

Lady Tigers avoid sweep by A&M

Tatum Clopton matched a season-high six strikeouts in her first complete game of the season to lead No. 20/17 LSU in its first SEC win of the season, a 7-1 victory over No. 16 Texas A&M on Monday night at Tiger Park.

LSU (19-9, 1-5 SEC) never trailed in the game and pulled away from Texas A&M (19-9, 2-1 SEC) in the sixth inning with another four-run frame, its third in league play.

“We’re trending up,” said Head Coach Beth Torina. “I told the team tonight that we needed to win one more pitch. With one more pitch, things could go our way. It felt that way at Tennessee, too. Just win one more pitch on the defensive or offensive side. I think we’re continuing to grow and get better. Maybe, on the outside, you can’t see it, but it’s about what the coaches see and what

the players see. I think we’re learning and growing all the time. We are moving forward.”

Clopton improves to 6-1 on the season after throwing her fourth in her career. In addition to the six strikeouts, Clopton allowed one earned run, five hits, and five walks.

The Bayou Bengals tallied eight hits, led by Ci’ella Pickett’s 2-for-3 outing with an RBI, and Alix Franklin’s second home run of the season. Maci Bergeron led the team with two RBI on one hit, marking her 20th career multi-RBI game.

TAMU’s Sydney Lessentine moves to 8-2 with the loss despite recording six strikeouts in 4.0 innings. Lessentine gave up three runs, four hits and a walk.

Franklin hit a two-out home run in the second inning to give LSU its first lead of the series. After a score-



FERRIDAY HIGH’S boys basketball team brought the state championship trophy back to Ferriday Friday. Pictured on the state championship team are, assistant coach Carlton Davis, Semaj Boxley, Shavarius Watson, CJ Washington, DeMarcus Mitchell and Coach Roderick Lewis. Second row: Michael Kelly, Jeydin Hardaway, Juju Nix, Mac’Cai Maxon, Robert Taylor and Braylon Pryor. Third row: Tyvon Hawkins, Jammion Woods, Micah Johnson, Travis Atkins, Bebe Terrell, Maurice Sheppard and Bobby Allen, Jr. Top row: Head coach Shawn Davis, assistant coach Khylin Lewis, and assistant coach Derrick Davis. Not pictured Chardarius Wilson, Keyontae Webster and Khyren White. (Sentinel photo by Joey Martin)

ULM sweeps Texas State on walk-off home run

Another offensive onslaught highlighted by a walk-off home run at the bottom of the seventh catalyzed a 16-5 run-rule win by ULM baseball (12-9, 3-0 Sun Belt) over Texas State (12-7, 0-3 Sun Belt) Sunday afternoon.

The Warhawks used 18 hits to score 16 runs over seven innings and scored in five of the total innings played.

“Kudos to the hitters today,” head coach Ford Pemberton said. “We presented a plan, and they were all in on it.”

JC Dermody started strong in the first inning, collecting a strikeout and keeping the Bobcats scoreless. Davis

Mauzy and Micah Dean both walked to start the bottom of the first inning before a wild pitch moved them both to second and third base.

Bryce Blaser hit an infield single to score Mauzy from third and gave the Warhawks the early 1-0 lead.

Jake Haggard lined a double down the left field line to make the lead two runs before a Dayne Wray single to shallow center field added a run to the margin. A throwing error allowed Marcus Aranda to get on base and scored Haggard from third base, which was followed by a Kade Dupont groundout, scoring Wray to

make it 5-0 ULM.

Zach White stayed hot by hitting a single to score Aranda from third. A Garrett Wiethorn double and a Mauzy single added two more runs for the Warhawks as the home team possessed a commanding 8-0 lead to end the beginning inning.

After a scoreless second inning, the Bobcats got onto the board with a single, making it an 8-1 ballgame. ULM immediately got the run back with a Blaser double, scoring Mauzy from second to result in an eight-run lead. The margin remained the same after four as both teams went scoreless.

TXST cut into the deficit at the top of the fifth inning, using a double and a single down the right and left field line to score two runs. The Warhawks responded in the bottom frame with three runs. Mauzy and Dean produced base hits to get the two runs back before Dean scored on a wild pitch from third base, making it a 12-3 game after five.

