

Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 07/29/2026

The Town of Ferriday (herein referred to as the "Owner") will accept sealed bids marked for the construction of the project described as follows:

Town of Ferriday – Wastewater Collection Improvements Phase 1 – Pump Stations

Bids shall be addressed to the Town of Ferriday and received by special delivery, in person, or by mail located at the Engineer's Office., 6885 Hwy. 84, Ferriday, LA 71334, not later than 2:00 p.m., Local Time, on Thursday, August 27, 2026. At that time, the Bids will be opened and read.

Complete bidding documents for this project are available in electronic form and can be downloaded from the following designated website: <http://www.central-bidding.com> under Bryant Hammett & Associates, LLC. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with <http://www.centralbidding.com> website as a plan holder. If Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper form, you must register with the Engineer in order to place a bid. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submit a bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered through the designated website. Prospective Bidders are solely responsible for obtaining the most up-to-date bidding Documents from the designated website. **Bids will not be accepted through the online bidding portal, they must be received by mail, and or delivery as stated above.**

All bids must be submitted on the proper form. The contractor must display his contractor's license number prominently on the outside of the envelope. Any bids received after the specified times and date will not be considered.

Each bona fide bidder must register with the Engineer and obtain the Bid Documents from the Engineer or the designated website to submit a bid. The Bidding documents may be requested by email at bhallc@bha-engineers.com or by calling (318)757.6576, upon payment of \$250.00. In accordance with R.S. 38:2212(D), deposits on the first set of documents furnished to bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents; deposits on any additional sets will be refunded less the actual costs of reproduction. Refunds will be made upon the return of the documents within 10 days of receipt of bids. Refunds will be given on the first set of documents furnished to bona fide prime bidders upon return of the clean, unmarked documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids in accordance with LSA R.S. 38:2212(e).

Prime Bidders may also obtain an electronic set of bidding documents in PDF format. Contractors are responsible for reproduction/printing. There is no fee for the electronic set of bidding documents. Contractors desiring to bid shall prove that they hold an active State License of proper classification in full force and effect in **Municipal and Public Works**.

In accordance with RS 38:2212 G(2) plans and specifications shall be available to bidders until twenty-four hours before bid opening date.

The Corporate Resolution must be signed and sealed. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Bid bonds shall be written by a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570 list of approved bonding companies, which is published annually in the Federal Register.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Any interpretation of the bid documents shall be in writing, addressed to Bryant Hammett & Associates, L.L.C. at 6885 Hwy. 84, Ferriday, LA 71334, or emailed to kcapedepon@bha-engineers.com, and to be given consideration, must be received at least ten days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids. No communication after this date.

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

The successful bidder will be required to execute the Owner's Standard Form of Agreement/Contract for construction together with the Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) working days after issuance of the Notice of Award. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

All awarded contractors will be required to attend a monthly meeting, with mandatory attendance from the Project Engineer, Resident Inspector, and Contractor, or their authorized representatives, at the beginning of each month to review quantities for pay estimates, process change orders, review work performed during the month and discuss any problems that may have arisen.

Please notify the Town of Ferriday (318) 757-3411 or BHA (318)757-6576 seven (7) days in advance of the scheduled bid opening if special accommodations specified under ADA are required.

The Owner hereby notifies all offerors that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Minority Business Enterprise will be afforded equal opportunity to submit offers in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or disability in consideration for an award.

The Concordia Sentinel Publication Dates: July 29, 2026
August 5, 2026
August 12, 2026

Town of Ferriday Alvin Garrison, Mayor 1116 S. Second Street Ferriday, LA 71334

7/29; 8/5,12 \$81

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 07/29/26

The Concordia Parish School Board will receive Sealed Bids marked "Bid" for the construction of the project described as follows:

CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD FERRIDAY HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the Concordia Parish School Board (Owner), at the **Engineer's office located at 6885 Hwy. 84, Ferriday, LA 71334** no later than **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2026**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Any bids submitted **after the above stated time and date will not be considered.**

All bids must be submitted on the proper form. The contractor must include his contractor's license number on the Bid. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered.

