

12. Early Childhood Network update

13. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding student transfers for the 2023/2024 school year

Motion to approve the student transfers for the 2023/2024 school year presented by Mike Ingram

Motion made by: Kendall McKenzie

Motion seconded by: Frankie Crosby

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

14. Consider a motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct grades Pre K-5 for the 2023/2024 school year

Motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct grades PreK-5 for the 2023/2024 school year

Motion made by: Kendall McKenzie

Motion seconded by: David Pettit

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

15. Consider a motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct grades 6-12 for the 2023/2024 school year

Motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct grades 6-12 for the 2023/2024 school year

Motion made by: Kendall McKenzie

Motion seconded by: Keith Giles

Voting:

Keith Giles - Yes

Bruce Brown - No

Kendall McKenzie - Yes

Robert Boone - Yes

Scott Breland - Yes

David Pettit - Yes

Frankie Crosby - No

Lesley McKinley - No

Dr. John Wyble - Yes

Motion passed 6-3

16. Discussion and action on bids received for School Violence Prevention Program 2023

Washington Parish School Board		BID TAB				ESTIMATE OF COST
		School Violence Prevention Program Integrated Electronic Access Control System and Integrated Building Wide Alerting System				Bid Opening Date: Tuesday April 17, 2023 Bid Opening Time: 10:00 am Bid Location: WPSS, 800 MAIN STREET, FRANKLINTON, LA 70438
Contractor	License No.	ADD 1	Bid Bond	Bid Signed	BID	
Talon Services Group, LLC	71122		✓	✓	\$ 722,656.20	
Homeland Safety Systems	47822		✓	✓	\$ 784,767.40	

Motion made to approve a bid from Homeland Safety Systems for \$784,767.40.

Motion made by: Robert Boone

Motion seconded by: Kendall McKenzie

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

17. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding bids received for Franklinton Jr. High interior remodel



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P.O. BOX 2156, HAMMOND, LA 70404

BID TAB	ESTIMATE OF COST: \$2,000,000.00
FRANKLINTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL INTERIOR RENOVATIONS	Bid Opening Date: April 27, 2023 Bid Opening Time: 2:00 P.M.
GGB Project No. 2301	Bid Location: WPSS, 800 MAIN STREET, FRANKLINTON, LA 70438

Contractor	License	ADD 1	ADD 2	ADD 3	ADD 4	ADD 5	ADD 6	Bid Signed	Bid Bond	BID
Hopkins Construction & Maintenance, LLC	73164	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$1,852,000.00
Brunt Construction, Inc.	6328	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$1,994,700.00
Cuzan Services	45475	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$2,129,600.00
Voelkel McWilliams Construction, LLC	46298	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$2,197,000.00
JW Grand, LLC	9569	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$2,474,000.00
AB Gallardo	73235									No Bid
Accuwatts Contracting Service, LLC	64525									No Bid
Ashley Smith Construction, LLC	66433									No Bid
Capitol Construction, LLC	44097									No Bid
CXA Services, LLC	52290									No Bid
CDX Construction, LLC	62427									No Bid
Devier Enterprises, LLC	57867									No Bid
Foster & Company Contractors, Inc.	37749									No Bid

Contractor	License	ADD 1	ADD 2	ADD 3	ADD 4	ADD 5	ADD 6	Bid Signed	Bid Bond	BID
Gottfried Contracting, LLC	48909									No Bid
JAC Construction of South Louisiana, LLC	58607									No Bid
Sieverding Construction, Inc.	43074									No Bid
SLC Construction, LLC	73588									No Bid
Tyler Towers Roofing & Construction, LLC	71724									No Bid

Motion to approve a bid from Hopkins Construction & Maintenance, LLC in the amount of \$1,852,000.00

Motion made by: Robert Boone

Motion seconded by: Kendall McKenzie

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

18. Consider a motion to move the July 17, 2023 Committee Meeting and the July 20, 2023 Board Meeting to July 10, 2023 and July 13, 2023

No action was taken on the Agenda Item.

19. Personnel Report

20. Transportation Adjustments

Lenora McIntyre	MHS		8 Transportation Adjustment	Extend route 4 miles				3/27/2023	
Mecy Kelly	PHS		8 Transportation Adjustment	Extend route 8 miles				4/3/2023	

Motion to adopt Transportation Adjustments

Motion made by: Robert Boone

Motion seconded by: David Pettit

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

21. Superintendent's Report

22. Personal Privileges

23. Adjourn

Motion made by: Kendall McKenzie

Motion seconded by: Scott Breland

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Board Chair

Secretary