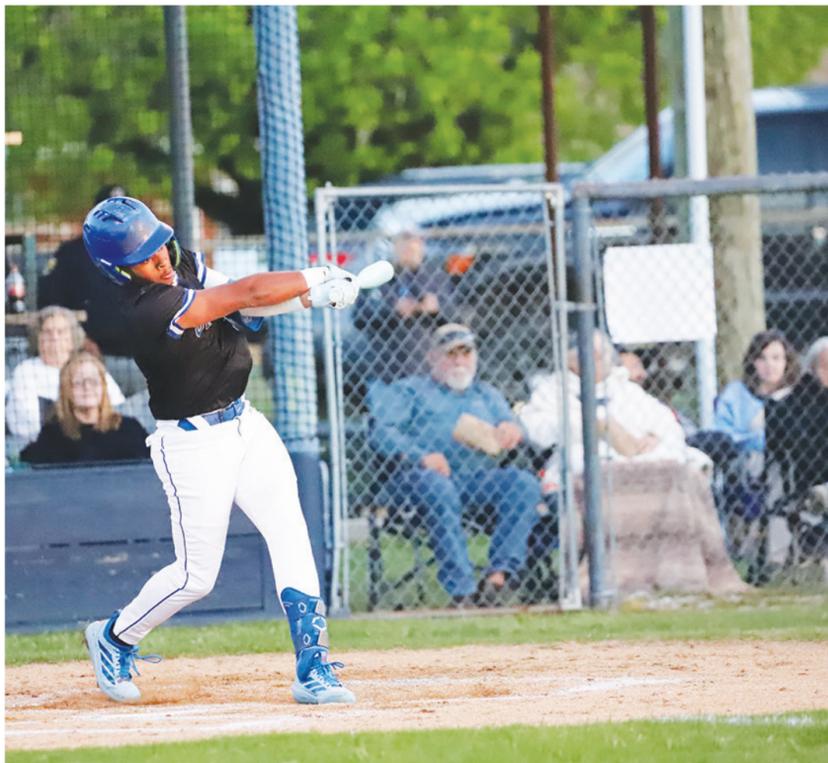
“Every time they scored, we answered back,” Pemberton said. “That was big today, and I’m really proud of this group.”

Ethan Ferris hit a home run to center field to produce the fourth run of

the game for the Bobcats.

to start the sixth inning. Once again, the Warhawks responded right back with a White double into left field to score Aranda, resulting in a 13-4 score.

A double at the top frame of the seventh plated a run for TXST to make the deficit eight runs once more. Haggard produced an RBI single to answer for ULM in the very next frame. With the run rule in play, Aranda ended the game with a walk-off two-run homer, sealing the win and series sweep.



TJ WILLIAMS of Vidalia raps a hit against Delta Charter Friday. The Vikings won the game, 17-4. (Photo by MM by Kaye Photography)

LSU gymnasts seeded No. 2

The seeding has been set for the 2026 Southeastern Conference Gymnastics Championships, announced by the league on Monday.

The nationally ranked No. 2 LSU Gymnastics team earned the second seed in the conference championships and will compete in session II at 7 p.m. CT on Saturday, March 21.

It is the second straight year that LSU has entered the two-seed at the SEC Championships as the team will look to defend their reigning two-time SEC Champions title.

The Tigers have won the meet the last two years.

Seeding for the SEC Gymnastics Championships is based on final regular-season Team National Qualifying Scores (NQS).

The championships consist of a one-day/two session team and all-around competition which includes all nine teams. LSU will start on bars in the night session and will rotate in Olympic order.

The Tigers finished the regular season with an NQS of 197.917 and held onto the No. 2 spot in

the country for the sixth consecutive week.

The 2026 SEC Gymnastics Championships will take place on Saturday, March 21 at the BOK Center in Tulsa, Okla. Session I will feature seeds 5-9 at 2 p.m. CT, and Session II will feature seeds 1-4 at 7 p.m. CT. Both sessions of the championships will air live on SEC Network.

Stay up to date with all things LSU Gymnastics by following the team’s social media channels @LSUgym on Instagram, X and Facebook.

