

AGENDA

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1. Opening Items

- A. Call to Order
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum (or lack of Quorum)
- D. Approval of Agenda

2. Recognitions and/or Presentations

3. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** The following committee meetings were held on Monday, July 27, 2026, at the district's Woodland Central Office, located at 1484 Woodland Hwy., Rm. 100, Belle Chasse, LA 70037: Land and Construction (chaired by Board Member Jennifer Shelley); Student and Community Advisory (chaired by Board Member Jennifer Sanger); Budget and Finance, (chaired by Board Member Kristee Arbourgh) and Policy Review, (chaired by Board Member Jaime K. Sauer). Based on the recommendations from each respective committee, the following items are being submitted to the full Board for consideration of approval:

- A. (Student and Community Advisory) Discussion and/or action regarding the Plaquemines Parish School Board's participation as a collaborative partner in the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library initiative- Patricia Haydel, Dir. of Head Start. Recommendation: APPROVE the revised MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) regarding Plaquemines Parish School Board's participation as a collaborative partner in the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library initiative, as presented.
- B. (Budget and Finance) Discussion and/or action regarding the commitment of General Fund fund balance for the Facilities Master Plan - Katherine Phelan, CFO and J. Patrick Butler, III, CPA, Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan & Maher, LLP. Recommendation: Approve, via resolution, the allocation of \$143,267,620 to a committed fund, to be established retroactive to June 30, 2026, within the Facilities Master Plan, as presented.

- C. (Budget and Finance) Discussion and/or action regarding further diversification of investment funds between two fiduciaries and allowing for higher investment returns - Katherine Phelan, CFO and Jon Larsen, Sr. Vice President | Institutional Portfolio Manager, Regions Bank. Recommendation: Approve, via resolution, further diversification of investment funds between two fiduciaries and allowing for higher potential investment returns, as presented.
- D. (Budget and Finance) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of Governor Landy's Executive Order 26-047 requiring \$2,000 teacher and \$1,000 support staff stipends for 2026-2027 fiscal year- Katherine Phelan, CFO. Recommendation: In accordance with how the Board approved previously used "ONE-TIME-ONLY" state stipends, (2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026), as presented.
- E. (Budget and Finance) Discussion and/or action regarding approval to authorize advertisement of a Request for Qualifications (RFQs) for architectural and engineering design services for the new Belle Chasse Middle School and Belle Chasse High School - Superintendent Dr. Shelley M. Ritz. Recommendation: Approve the authorization to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQs) for architectural and engineering design services for the new Belle Chasse Middle School and Belle Chasse High School, as presented.
- F. (Policy Review) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the revised Plaquemines Parish School Board Title I Handbook - Tonika Peavy, Dir. of Federal and Educational Programs. Recommendation: Approve the revisions to the Plaquemines Parish School Board Title I Handbook, as presented.
- G. (Policy Review) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the revised Title III Handbook - Tonika Peavy, Dir. of Federal and Educational Programs. Recommendation: Approve revisions to the Plaquemines Parish School Board Title III Handbook, as presented.
- H. (Policy and Review) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the revised Plaquemines Parish School Board Parent and Family Engagement Plan - Tonika Peavy, Dir. of Federal and Educational Programs. Recommendation: Approve revisions to the Plaquemines Parish School Board Parent and Family Engagement Plan, as presented.
- I. (Policy Review) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the Plaquemines Parish School Board Benefits and Risk Management Procedures - Nissan Patel, Dir. of Benefits and Risk Management. Recommendation: Approve the Plaquemines Parish School Board Benefits and Risk Management Procedures, as presented.
- J. (Policy Review) Discussion and/ or action regarding approval of the Plaquemines Parish School Board Human Resources Procedures - Nicole Parker, Dir. of Human Resources. Recommendation: Approve Plaquemines Parish School Board Human Resources Procedures, as presented.
- K. (Policy Review) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the Plaquemines Parish School Board 2026-2027 Hurricane Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Handbook - Ronald Bateman, Chief Operations Officer. Recommendation: Approve the Plaquemines

Parish School Board 2026-2027 Hurricane Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Handbook, as presented.

- L. (Policy Review) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the Plaquemines Parish School Board 2026-2027 Emergency Operations Plan- Ronald Bateman, Chief Operations Officer. Recommendation: Approve the 2026-2027 Plaquemines Parish School Board Emergency Operations Plan, as presented.

M. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

4. Other Board Action Items

- A. Discussion and/or action regarding approval of minutes from the July 9, 2026, regular board meeting- Niko Tesvich, Board President.
- B. Discussion and/or action regarding approval of minutes from the Ad Hoc and Standing Committee Reports- Niko Tesvich, Board President.
- C. Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the 2026-2027 Plaquemines Parish School Board Pupil Progression Plan - Jamie Blanchard, Chief Academic Officer.
- D. Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the 2026-2027 Plaquemines Parish School Board Athletic Handbook - Ronald Bateman, Chief Operations Officer.

5. Information Items

- A. Sales Tax Through May 2026
- B. Check Register- June 2026
- C. Investment Accounts Q4 2025-2026
- D. Head Start Budget Report
- E. Employment Related Action Taken by the Superintendent of Schools for the 2026-2027 school year- Information ONLY

6. Information and/or Announcements

- A. Superintendent's Report- Dr. Shelley M. Ritz
- B. Board Members' Non-Agenda Items

7. Date, Time & Location of Next Meetings

- A. Committee Meetings: Monday, August 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., Woodland Central Office, 1484 Woodland Hwy., Belle Chasse, LA 70037
- B. Special Board Meeting: Monday, August 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Presentation of Proposed 2026-2027 Budget , Woodland Central Office, 1484 Woodland Hwy., Rm. 100, Belle Chasse, LA 70037
- C. Regular School Board Meeting: Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Woodland Central Office, 1484 Woodland Hwy., Rm. 100, Belle Chasse, LA 70037

8. Adjournment

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