Prospective Bidders **must** be registered with the Engineer and obtain electronic Bid Documents from the Engineer in order to submit a bid. The Electronic Bidding Documents may be requested via email at bhallc@bha-engineers.com, or by [calling \(318\)757-6576](tel:3187576576). Contractors are responsible for reproduction/printing of Bidding Documents. No printed sets of Bidding Documents are available. Contractors desiring to bid shall provide evidence that they hold a State License of proper classification and in full force and effect. For contractor information, this project is classified as municipal and public works and/or heavy construction.

In accordance with RS 38:2212 G(2) plans and specifications shall be available to bidders until twenty-four hours before bid opening date.

The Corporate Resolution must be signed and sealed. The Owner cannot waive any informalities on the bid form. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders. Bid bonds shall be written by a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key rating Guide or by an insurance company in good standing licensed to write bid bonds which is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana Residents.

The contractor may withdraw a bid by affidavit within 48 hours of the bid opening in accordance with LA R.S. 38§2214.C; for patently obvious, unintentional and substantial mechanical, clerical or mathematical errors. The Bids will remain subject to acceptance for forty-five (45) days after the Bid opening, or for such

longer period of time that Bidder may agree to in writing upon request of Owner.

Any interpretation of the bid documents shall be in writing addressed to Bryant Hammett & Associates, L.L.C. at 6885 Hwy. 84 West, Ferriday, LA 71334 or emailed to medwards@bha-engineers.com and to be given consideration must be received at least **ten days prior** to the date fixed for the opening of bids. **No communication after this date.**

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

The successful bidder will be required to execute the Owner's Standard Form of Agreement/Contract for construction together with the Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) working days after issuance of the Notice of Award. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

The Owner hereby notifies all offerors that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, that Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit offers in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin or disability in consideration for an award.

Toyua Bachus, Superintendent
Concordia Parish School Board
4358 Hwy. 84
Vidalia, LA 71373

Concordia Sentinel Publication Dates:

July 29, 2026
August 5, 2026
August 12, 2026 \$70.50

BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Concordia Parish School Board will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., August 13, 2026, at the Parish Revenue Department Facility, 508 John Dale Drive, Vidalia, Louisiana, for the following item(s).

20# 8 ½" x 11" Multi-purpose premium white office paper, having no less than a 96 % technical brightness, suitable for high speed copiers, offset duplicators, and laser/inljet printers. Bids are to be received on a delivered case price only, containing 10 each 500 count reams. The bid quantity is to be 760 cases.

The Bids will be opened and read aloud in public at the regular monthly meeting of the Concordia Parish School Board on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

Under established statutory guidelines the Concordia Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities incidental thereto.

Please find bid related materials and place your electronic bids at www.centralbidding.com.

In accordance with the provisions of LRS 38:2251, and upon quality certification by a corporate official this bid does qualify for a Louisiana preference...

/s/ Thomas H. O'Neal
Director Business Affairs

Please publish: July 29, August 5 & August 12, 2026 \$22.50

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Concordia Parish School Board will receive sealed bids/quotes until 2:00 p.m., August 13, 2026, at the Parish Department of Revenue Facility, 508 John Dale Drive, Vidalia, Louisiana 71373 for the following:

JANITORIAL MATERIALS/SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026/2027

The bid will be awarded on composite and/or product classification totals and not on individual items. The school system does not have ample storage facilities and therefore will make a draw against supplies in accordance with the bid throughout the school year. Although supplies may be drawn as needed, they will primarily be drawn during the months of September, January and May. Advance notification will be given to the vendor prior to that primary request for such supplies.

The bids will be opened and read aloud in public at the monthly meeting of the Concordia Parish School Board on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Specifications and quantities may be obtained at the Parish Revenue Department Building between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. For additional information you may contact Mr. James White/Ms. Christina White in the maintenance department or Ms. Doris Davis in our accounting department; Telephone (318) 336-4226, Extensions #3511, #3510 or #3827 respectively.

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For your convenience, please find bid related materials and place your electronic bids at www.centralbidding.com.

