



June 2026 - Regular School Board Meeting

06/16/2026 05:00 PM

West Feliciana Parish School Board

Boardroom

4727 Fidelity Street, St Francisville, Louisiana,

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MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Voting Members

Milton Coats, Board Member - President

Kelly O'Brien, Board Member - Vice President

Amanda McKinney, Board Member

Angie Norwood, Board Member

Scotty Owens, Board Member

Sara Wilson-Rogers, Board Member

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Milton Coats at 5:01 p.m.

A. Prayer

Mr. Nyjal Kelly

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Scotty Owens

C. Roll Call

Ms. Helen Whitfield was absent. Ms. Angie Norwood entered at 5:28 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Coats called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by: Sara Wilson-Rogers

Motion seconded by: Amanda McKinney

Motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Coats asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular School Board Meeting on 05/19/2026.

Motion made by: Kelly O'Brien

Motion seconded by: Scotty Owens

Motion carried.

IV. Recognitions and Presentations

A. Update on Health Insurance - HUB International

HUB International reported an initial 16.1% medical plan increase for October, with plans to review June claims and obtain United Healthcare quotes, alongside a 5% dental increase and a 25% increase for long-term disability. Vision, basic life, and voluntary life insurance rates remain guaranteed until October 2027.

B. Presentation by Dannie Garrett, Counsel for the Industrial Development Board of the Parish of West Feliciana in Regard to the HUT 8 Facility PILOT

Attorney Dannie Garrett presented the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement outlining the Hut 8 facility PILOT framework. Hut 8 DC LLC will pay a \$10,000,000 accelerated PILOT prepayment on July 1, 2026, distributed to the School Board (\$5.3M), West Feliciana Parish (\$3.9M), and the Sheriff's Office (\$800K). The \$10,000,000 will be credited back to the company starting July 1, 2027, via PILOT distributions. All three entities must include these allocations in annual budgets; non-appropriation does not trigger immediate default but allows the company to terminate after one year.

V. Other School Board Business

A. Consideration of Approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Facilitating the Distribution of Prepayment of a Portion of the First PILOT Lease Payment By and Between HUT 8 and the Industrial Development Board of the Parish of West Feliciana

Mr. Coats asked for a motion to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement as presented.

Motion made by: Scotty Owens

Motion seconded by: Kelly O'Brien

Motion carried.

B. Approve Employee Stipends for SY 2026-2027

Superintendent Milton presented a proposal to utilize the incoming Hut 8 prepayment revenue to fund employee stipends for the 2026–2027 school year. All district employees will receive a \$7,000 stipend, paid in

two equal installments of \$3,500 on October 9, 2026 and April 9, 2027. The funds will not be permanently added to the salary schedule, but the stipend will raise the starting teacher pay to \$59,000 for the year. This one-time stipend satisfies Governor Jeff Landry's pending executive order mandating stipends for teachers and support staff.

Motion made by: Kelly O'Brien

Motion seconded by: Scotty Owens

Motion carried.

C. Approve Workers' Compensation Insurance Proposal

Mr. John Caro of Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. presented the workers' compensation insurance renewal proposal for July 2026-July 2028. The renewal reflects an 11.7% increase in district payroll alongside a 6.2% increase in the insurance premium.

Motion made by: Kelly O'Brien

Motion seconded by: Sara Wilson-Rogers

Motion carried.

D. Approve Student Accident Insurance Renewal

The renewal proposal for the student accident insurance policy was presented by Ms. Georgia Dudley. The policy will maintain the exact same coverage and benefits for students. The annual premium rate will increase from \$32,000 to \$40,000.

Motion made by: Amanda McKinney

Motion seconded by: Scotty Owens

Abstain: Sara Wilson-Rogers

Motion carried.

E. Approve Renewal of LSU AgCenter Cooperative Agreement, FY 2026-2027

Mr. Milton explained that the agreement has no changes from last year. Ms. Wilson-Rogers proposed increasing the Board's financial contribution from \$13,000 to \$15,000.

Motion made by: Scotty Owens

Motion seconded by: Sara Wilson-Rogers

Motion carried.

F. Approve Bid for Official Journal (2026-2027)

Ms. Misty Cook explained that there was one bid from The Advocate: 33 cents per line and \$25 per affidavit. Mr. Coats called for a motion to approve the bid.

Motion made by: Sara Wilson-Rogers

Motion seconded by: Amanda McKinney

Motion carried.

G. New Budgets

There were none.

H. Budget Revisions

Ms. Cook presented the following budget revision:

General Fund Budget Revision #3 - \$1,997,670.00

Mr. Coats asked for a motion to approve the budget revision.

Motion made by: Scotty Owens

Motion seconded by: Kelly O'Brien

Motion carried.

VI. Personnel for Board Approval

There were none.

VII. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Milton presented his report, which included his personnel report, sales tax report, and financial report including budget versus actual. He also thanked the Board for their support.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Coats called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by: Sara Wilson-Rogers

Motion seconded by: Scotty Owens

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.