2026 SEC Gymnastics Championship Seeding

Seed	Team	Team NQS
1.	Oklahoma	197.963
2.	LSU	197.917
3.	Florida	197.700
4.	Alabama	197.500
5.	Georgia	197.385
6.	Arkansas	197.192
7.	Missouri	197.191
8.	Auburn	196.547
9.	Kentucky	196.503

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¹“Medicare & You,” Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2025. ²“Aging changes in teeth and gums,” medlineplus.gov, 4/17/2022. ³FairHealth, Inc. National average dental fees. Data current as of July 2025; subject to change.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PARISH OF CONCORDIA

VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE AND APPRAISAL NOTICE

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC

VS SUIT NUMBER: 56306

CHELSI RENEE ALEXANDER A/K/A CHELSI RENE ALEXANDER

WRIT OF: WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE

By virtue of above WRIT issues from the Honorable 7th Judicial Court in and for the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, in the above-entitled number and cause, and to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale the following described property to-wit:

Exhibit “A”

Legal Description - Chelsi Rene Alexander

LOT FOR TY-FIVE (45) of GILLESPIE HEIGHTS SECOND DEVELOPMENT to the TOWN OF VIDALIA, in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, as shown on plat prepared by Jordan, Kaiser & Sessions, Civil Engineers, in June, 1959 and revised October, 1959, recorded in Conveyance Book C-7, page 260 of the records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana. Together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

SUBJECT TO:

1.All easements, servitudes and rights of way, recorded and unrecorded and whether existing by convention, usage and law.

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2. Oil, gas and mineral reservation b y prior vendors recorded in COB E-7, page 308 of the records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana

3. Protective Restrictions for Gillespie Heights Second Development recorded in COB A-7, page 453 of the records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

DATE OF SALE: **March 25, 2026**

PLACE OF SALE: Second floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, Louisiana

TIME TO SALE: 10:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE: Cash WITH benefit of appraisalment

DAVID K. HEDRICK, JR. SHERIFF

BY: s/s Mickie Harvey
(Deputy Sheriff)

Advertise February 25, 2026

Advertise March 18, 2026

IF APPLICABLE YOU MAY NAME AN APPRAISER TO VALUE THE PROPERTY IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED SUIT AND TO NOTIFY THE SHERIFF OF YOUR APPOINTMENT NO LATER THAN TWO DAYS BEFORE THE SALE. SHOULD YOU FAIL TO APPOINT AN APPRAISER, THE SHERIFF SHALL APPOINT AN APPRAISER FOR YOU.

03/04/2026

Sealed bids marked "Sealed Bid" – Town of Vidalia, will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

TOWN OF VIDALIA WATER WELL IMPROVEMENTS RAISING WATER WELLS AND CONTROL HOUSE

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the Town of Vidalia (Owner) either by delivery, mail or in-person, located at 200 Vernon Stevens Blvd. (P.O. Box 2010), Vidalia, LA 71343 no later than **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2026** at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids submitted after this date and time will not be considered. _____

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

A pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 a.m.** local time on **Thursday, March 19, 2026**, at the office of the Engineer, Bryant Hammett & Associates located at 6885 Hwy. 84, Ferriday, LA 71334 . Attendance is highly encouraged but not mandatory.

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 OR **must** register with the Engineer, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a bid for the Project. The designated website will offer official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents. 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 portal; they shall be received by mail, delivery, or in person.**

Construction documents can be obtained from Bryant Hammett & Associates (318-757-6576) upon payment of \$200 per set. Documents can be mailed to bidders for an additional \$25.00 per set. 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. Neither the Owner nor the Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website. Bids will not be accepted through the online bidding portal; they will be received by mail and or delivery as stated above.

Contractors are responsible for the reproduction/printing of Bidding Documents. 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 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 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 s, uch 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.

Please notify the Town of Vidalia (318)336-5206 seven (7) days in advance of the scheduled bid opening if special accommodations specified under ADA are required.

Buz Craft, Mayor
TOWN OF VIDALIA
P.O. Box 2010
Vidalia, LA 71373

Concordia Sentinel Publication Dates:
March 4, 2026
March 11, 2026
March 18, 2026 \$85.50

TRINITY MEDICAL

The Concordia Parish Hospital Service District Number One is seeing a response from individuals desiring to serve on the hospital board. Any residents of Concordia Parish who are interest in serving on this board should send a letter of interest and a resume to:

Concordia Parish Police Jury
4001 Carter St. Room 1
Vidalia, LA 71373

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PUBLIC NOTICE BAYOU COCODRIE REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

The Concordia Parish Police Jury is accepting sealed bids for the removal and relocation of debris in Bayou Cocodrie at the entrance to Ferriday. The selected

contractor will be responsible for pushing debris to the side of the bayou for Parish pickup.