/s/ Thomas H. O'Neal
Director Business Affairs

Publish dates: July 29, August 5 & August 12, 2026 \$27

PARISH OF CONCORDIA
PUBLIC NOTICE
Parcel# 9540036651

Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Concordia has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed properties. These properties have previously been adjudicated to the Parish of Concordia for unpaid taxes. The property described herein below will be purchased through the Parish "Lot Next Door" program and is therefore exempt from the public hearing requirement. For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E & P Consulting, LLC: 318-807-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@louisianalandsolutions.com

Parcel# 9540036651 / Municipal Address: Clayton, LA 71326

Brief Legal: LOTS 7 AND 8, BINGHAM-MCCLURE ADDN

Legal Description: All of Lots No. Seven (7) and Eight (8) of the BINGHAM-McCLURE ADDITION to the Town of Clayton, Louisiana, as shown by plat of survey made by J.P. Sessions, Reg. C.E. #184, in March 1952 and recorded in Deed Book "J-4", Page 113 of the Records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

8/12 \$21

CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY REGULAR MEETING JULY 13, 2026 6:00 P.M.

The Concordia Parish Police Jury met this day in regular session convened. There were present the following members:

President	Cornell Lewis
Members	Maurice Bachus, Kenny Simpson, Adam Probst, Red Tiffee, Collin Edwards, Genesis Allen, and Kale Davis
Absent	Wilbert Washington
Secretary/Treasurer	Ariella Carter
Invocation	Maurice Bachus
Pledge of Allegiance	Adam Probst

The meeting was called to order by President Lewis Ms. Carter conducted the roll and a Quorum was declared present.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to approve the purchase orders, statutory reports, bank statements, and bank reconciliations as reported. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve adopting a resolution providing for the canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, June 27, 2026, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve adopting a resolution to assist Capital Area Finance Authority with their request to for tax-exempt bond to finance loans for first-time homebuyers within jurisdictional parishes. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tiffee, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the appointment of Mr. Richard "Ben" Taunton as a member on the Concordia Economic

Development Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tiffee, duly seconded by Mr. Edwards to cite the following ordinance violations:
Mr. Lewis - 353 Eagle Road tall grass.

Work orders from the Jurors were next brought forward. A motion was made by Mr. Tiffee, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the following:
Mr. Simpson – Behind Faith Tabernacle & Dodge Store; Howard Road next to the lagoon needs to be dug out to drain.

Mrs. Allen – 509 Doty Road the ditch is still not flowing.
Mr. Lewis – grapple truck needed in Vail Acres & Concordia Park has limbs on roads.

Mr. Davis – Property at 291 & 305 Crestview one is adjudicated.
The following updates were provided for Superintendent's Work Orders:
610 (yards) – 60 yds Archer, 60yds Ames, 45yds on Poole Rd. (Ferriday), 45yds on Wildcow, 60yds on Forrest, 30yds on Newman, 45yds on Country Meadows, 15yds on Twin Oaks, 15yds on Belle Grove, 15yds on Country Club, 15yds on Doty Road, and 15yds on Plouden Bayou
Maintenance Gravel – 35 yds on Archer, 15yds on Temple, and 7yds on Deer Park
Culverts – 18" x 30' on Wild Cow, 15"x 37" Twin Oaks, 48"x68" with bank on Co-op Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiffee, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the superintendent's work orders. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:
Mr. Bachus – Check on coroner charges; Asked for update on the waterbug.
Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Simpson to obtain a quote to have the exterior rocks painted to match the inside. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Simpson, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tiffee, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to exit executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATE

I, Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer of the Concordia Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Concordia Parish Police Jury at which a quorum was present and participating on the 13th day of July 2026, in Vidalia, Louisiana.

Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer

8/12 \$69

CONCORDIA PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #2 REGULAR MEETING JULY 30, 2026 5:00 P.M.

