

The Bienville Parish School Board met in regular session Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bienville Parish School Board Annex, 1956 First Street, Arcadia, Louisiana. The regular meeting was called to order by President Derrika Bailey. Roll call was taken by Executive Secretary, Mary Hutchinson and recorded with all members and a quorum present: Ms. Sharolyn Boston, Mr. Oswald Townsend, Ms. Derrika Bailey, Mr. Darren Iverson, Ms. Martha Grigg, Mr. Colton Guin, and Mr. Donald Calloway. The opening prayer was given by Mr. Oswald Townsend followed by the pledge led by Superintendent Leroy Hamilton, Jr.

Motion by Mr. Oswald Townsend, seconded by Mr. Colton Guin, passed, approved the agenda posted February 26, 2026 for the March 5, 2026 regular meeting of the Bienville Parish School Board. No public comments were made or questions from the Board recorded.

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, approving the minutes of the regular meeting on February 5, 2026 as distributed. No public comments or questions from the Board recorded.

Motion by Mr. Oswald Townsend, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, selecting *The Bienville Democrat* as the official journal for 2026-2027 for Bienville Parish School Board. No public comments or questions from Board recorded.

Ms. Tischa Mays, Principal at Crawford Elementary School and Ms. Britney Royal, Science Teacher at Arcadia High School, updated the Board on the recent National ESEA Conference they attended in Denver, Colorado. Both thanked the Board for the approval and opportunity to attend the conference.

Motion by Mr. Oswald Townsend, seconded by Mr. Colton Guin, passed, approving the following use of school facilities requests. No public comments made or questions from the Board recorded.

Ringgold High School, Gymnasium and Cafeteria
Slabtown Festival
Beauty Pageant
March 28, 2026

Ringgold High School, Multipurpose Room and Parking Lot
Slabtown Festival
Breakfast and Parade Lineup
April 10-11, 2026

Gibbsland Coleman High School, Gymnasium
Class of 2026
Prom
April 18, 2026

Crawford Elementary School, Auditorium and Gymnasium
Arcadia-Bienville NAACP Branch 61AD
Talent Show
April 24, 2026

Ringgold Elementary School, Cafeteria
Ringgold NAACP Branch #6075
NAACP Scholarship Banquet
May 1-2, 2026

Motion by Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Mr. Darren Iverson, passed, approving the following out of state educational trip. No public comments or questions from Board recorded.

Professional Leave request for Instructional Coach Latoya Davis-Bell
Second Part of Teach for American Rural School Leadership Academy
Savannah, Georgia
April 28 – May 2, 2026
At no cost to the Board

Saline High School, Senior Beta Club
National Senior Beta Convention
Nashville, Tennessee
June 16-22, 2026

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Colton Guin, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, adjourning the meeting.

/s/ Leroy Hamilton, Jr.

Leroy Hamilton, Jr., Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board

/s/ Derrika Bailey

Derrika Bailey, President
Bienville Parish School Board

CERTIFICATE

I, Leroy Hamilton, Jr. Secretary of Bienville Parish School Board, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings of the regular meeting of the Board, March 5, 2026.

/s/ Leroy Hamilton, Jr.

Leroy Hamilton, Jr., Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board