

Grambling runs by CSU

Grambling State piled up 644 yards of total offense in a 48-26 victory over Central State at Eddie G. Robinson Memorial Stadium on Saturday night. GSU improved to 2-0 while CSU fell to 0-2.

Grambling State wasted no time establishing control. On the opening drive of the game, running back Jamarion Parker broke free for a 40-yard touchdown run just over two minutes into the contest, capping a five-play, 75-yard drive. The Tigers’ defense forced a quick three-and-out, and Diego Alfaro connected on a 19-yard field goal to extend the lead to 10-0.

Central State couldn’t find any answers on either side of the ball in the opening frame, and Alfaro added a second field goal — this one from 24 yards — to push Grambling’s advantage to 13-0 after one quarter.

The second quarter saw GSU’s rushing attack take over. D’Shaun Ford punched in a short touchdown run to make it 20-0, and after Central State answered with a Kenyon Gardner field goal, Tony Phillips Jr. blew the game further open with a 75-yard touchdown scamper on just Tigers’ second play of the possession, giving the Tigers a commanding 27-3 lead.

CSU’s offense found some

rhythm late in the half behind quarterback Jackson Wasik, who connected with Damon Griffin Jr. on a 12-yard touchdown pass to cut the deficit to 27-10 heading into the locker room. Grambling’s defense also got a boost when a blocked field goal attempt by Markeis Sykes kept points off the board for the Marauders earlier in the half.

GSU didn’t let up after the break. A nine-play, 45-yard drive ended with Clyde McClendon Jr. punching it in from 2 yards out, extending the lead to 34-10 with 7:34 remaining in the third quarter.

The Tigers’ defense also came up with a pair of interceptions in the period — one each from Jaylen Burrell — to help control the game’s tempo, and the Tigers carried a commanding 24-point lead into the fourth quarter.

Central State made things interesting in the final period. Wasik scored on a 15-yard touchdown run and connected with Avantae Burt on a two-point conversion pass to make it 34-18, and after Byron Eaton Jr. answered right back with a 58-yard touchdown burst for Grambling, Wasik found Burt again — this time for a 29-yard touchdown reception — to pull the Marauders within 41-26

with just over four minutes to play.

But Grambling State’s offense closed the door for good. The Tigers put together an eight-play, 75-yard drive capped by Hayden Benoit’s 1-yard touchdown run with 31 seconds left, sealing the 48-26 final.

Grambling’s ground game was the story of the night, piling up 361 rushing yards on 40 carries (9.0 yards per carry) with six rushing touchdowns. Five different Tigers scored on the ground: Phillips Jr., Parker, Eaton Jr., Ford, Benoit and McClendon Jr.

Quarterback Reginald Johnson led the Grambling passing attack, completing 18 of 23 attempts for 258 yards, spreading the ball to eight different receivers. Tyson George (5 catches, 93 yards) and Jordan Bride (3 catches, 70 yards) paced the receiving corps.

Defensively, Grambling racked up two sacks, six tackles for loss and forced two interceptions — both hauled in by Jaylen Burrell — while also blocking a field goal. Marcus Johnson and Lonell Cunningham each finished with 7 total tackles to lead the unit.

Grambling State also won the field-position and time-of-possession battles.



ELAN JEFFERSON (10) brings down Peabody’s Dafonte Leonard Friday in Ferriday (Sentinel photo by Joan McGuffey)

Saints open at Detroit

John DeShazier
The reality of a 9-8, non-playoff season in 2025 for the Detroit Lions isn’t wholly the reality that the New Orleans Saints choose to live in entering the regular-season opener Sunday, against the Lions at Ford Field in Detroit.

The Saints see more of the 15-2 team from ‘24, which won the NFC North Division for the second straight year before losing its NFC Divisional Playoff game, or the 12-5 team from ‘23, which advanced to the NFC Championship Game and fell shy of a Super Bowl appearance in a 34-31 loss.

Because last year’s edition was ravaged by injuries on defense, which helped short-circuit a season in which the Lions scored 481 points, second most in franchise history.

“I think they’ve got a ton of talent,” Saints Coach Kellen Moore said Monday. “They’ve obviously played some really high-level football for a number of years now. That’s going to be a fun environment. What they’ve done in Detroit (20-8 at home, including playoffs since ‘23), they’ve created a really challenging envi-

ronment for everyone that comes into that place, Ford Field, to play. It’ll be a lot of fun for our guys.”

The “fun” begins with devising a way to slow Detroit’s offense. A new offensive coordinator (Drew Petzing) was hired after three years as Arizona’s offensive coordinator, and he’ll help direct three high-level skill players: Five-time Pro Bowl quarterback Jared Goff (4,564 passing yards, 34 touchdowns, eight interceptions last year); receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown (117 catches for 1,401 yards and 11 touchdowns in ‘25), a two-time All-Pro; and running back Jahmyr Gibbs (1,223 yards and 13 touchdowns on 243 carries, and 77 catches for 616 yards and five touchdowns last season), a three-time Pro Bowler. “They’ve got the highest-paid running back, they’ve got a good quarterback, they’ve got a good receiver,” Saints edge rusher Carl Granderson said. “I think it’s going to be a test for our defense and I think we’re gonna be ready for that test. We’re gonna show the league what we’re about, Saints football – play fast, play hard and play together.”