Bidders must have access to a boat and/or other proper equipment necessary to safely and effectively complete the work.

Sealed bids will be accepted until **4:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2026.**

Bids should be submitted to the Concordia Parish Police Jury Office at 4001 Carter Street Room 1 Vidalia, LA 71373, bids can also be mailed to the same address.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Maurice Bachus at 318-719-0653.

The Concordia Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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PUBLIC NOTICE VEGETATION SPRAYING REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

The Concordia Parish Police Jury is accepting sealed bids for the spraying of vegetation beginning at Luke Martin Road and ending at the Brushy Bayou control structure.

Bidders must have the proper equipment and licensing necessary to perform vegetation spraying in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Sealed bids will be accepted until **4:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2026.** Bids should be submitted to the Concordia Parish Police Jury Office or mailed to 4001 Carter Street Room 1, Vidalia, La 71373

For additional information, please contact Mr. Collin Edwards at 318-507-9376.

The Concordia Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Village of Clayton is advertising for a certified building contractor to build a newly constructed metal building with the following specifications:

- Building Dimension: 36'W x 55'L x 12'H
- Roof Style: Vertical
- Guage: 14
- Concrete slab to accommodate building
- Wind/Snow rating: 140 MPH + PSF Certified
- Distance on Center: 4 feet
- Deadline to respond: Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 12 NOON.
- Bids must be sealed and addressed to Tangelia Johnson.

If interested, please call 318.757.8540 or visit 31457 Highway 15, Clayton, Louisiana 71326 or email us at townofclayton@gmail.com.

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TOWN OF JONESVILLE REGULAR & SPECIAL CALL COUNCIL MEETING 104 LILLY STREET JONESVILLE LA 71343 MARCH 3 & MARCH 6, 2026 MINUTES

On March 3, 2026, @ 6:00 P.M. a regular meeting was held in the meeting room, at 104 Lilly Street, Jonesville La 71343. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Loria Hollins. Roll was called by Anlyne Gardner, Town Clerk. The Council Members present were June Gayden and Dexter Jefferson. Also present was town attorney Joey Boothe, and via phone call Dona Manuel, CPA. Absent council members: Catina Branch, Angela Carter and Shalonda Branch. There was no quorum meeting that was closed at 6:13 P.M.

On March 6, 2026, 12:00 P.M. a special call meeting was held in the meeting room, at 104 Lilly Street, Jonesville La 71343. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Loria Hollins. Roll was called by Anlyne Gardner, Town Clerk. The Council Members present were June Gayden, Dexter Jefferson, Shalonda Branch and Catina Branch. Also present via phone call Dona Manuel, CPA. Absent council member: Angela Carter and town attorney Joey Boothe.

The Invocation was given by Council Member June Gayden, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Dexter Jefferson.

Mayor Hollins called for any person(s) to identify themselves and the agenda item(s) in which they wish to comment on in accordance with Act 850 of 2010.

A motion was made by Council Member Shalonda Branch and seconded by Council Member Dexter Jefferson to approve the minutes for the meeting on February 10, 2026.

A motion was made by Council Member Shalonda Branch and seconded by Council Member Dexter Jefferson to approve the monthly bills for the Town of Jonesville.

Dona Manuel, Dona Manuel CPA for the Town of Jonesville, gave the monthly financial report.

A motion was made by Council Member Catina Branch and seconded by Council Member Shalonda Branch to approve the mobile home permit for Roderick Washington for 1305 N. Park Street, Jonesville LA 71343, if the guidelines are met for the mobile home is to have skirting around the bottom of the mobile home. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Dexter Jefferson and seconded by Council Member Shalonda Branch to approve the mobile home permit for LeN-aesha Washington for 1203 Green Street, Jonesville LA 71343, if the guidelines are met for the mobile home is to have skirting around the bottom of the mobile home. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Catina Branch and seconded by Council Member Shalonda Branch for the Town of Jonesville to accept bids for surplus vehicles:

- Black Ford SUV-8270
- White Crown Vic-1139
- Black Ford Explorer-
- White Dodge Charger-8630

A motion was made by Council Member Catina Branch and seconded by Council Member Shalonda Branch to approve the Emergency Assistance Agreement by and between the LEPA Member Cities, which may include provisions for furnishing personnel, equipment, apparatus, supplies and/or materials for the utility services and restoration efforts through the mechanism of agreement for the Town of Jonesville.

