PLAQUEMINES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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PPSB Regular Board Meeting
10/08/2026 - 06:00 PM
Woodland Central Office
1484 Woodland Hwy., Rm. 100
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

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

      Recommended Action

      to approve the Agenda, as presented

2. **Recognitions and/or Presentations - Students of Belle Chasse High School**

3. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: The following committee meetings were held on Monday, September 28, 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); 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. (Land & Construction) Discussion and/or action regarding adopting a resolution declaring the land and improvements located at the corner of Highway 11 and 155 Packard Lane, Buras, LA 70041 / Parcel 8614754 as surplus immovable property no longer required for educational and/or public use, and authorizing the Superintendent to obtain the required appraisal, issue public bid solicitations and execute all necessary legal documents to complete the sale pursuant to Louisiana law and Board Policy 605.00 - Katherine Phelan, CFO & Dr. Shelley M. Ritz, Superintendent.

      Recommended Action

      Approve, via resolution, declaring the land and improvements located at the corner of Highway 11 and 155 Packard Lane, Buras, LA 70041 / Parcel 8614754 as surplus immovable property no longer required for educational and/or public use, and authorizing the Superintendent to obtain the required appraisal, issue public bid solicitations and execute all necessary legal documents to complete the sale pursuant to Louisiana law and Board Policy 605.00, as presented.

   B. (Budget and Finance) Discussion and/or action regarding the treatment of interest and investment earnings generated by the $143,267,620 in Facilities Master Plan fund balance – Katherine Phelan, CFO & Dr. Shelley M. Ritz, Superintendent.

Recommended Action

Approve, via resolution, the transfer of all interest earned on the $143,267,260 held in the Facilities Master Plan Fund to the General Fund, as presented.

C. (Budget and Finance) Discussion and/or action regarding adopting a resolution uncommitting and appropriating an amount not to exceed $600,000 from the School Board's General Fund Committed Emergency Reserve Fund Balance, declaring a public emergency pursuant to La. R.S. 38:2212(P) resulting from fire damage at South Plaquemines High School on August 22, 2026 and amending the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget pursuant to La. R.S. 39:1310 - Katherine Phelan, CFO.

Recommended Action

Approve, via resolution, authorizing the necessary funding, declaring a public emergency pursuant to La. R.S. 38:2212(P), and amend the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget pursuant to La. R.S. 39: 1310 to provide funding for the emergency-related expenditures at South Plaquemines High School, as presented.

D. (Budget and Finance) Discussion and/or action regarding adopting a resolution uncommitting and appropriating an amount from the School Board's General Fund Committed Emergency Reserve Fund Balance, declaring a public emergency pursuant to La. R.S. 38:2212(P) resulting from fire damage at Belle Chasse Elementary School on September 17, 2026 and amending the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Operating Budget pursuant to La. R.S. 39:1310 - Katherine Phelan, CFO.

Recommended Action

Approve, via resolution, authorizing an amount not to exceed $5,000, 000, declaring a public emergency pursuant to La. R.S. 38:22112(P), and amending the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget pursuant to La. R.S. 39:1310 to provide funding for emergency-related expenditures regarding the cleanup and restoration of Belle Chasse Elementary School, as presented.

E. (Budget and Finance) Discussion and/or action regarding Budget vs. Actuals General Fund July 2026 - Katherine Phelan, CFO.

Recommended Action

Approve the Budget vs. Actual, July 2026 Financial Update, as presented.

F. (Budget and Finance) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of updated Salary Schedule Appendix D, retroactive to September 1, 2026 - Katherine Phelan, CFO.

Recommended Action

Approve the updated Salary Schedule Appendix D, retroactive to September 1, 2026, as presented.

G. (Policy Review) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the LSBA Policy Changes

from the 2026 Regular Legislative Session and LSBA Model Policy Items Updated for Clarification - Superintendent Dr. Shelley M. Ritz.