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informed the board that unlike the original lease and the first amendment, the monthly payment under this amendment would not be credited toward the purchase price, should the board decide to purchase the facility. Mr. Carson indicated that the reference to “Option to Purchase” should be removed from the lease amendment. It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried to approve the second lease amendment with the referenced notations.		
Mr. O’Neal then opened bids received on copy paper and janitorial/cleaning supplies. Two of the bids were hard copy and five were received online. The bids for copy paper are on 760 cases.		
VENDOR (Hard copy) Deritiv, Baton Rouge (Used to be Louisiana Paper)	COPY PAPER \$32.75 per case	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES
(Hard copy) Contract Paper, Cuyahogh, OH	\$32.29 per case	
(Online) Staples Business, Baton Rouge	\$33.75 per case	
(Online) Economic Janitorial & Paper, New Orleans	\$33.95 per case	
(Online) Liberty Paper, Los Angeles CA	\$32.25 per case	
(Online) M & A Global Ltd.. unknown location	\$54.80 per case	
(Online) Industrial Supply, current provider		Paper supplies \$25,755.26 Cleaning supplies \$8,241.59 Janitorial supplies \$20,340.86

It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Forman and unanimously carried to take the bids under advisement and give Mr. O’Neal and Superintendent Bachus the authority to make an award.

Mr. O’Neal requested that the board consider acceptance of the upcoming bids for the Ferriday High School parking lot paving and drainage improvement project. The bids are to be received August 27, 2026. He indicated that in the interest of time that he was requesting that the board grant Superintendent Bachus and staff the authority to award the bid based on a recommendation of the engineer. It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried to give Mr. O’Neal and Superintendent Bachus the authority to award the bid based upon the recommendation of Bryant Hammett & Associates.

Announcements:

- Superintendent Bachus welcomed Michael Norris, the new attendance specialist and parish athletic director and asked him to introduce himself.
- Concordia Parish School District is now a part of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. We’re partnering with the parish library, which is funding our share of this program. Thanks to Ms. Sandra Burton, our Early Childhood Director, who initiated contact with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library as well as many others to get our students involved. Each month from birth until their 5th year birthday month, children in Concordia Parish will have a book mailed to their home for them to keep. All the parents have to do is sign their children up. The Concordia Parish Library is covering all the costs.

There was no executive session.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Marsalis, Sr., and unanimously carried to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned

at 7:00 PM.

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CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 10, 2026
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: Central Office

Present: Samantha Fielder, Toyua Bachus, Angela Hayes, Fred Marsalis, and Dorothy Parker
The Educational Policy Committee met on August 10, 2026, and reviewed several personnel and district matters. The committee received updates regarding employees returning from leave, resignations, new appointments, and employee transfers for the 2026–2027 school year. The committee also reviewed upcoming **Community Spotlight** recognitions. Walmart will be recognized for its continued support of the district, with Ms. Antoinette Tennessee representing the organization. The committee also discussed recognizing **Destinee Davis**, a ninth-grade student who took the ACT during the summer. The committee also received a brief update regarding ongoing facility concerns at Monterey High School. A more detailed review of the facility, remediation, and reopening plans was referred to the Building and Grounds Committee. There being no further business, the Educational Policy Committee meeting was concluded.

CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 10, 2026
Time: 3:30 PM
Location: Central Office

Present: Tom O’Neal, Vanessa Houck, Lisette Forman, Fred Butcher, Patricia Sessions, and Toyua Bachus

The Finance Committee met on August 10, 2026, and reviewed the following items:

- Patricia Sessions reviewed expenditures in the amount of \$2,051,251.46
- Bid Notice was reviewed for copy paper
- Bid Notice of Janitorial Material Supplies
 - Items such as mop heads, Pine-Sol, gloves, etc.
- Advertisement for Bids for parking lot and drainage improvements at FHS
 - Monterey High School update
 - Lower Elementary will have a wall to remove
 - Upper Elementary, as of now, just needs tile to be removed
 - Requested that Mr. O’Neal get with the attorney, Volkert, contractor, etc.
 - Add contract extension to the board
- FHS punch list
 - Mr. O’Neal will check on this

There being no further business, the Finance Committee meeting was concluded.

CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 10, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Central Office

Present: Nathan Cloessner, Board Member; Wayne Wilson, Board Member; Derek Carson, Board Member; Toyua Bachus, Superintendent; Tom O’Neal, CFO; James White, Maintenance Coordinator; Mike Norris, District Athletic Director/Attendance Specialist; Allison Jowers, Principal, VHS; Kale Davis, School Athletic Director, VHS; and Aaron Davis, Bryant Hammett & Associates.

Monterey High School Facility Update

The Building and Grounds Committee met to discuss ongoing facility concerns at Monterey High School, including HVAC issues, moisture, water intrusion, mold remediation, and cleanup efforts.

The committee was informed that a temporary 30-ton air-conditioning system had been installed in the Lower building to assist with temperature and humidity control while remediation continued.

The Upper building was reported to have fewer areas of concern. Water damage and moisture were identified in the area of Rooms 122–130, including affected ceiling tiles. Additional investigation was underway to determine the source of the moisture.

Monterey High School will remain closed through Wednesday, August 12, 2026, while remediation and facility assessments continue. The district will provide the school community with an update by 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, 2026, regarding the status of reopening.

Football Field

The committee discussed improvements to the Vidalia football field, specifically the laying of sod. Discussion included the work needed to improve the condition of the playing surface and prepare the field for use.

Other:

We also went over the work orders for all schools.

Next Steps

- The district will continue working with contractors to complete remediation at Monterey High School, investigate moisture concerns, assess available instructional spaces, and determine when affected areas can safely return to normal operations.

- The district will also continue coordinating the planned sod work for the Vidalia football field.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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NOTICE

I, DARIEN B. WRIGHT, have been convicted of 14:43.1 SEXUAL BATTERY on Oct. 06, 2010, 15:542 FAILURE TO REGISTER/NOTIFY AS A SEX OFFENDER on Oct. 22, 2025. My address is 958 RIVERSIDE DR, VIDALIA, LA 71373

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