The Concordia Parish Fire Protection District #2 Board met this day in regular session convened. There were present the following officers and members to wit:

Members: Virgil Barnes, Harvey Cowan, Gary Neal
Absent: Doyle Bryan, Margie Hodge
Fire Chief: Vick Brown
Secretary/Treasurer: Jan Smith

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Barnes following the prayer, pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Motion was made by Mr. Neal and duly seconded by Mr. Cowan to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 12, 2026. Motion unanimously passed. There were no minutes for June due to a lack of quorum.

Motion was made by Mr. Cowan and duly seconded by Mr. Neal to pay the bills for June and July as per list presented. Motion unanimously passed.

Chief Brown reported:
1. The department had responded to 4 structure fires, 1 vehicle fire, 1 brush fire, 1 smoke alarm, 1 MVA, and 2 public assist.
2. One firefighter would start at the fire academy in Baton Rouge on August 3rd.

Motion was made by Mr. Neal and duly seconded by Mr. Cowan to approve the May and June budget reports. Motion unanimously passed.

There was no correspondence or public comment.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Cowan and duly seconded by Mr. Neal to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned.

/S/ Jan Smith
Secretary/Treasurer

8/12 \$33

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINITY MEDICAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS June 30, 2026 Trinity Medical Board Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular scheduled meeting of the Trinity Medical Board of Commissioners was called to order at 5:09 PM on Tuesday, June 30th, 2026, by Board Chairman, Mr. Jim Graves.

II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Fred Marsalis opened the meeting with prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Ingram.

III. ROLL CALL

A roll call revealed the following members present: Mr. Graves, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Marsalis, Mr. King, Mrs. Lipsey, Mr. Crum, and Dr. Ingram. Also present were: Mrs. Nekeisha Smith, Administrator, Mrs. Neely Greene, COO, Mr. Spencer Holder, CFO, Mrs. Lauren Guedon, CCO, Mr. Joey Martin, Concordia Sentinel, and Ms. Jordan Murray, Administrative Assistant.

OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, Chairman Graves opened the meeting to public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Graves asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting on May 27, 2026. The previous minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Marsalis and a second by Mr. King. The motion carried unanimously when put to a vote.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT
The March 2026 Financial Report was presented by Mr. Holder and approved with a motion by Mrs. Lipsey and a second by Mr. Marsalis. The motion passed unanimously when put to a vote.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Administrative Report June 2026
Mrs. Smith's administrative report included the following announcements:
• Health and Wellness Fair will be held on August 28th from 9-12.

VIII. MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mrs. Greene requested annual approval for Surgery, Anesthesia, & Respiratory Departmental Policies and Procedures. Mr. Marsalis made the motion to approve Departmental Policies and Procedures for annual approval with a second from Mr. Butcher. The motion was carried unanimously when put to a vote.

IX. APPOINTMENTS and RESIGNATIONS

On a motion by Dr. Ingram and a second by Mr. Crum, all appointments and resignations were approved as presented. The motion was carried unanimously when put to a vote.

X. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mr. Graves asked for a motion to reserve the right to enter Executive Session. Executive Session entered at 5:27 P.M and ended at 5:46 P.M.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

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No new business for the month of June.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mr. Graves thanked everyone for their attendance and support. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. King and a second by Mr. Butcher. The motion carried unanimously when put to a vote.

JIM GRAVES, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
NEKEISHA SMITH, CEO
SECRETARY

8/12 \$66

CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 6, 2026
Location: Superintendent's Office
Time: 9:30 a.m

Committee Members Present
•Dorothy Parker, Chair
•Fred Marsalis, Sr.
•Angela Hayes

Staff Present
• Rhonda Moore, Human Resources Director

The Educational Policy Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Dorothy Parker.

Rhonda Moore presented resignations, appointments, transfers and retirements.

We briefly discussed the VJHS project update, which is an item on the board's agenda. Mr. Marsalis noted that there has been progress on the school's grounds.

Adjournment

CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 6, 2026
Location: Central Office
Time: 3:30 PM

Committee Members Present
•Fred T. Butcher, Chair

Staff Present
•Tom O'Neal, Chief Financial Officer
•Patricia Sessions, Interim Business Manager

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred T. Butcher.