Recommended Action

Approve LSBA Policy Changes from the 2026 Regular Legislative Session and LSBA Model Policy Items updated for Clarification, as presented.

a. LSBA Model Policy Updated Due to Acts (Simbli Policies: 204.00, 205.00, 304.00, 409.10, 610.00, 610.30, 610.40, 707.40, 713.30.14, 718.60, 802.30, 802.40, 807.00, 811.10, 814.60, 814.60.01, 903.40, 904.30, 906.70.01, 909.00, 913.50.01, 913.60, 913.90, 914.20)

b. LSBA Model Policy Updated for Clarification (Simbli Policies: 02.00, 08.00, 101.40, 201.20, 401.00, 611.00, 611.10, 614.00, 703.20, 703.30, 705.50)

H. (Policy Review) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of revised Board Policy # 610.20 - Fire Prevention - Dr. Shelley Ritz, Superintendent.

Recommended Action

Approve revised Board Policy #610.20 - Fire Prevention, as presented.

I. (Policy Review) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of revised Policy # 707.30 - Sick Leave - Dr. Shelley Ritz, Superintendent.

Recommended Action

Approve revised Board Policy # 707.30 - Sick Leave, as presented.

J. (Policy Review) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the Behavioral Health Services Procedures in accordance with revised Board Policy # 913.60, Behavioral Health Services - Mary Ellen Hamner, Director of Special Education.

Recommended Action

Approve revised Behavioral Health Services Procedures in accordance with revised Board Policy #913.60, Behavioral Health Services, as presented.

K. (Policy Review) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the Cameras in Special Education Classroom Procedures in accordance with revised Policy # 811.10, Cameras in Special Education Classrooms - Mary Ellen Hamner, Director of Special Education.

Recommended Action

Approve Special Education Classroom Procedures in accordance with revised Board Policy # 811.10, Cameras in Special Education Classrooms, as presented.

L. (Policy Review) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the Plaquemines Parish Head Start Standards of Conduct - Patricia Haydel, Director of Headstart.

Recommended Action

Approve Plaquemines Parish Head Start Standards of Conduct, as presented.

M. (Policy Review) Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the 2025-2026 Head Start Annual Public Report - Patricia Haydel, Director of Head Start.

Recommended Action

Approve the 2025-2026 Head Start Annual Public Report, as presented.

N. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Recommended Action

Approve Consent Agenda, as presented.

4. Other Board Action Items

A. Discussion and/or action regarding approval of minutes from the September 3, 2026, regular board meeting- Niko Tesvich, Board President.

B. Discussion and/or action regarding approval of Ad Hoc and Standing Committee Reports- Niko Tesvich, Board President.

C. Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the 2027 Health Insurance Plan Renewal- Nissan Patel, Director of Benefits & Risk Management , Brian Branigan & Tony Murray, Gallagher Benefits.

D. Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the revised Plaquemines Parish School Board Policy 705.00: Compensation- Niko Tesvich, Board President and Dr. Shelley M. Ritz, Superintendent.

E. Discussion and/or action regarding approval of the revised Plaquemines Parish School Board Salary Schedules for the 2026–2027 school year - Niko Tesvich, Board President and Dr. Shelley M. Ritz, Superintendent.

5. Information Items / and Announcements

A. Sales Tax Through July 2026

B. Check Register- August 2026

C. Head Start Budget Report

D. Employment Related Action Taken by the Superintendent of Schools for the 2026-2027 school year- Information ONLY

E. Superintendent's Report

F. Board Members' Time for Non-Agenda Items

6. Date, Time & Location of Next Meetings

A. Committee Meetings: Monday, October 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., Woodland Central Office, 1484 Woodland Hwy., Belle Chasse, LA 70037

B. Regular School Board Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Woodland Central Office, 1484 Woodland Hwy., Rm. 100, Belle Chasse, LA 70037

7. Adjournment

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