Superintendent, Roger Jones gave his concern for garbage cans not available to the town for all customers that are in need and have not received their garbage cans from Hometown Waste. Concern about the excess garbage being thrown at the old town hall being that is just a staging sight for debris for the Winter storm.

Council Members: District Concerns

- June Gayden- pot holes need to be fixed.
- Dexter Jefferson- lights have not been fixed at the park (near playground).
- Shalonda Branch- There are lots of dog complaints
- Angela Carter-N/A
- Catina Branch- N/A

Mayor Report:

- Entergy March through May 8th will be working in town.
- March 10th Job Fair at the Old Townhall
- Easter Egg Hunt March 28, 2026
- Clean-up April 25th
- Glen Ditch project has been awarded.

- Town Gas audit went very well
- Tensas Basin- assisted on Red Oak with a 12' beaver dam
- Soybean Festival- October 9th & 10th

A motion was made by Council Member Catina branch and seconded by Council Member Shalonda Branch to adjournment. Motion was carried.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS SP# 1873

Sealed bids will be received by the Procurement Section of the Division of Administration, 1201 N. 3rd. St., 2nd. Floor, Suite 2-160, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 10:00 A.M. for the following:

RFx No. 3000026041, ATV Trail Improvements – LDWF, 4/01/26

Bid proposal forms, information and specifications may be obtained by accessing the bid number in LaPac at www.doa.Louisiana.gov/osp or from the procurement section listed above. No bids will be received after the date and hour specified. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

Amy Vincent
Director of State Procurement
FAX (225) 342-8688

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Concordia Parish School Board Educational Policy Committee Meeting Minutes Date: Monday, February 9, 2026 Time: 9:30 AM Location: Central Office

Committee Members present:

- Dorothy Parker
- Angela Hayes
- Fred Marsalis, Sr.
- Rhonda Moore
- Toyua Watson-Bachus, Superintendent

Call to Order

The Educational Personnel Committee meeting was called to order by Superintendent Toyua Watson-Bachus in the Superintendent's office on Tuesday, February 6, 2026 at 9:30 AM. Mrs. Bachus opened the meeting and transitioned to personnel updates led by Human Resources Director Rhonda Moore.

1. Personnel Updates and Staffing Changes

Mrs. Moore presented a summary of recent personnel movements within the district, including transfers and appointments to support operational needs across school sites.

Discussion occurred regarding stipend payouts connected to personnel changes. Mr. Marsalis raised questions regarding contractual obligations requiring full stipend payments once partially issued. Mrs. Bachus noted the need to review stipend practices and contractual language.

Proposed Organizational Restructuring

Superintendent Bachus presented a proposal to combine the following positions:

- Director of Child Nutrition (School Food Service)
- Director of Child Welfare and Attendance

Rationale for Combination:

- Operational streamlining
- Reduction of duplicated or unnecessary duties
- Increased efficiency across departments
- Alignment with practices in neighboring districts

We also discussed other components of the organization change that included changing the Maintenance position to a coordinator position and moving the Title I instructional supervisory into a more academic role. Doing this will reduce an additional general fund position.

Financial Impact:

- Estimated annual savings: **\$250,000 (reducing 2 district level positions)**
- Funding structure for the new position:
 - 50% USDA funding
 - 50% General Fund

Mrs. Bachus explained that the restructuring would allow the district to reallocate funds more effectively while maintaining compliance and service delivery expectations.

Concordia Parish School Board Maintenance Committee Meeting Official Minutes

Location: Central Office
Date: February 9, 2026
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Members / Representatives Present

- Bryant Hammett & Associates — Charron Davis, Brant Jones
- Arte Goode, Catahoula Spraying
- LSU AgCenter — Eric DeBoer and Kylie Miller
- James White, Maintenance Coordinator
- Joseph Smith, Principal, FHS
- Allyson Jowers, Principal, VHS
- Toyua Bachus, Supt.
- Nathan Cloessner, Board Member
- Derrick Carson, Board Member

Call to Order

The Maintenance Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Central Office by Superintendent Toyua Bachus. The purpose of the meeting was to review facility maintenance needs, athletic field conditions, and current work order progress across the district.