Financial Reports and Expenditures

Mrs. Sessions presented the monthly expenditure report for June 2026 in the amount of \$3,732,924.00. Mr. Butcher noticed that some schools' reports were the same. Mrs. Sessions stated that bank statements had not been received.

Update on System's FY 2024/25 Review

Mr. O'Neal stated that the audit should be completed by July 11th. He was able to get the June report submitted so that the MFP funds could be released. Mr. O'Neal stated that we receive about \$21 million annually for MFP and Payroll is running about \$2 million per month. Mr. Butcher stated that cuts made by the Superintendent will help, but we have got to find a way to fund the \$2,000 pay raise. Mr. Butcher suggested a spending freeze. Mr. O'Neal suggested a hiring freeze. Mr. O'Neal stated that we could have hired two people for that we paid to outsource AC this year. Mr. Butcher suggested moving Principals around instead of hiring new ones. Mr. Butcher wants to meet next week to discuss spending. Mr. O'Neal predicted a large deficit this year.

Consider Football Fields Maintenance Contract

Bryant Hammett sent rates/costs for the football fields. Mr. O'Neal said we need someone to oversee the fields.

Review any Other Items

Mr. O'Neal stated that we have to be out of the Weeks building by August 25, 2026. He is not sure if we have started to clean out the building. Mr. O'Neal said we should clean out our warehouse instead of renting PODS (to save money). He said we cannot lease the back of Southern Designs because it is already leased to someone else. He said the owner said we could lease the old K-Mart in Natchez for \$2,500 per month for 5,000 square feet of space.

Adjournment

CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 6, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Central Office

Committee Members Present
•Derrick Carson, Chair

Staff Present
• Tom O'Neal, Chief Financial Officer

Guest Present:

Christine Purnell, Principal at CPA

The Building and Grounds Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Derrick Carson.

Items of Discussion

- A. Discussed VHS and FHS football fields
- B. Discussed CPA – New Principal Safety Concerns
- C. Reviewed work orders
- D. Reviewed board meeting agenda
- E. Discussed any other matters

Adjournment

8/12 \$87

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026

The School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at the Media Center, 508 John Dale Dr, Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 6:00 P. M. The meeting was called to order by Board President

Fred Butcher. Following the prayer and pledge, President Butcher declared that the Board was ready for the transaction of business.

Board members present were Mr. Fred Butcher, Mr. Fred Marsalis, Mrs. Vanessa Houck, Mrs. Angela Hayes, Mrs. Dorothy Parker, and Mr. Derrick Carson. Mr. Wayne Wilson and Mr. Cloessner were absent. Mrs. Forman came in at 6:18 at the end of the finance committee report.

President Butcher noted that comment cards were available on the table with the agendas. He explained that if anyone wanted to make a comment regarding an action item on the agenda, they should fill out a comment card and bring to the table where the board members were seated and they would be acknowledged when the item they were interested in came up.

Superintendent Bachus indicated that going forward the district would be recognizing community leaders that have assisted our schools in various ways. Such recommendations will be received from school board members, school principals and other school level administrators. This month, we have chosen two such organizations for their educational contributions to our district and its students. Those organizations are Concordia Parish Library and 21st Century Workforce Development.

• Mrs. Amanda Taylor was presented with a plaque for the Concordia Parish Library.
□ She introduced the members of the Library Board who were present and spoke about the summer reading program and the entertainers that the library brought in for the children's enjoyment. She said how much she appreciated Superintendent Bachus for arranging transportation for the children.

□ Mrs. Taylor mentioned that the book mobile rotated through the schools every other week and how much the children enjoyed it.

□ The library offers the Homework Louisiana program so any child from K-12 who needs help with their homework can click onto the data base and speak to a live tutor.

□ The library funds a program to bring in various type artists into the schools. She mentioned one such that the children loved was a saxophonist who recently visited from Lafayette.

□ The library's new endeavor is the Dolly Parton Foundation, which is all over the country. The library is going to pay for the funding and the school district is going to help target the children with their addresses. The children will have a book mailed to their home each month, and it's theirs to keep. This program will go on for an entire year.

• Dr. Rochelle Kelly, with 21st Century Workforce Development, was also presented with a plaque.
□ She explained that she is the lead representative for the AI Enhancement Institute. They provide programs through an MOU with our district as well as districts in Tensas, Madison, and East Carroll.

□ The programs are for cyber security, AI, drone aviation, and sustainable agriculture. The students are able to receive their certification when completing high school. She explained that this is our first year; we had our pilot program last year in which we have an MOU with one of our accredited universities, Benedict University, in South Carolina. These hours are accredited so if the students decide they want to transfer to another university, they can. If they decide not to, these students are equipped to come out of high school and make at least \$60,000 a year in AI and cyber security.

□ This past year we started our program with the school seniors. To relieve any such pressure on the students, this upcoming year we plan to start with sophomores and juniors. There is no cost to the school board or to the parents. 21st Century pays for everything. We will be offering music engineering and videography as well. Dr. Kelly thanked Superintendent Bachus for trusting them to bring these programs to Concordia Parish.

The committee reports were given next:

- The Educational Policy report was given by Mrs. Parker.
- The Finance Committee report was given by Mr. Butcher.
- The Building & Grounds Committee report was given by Mr. Carson.

Mr. Butcher asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the June 11, 2026, meeting as well as the June 25, 2026, meeting. It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Carson and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

Mrs. Patricia Sessions presented the invoices in the amount of \$3,732,924 for the month of June 2026. It was moved by Mr. Marsalis, seconded by Mrs. Forman and unanimously carried to accept the report as given.

Mrs. Rhonda Moore presented the Personnel Report. The report was available in the board members' folders.

Concordia Parish School Board Regular Meeting
Educational Policy Committee
Personnel Announcements
July 6, 2026

Resignations:
Pamela Atkins, Paraprofessional, Ferriday High School, effective August 3, 2026.
Remonia Demby, Teacher, Ferriday Lower Elementary School, effective July 15, 2026.
Chelsea Harrell, Teacher, Monterey High School, effective June 30, 2026.
Gwendolyn Taylor, 12 Month Janitor, Vidalia High School, effective July 6, 2026.
Raven Proby, Teacher, Ferriday Upper Elementary School, effective July 31, 2026.
Micah Lawrence, Teacher, Concordia Parish Academy of MST, effective July 31, 2026.
Jessica Carter, Director of Secondary Education, Central Admin., effective June 30, 2026.
Howard Johnson, 12 Month Custodian, Vidalia Junior High School, effective June 11, 2026.
Rachel Armfield, Teacher, Monterey High School, effective July 31, 2026.
Tanja O'Steen, SFS Manager, Monterey High School, effective April 27, 2026.

Appointments:
Taylor Rice, Teacher, Ferriday Upper Elementary School, effective August 3, 2026.
Zabrina Phipps, Teacher, Vidalia Lower Elementary School, effective August 3, 2026.
Shawnette Cheatham, Teacher, Ferriday Junior High School, effective August 3, 2026.
Valeria Johnson, Teacher, Vidalia Upper Elementary School, effective August 3, 2026.
Yolanda Sheppard, Teacher, Vidalia Upper Elementary School, effective August 3, 2026.
Amy Mason, Teacher (PreK), Vidalia Lower Elementary School, effective August 3, 2026.
Shannon Cowan, Teacher, Monterey High School, effective August 3, 2026.
Grace Davis, Teacher (PreK), Ferriday Lower Elementary School, effective August 3, 2026.
Jada Poole, Teacher, Ferriday Lower Elementary School, effective August 3, 2026.
Michael Burget, Teacher/Head Football Coach, Vidalia High School, effective July 20, 2026.
Frankie Thomas, 12 Month Janitor, Concordia Parish of MST, effective July 1, 2026.
Earnest Jackson, 12 Month Janitor, Vidalia Upper Elementary School, effective July 1, 2026.
Ricky Tolliver, 10 Month Janitor, Vidalia Lower Elementary School, effective July 1, 2026.
LaTonya Leonard, SFS Manager, Monterey High School, effective August 3, 2026.
Lavera Chester, SFS Technician, Ferriday Junior High School, effective August 3, 2026.
Clarice Powell, SFS Technician, Ferriday High School, effective August 3, 2026.