Agenda Item 1: Football Field Review

Discussion was held regarding the condition and maintenance needs of the district football field(s).

The LSU AgCenter representative, Mr. Eric, presented the findings from recent soil testing. The report included analysis of soil composition, nutrient levels, and recommended treatment actions to improve turf quality and field sustainability.

Representatives from Bryant Hammett & Associates provided additional recommendations and presented a proposed aeration schedule designed to support field health and drainage.

Committee Consensus:

All parties agreed that aeration services will occur twice per year moving forward to maintain optimal playing conditions.

Agenda Item 2: Work Order Review

The Maintenance Supervisor provided a monthly overview of district work orders, including:

- Copies of completed work orders
- Listings of ongoing projects
- Progress updates on active maintenance requests

Committee members reviewed documentation and discussed timelines, prioritization, and operational capacity.

Facility-Specific Maintenance Discussions

The following sites and needs were specifically addressed:

- **Ferriday Junior High School (FJHS) Cafeteria** — Review of maintenance concerns and needed improvements
- **Monterey High School (MHS) Gym Roof Access Ladder** — Safety and accessibility considerations discussed
- **Vidalia Lower Elementary (VLE)** — Gutters and drainage systems reviewed, including concerns related to water flow and structural impact

Concordia Parish School Board Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2026

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Location: Central Office
Time: 3:30 pm

Committee Members Present:

- Fred Butcher
- Vanessa Houck
- Toyua Bachus
- Tom O'Neal
- Patricia Sessions
- Jon Betts

Call to Order

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

Agenda Items & Discussion

1. School Auditing Plan The committee discussed the status of school audits and strategies to address the current backlog. A plan was developed to begin auditing secondary schools first. Mr. Jon Betts provided recommendations and assisted in outlining a plan of action to move the process forward.

2. District Restructuring Plan The committee discussed a district restructuring plan designed to be proactive rather than reactive in addressing organizational and financial needs.

Superintendent Toyua Bachus shared that this restructuring is an extension of a previous recommendation approved by the Board to establish a Maintenance Coordinator position in lieu of a Maintenance Supervisor position.

Additionally, Superintendent Bachus presented a request for Board approval to combine the Child Welfare and School Food Service positions into one consolidated role as part of the district's efficiency and sustainability efforts.

3. January Financial Statement The committee reviewed the financial statements for the month of January. Discussion included current expenditures, revenue status, and overall financial positioning of the district.

4. Retiree Insurance Reimbursement Plan The committee reviewed and discussed the retiree insurance reimbursement plan. Consideration was given to increasing the district's contribution amount to better support retired employees.

5. Avoyelles/Concordia Mineral Lease Nomination The committee discussed matters related to the Avoyelles/Concordia mineral lease nomination.

6. Central Administration Facility Appraisal The committee discussed the projected appraisal date for the Central Administration facility and next steps related to the appraisal process.

Adjournment

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

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

The School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at the Media Center, 508 John Dale Dr., Ste B, Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, February 12, 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. He 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.

Board members present were Mrs. Lisette Forman, Mr. Fred Butcher, Mr. Fred Marsalis, Mr. Derrick Carson, Mrs. Angela Hayes, Mrs. Dorothy Parker, Mr. Nathan Cloessner, and Mr. Wayne Wilson. Mrs. Houck joined the meeting at 6:22 PM.

President Butcher stated that the committee members would remain the same this year with Mr. Cloessner taking Mr. Taunton's place on the Building & Grounds Committee.

Superintendent Bachus recognized the school board members for their training hours earned during the last calendar year. She read a resolution proclaiming that all the board members had earned the required hours. She noted that all had earned more than the minimum required and presented each with a certificate of training hours awarded by Janet Pope, Executive Director of the Louisiana School Board Association.

Superintendent Bachus then recognized the Sidney A. Murray, Jr., Citizenship Awards for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades:

3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
CPA Shelby Nations	Isaiah Warner	Channing Cothorn
FUE Deandre Scott	Zariyah Bowan	Armani Howard
MHS Emileigh Coco	Audrey Pecanty	Kennedi Ryals
VUE Johana Escamilla-Perez	Bailey Michot	Conner Coldiron

Mayor Buz Craft addressed the board members, stating that the Town of Vidalia would like to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the school board to improve the two tennis courts at Vidalia Junior High School and overlay them for basketball courts. The Town will cover all expenses of the project, which is estimated to be \$48,000. Mayor Craft asked that the basketball courts be open to the public and not locked. Mr. Carson asked if the town would be taking care of maintenance and upkeep of the courts. Mayor Craft confirmed that the town would, noting that the backboards, rims, and nets were basically the only items needing maintenance. Mr. Carson suggested that the town's attorney draw up the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and send to our attorney. Once they agree the board can hold a special meeting to approve.