Jarvis Whitley, Jr., SFS Technician/Driver, CPSB Central Office, effective August 3, 2026.
Stephanie Johnson, Teacher, Vidalia Junior High School, effective August 3, 2026.
Michael Norris, Administrative Assistant, Vidalia Junior High, effective July 13, 2026.
Nya Credit, Teacher, Ferriday Lower Elementary School, effective August 3, 2026.
Solomon Bryant, Teacher, Ferriday Junior High School, effective August 3, 2026.
L'Niya Burrell, Paraprofessional, Ferriday High School, effective August 3, 2026.
Janice Dillon, Paraprofessional, Vidalia Lower Elementary School, effective August 3, 2026.
Deola Washington, Paraprofessional, Ferriday Lower Elementary School, effective August 3, 2026.
Bridgett Johnson, School Secretary, Concordia Parish Academy of MST, effective July 20, 2026.
Vanessa Johnson, School Secretary/Bookkeeper, Ferriday High School, effective July 20, 2026.

Transfers:
Montrell Allen, Teacher, Ferriday Lower Elementary School, to Teacher, Vidalia High School, effective August 3, 2026.
Robert O'Steen, 12 month custodian, Vidalia Lower Elementary, to 12 month Janitor, Ferriday High School, effective June 23, 2026.
Thaddeus Singleton, 12 Month Janitor, Ferriday High School, to 12 Month Janitor, Vidalia Junior High School, effective June 29, 2026.
Melody Riggs, Interim Principal, Ferriday High School, to Principal, Ferriday Junior High School effective July 13, 2026.
Elsa Carter, Principal, Ferriday Junior High School, to Interim Director of Secondary Education, Central Administration, effective July 13, 2026.
Bernita Dunbar, Academic Coach, Central Administration, to Interim Assistant Principal, Ferriday High School, effective July 13, 2026.

Retirements:
Iyna Barnes, Assistant Principal, Ferriday High School, effective June 30, 2026.

Mr. Marsalis reported that the work at Vidalia Junior High is coming along nicely and that several volunteers had recently assisted the school personnel with the grass-cutting and trimming process.

Announcements:

- Superintendent Bachus announced that Summer Graduation will be next Thursday, July 16, 2026, here at the Media Center at 5:30 PM.
- Mr. O'Neal gave an update on the Ferriday High School renovation project.

There was no executive session.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Marsalis, seconded by Mrs. Houck and unanimously carried to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.

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WHEREABOUTS

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the heirs or legatees of Mercedes Bowser Taylor (AKA Mercedes Taylor, Mercedes Bowser, Mercedes Bowser Taylor), whose last known address was 176 Concordia Park, Vidalia, Louisiana 71373, please contact James R. Boyd, Attorney at Law at 318-757-3000.

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WHEREABOUTS

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the heirs of Samuel J. Rutland or anyone purporting to be an heir of Samuel J. Rutland, please contact Derrick D. Carson, P.O. Box 1106, Ferriday, Louisiana 71334 , Phone (318) 757-0200.

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the heirs of Earl K. Rutland or anyone purporting to be an heir of Earl K. Rutland, please contact Derrick D. Carson, P.O. Box 1106, Ferriday, Louisiana 71334 , Phone (318) 757-0200.

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Public Emergency Declaration

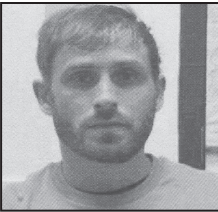
In accordance with RS 38:2212 P (l)(a), the Concordia Parish School Board has declared that an Air Quality Assessment and Mold Remediation and associated repairs at the Monterey School to be that of an emergency. This declaration was presented and approved by unanimous consent by said Board during a Special Called Session held on August 7, 2026. The meeting was held at the Ferriday Junior High School Gymnasium, 201 Martin Luther King Drive, Ferriday, Louisiana at 5:30 p.m.

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Sex Male
DOB 10/05/1990
Height: 5'8"
Weight 190
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