Following Mayor Craft's presentation, it was moved by Mr. Marsalis and seconded by Mrs. Forman to add "Item A. 1. Town of Vidalia Project at Vidalia Junior High School" to the Items for Discussion and Appropriate Action section of the agenda. A roll call vote was requested to add the item:

- Mrs. Parker Yea
- Mr. Marsalis Yea
- Mrs. Houck Yea
- Mr. Carson Yea
- Mrs. Hayes Yea
- Mr. Wilson Yea
- Mr. Cloessner Yea
- Mrs. Forman Yea
- Mr. Butcher Yea

The motion passed with 9 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, and no absences.

The committee reports were given next. The Educational Policy report was given by Mrs. Parker, the Finance Committee report was given by Mr. Butcher, and the Building & Grounds Committee report was given by Mr. Carson.

It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Marsalis and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular January 8, 2026, meeting.

It was moved by Mrs. Forman, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried to approve the invoices in the amount of \$6,588,044 for the month of January 2026 as presented by Mrs. Patricia Sessions.

Mrs. Rhonda Moore presented the Personnel Report. The report was available in the board members' folders, and Mrs. Moore noted that there were no changes since the committee meeting on Monday.

**Concordia Parish School Board Regular Meeting
Educational Policy Committee
Personnel Announcements
February 12, 2026**

Resignations:

Allyson Houston, Teacher, Vidalia Upper Elementary School, effective February 27, 2026.

Racquel Irving, School Secretary, Ferriday Junior High School, effective February 12, 2026.

Tiffany Burley, Secretary/Bookkeeper Business Department, Central Administration, effective January 15, 2026.

Charles Sproles, Teacher, Ferriday High School, effective February 9, 2026.

Sarah Shecton, Teacher, Vidalia Lower Elementary School, effective January 23, 2026.

Kassidy Adams, Teacher Concordia Parish Academy of MST, effective January 16, 2026.

Shermel Bell, Bookkeeper/Special Grants Coordinator, Business Department, effective January 7, 2026.

Rebekah Turner, Paraprofessional, Ferriday Upper Elementary School, effective February 5, 2026.

Leaves:

Rachel Armfield, Teacher, Monterey High School, FMLA / extended medical leave, effective December 18, 2025 through February 17, 2026.

Jenna Bannon, Teacher, Vidalia Junior High School, FMLA/extended medical leave, effective September 4, 2025 through February 12, 2026.

Keesa Terrell, Teacher, Concordia Parish Academy of MST/ Concordia Education Center, maternity leave, effective January 5, 2026 through March 2, 2026.

Transfers:

Caroline Golden, Paraprofessional, Vidalia Upper Elementary School, to Teacher, Vidalia Lower Elementary School, effective February 2, 2026.

Jackie Williams, 2.5 hr./9-month Sweeper, Vidalia Upper Elementary School, to 5 hour/10 month Janitor, Vidalia Lower Elementary School, effective January 12, 2026.

Shekayla Miller, Paraprofessional, Ferriday Upper Elementary to Teacher, Ferriday Upper Elementary, effective January 13, 2026.

James White, Maintenance /HVAC, Central Administration, to Maintenance Coordinator, Central Administration, effective January 26, 2026.

Trui Vaughn, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Title 1, to Interim Bookkeeper/Special Grants Coordinator, Business Department, effective January 20, 2026.

Appointments:

Taylan Smith, Paraprofessional, Ferriday Upper Elementary School, effective January 15, 2026.

Tamantha Miller, Teacher, Vidalia Junior High School, effective February, 3, 2026.

Retirements:

Janice Lanies, 5 hour/10 month Janitor, Vidalia Lower Elementary School, effective January 9, 2026.

President Butcher read a comment card from Dr. Raymond Riley in which Dr. Riley asked the Town of Vidalia to consider including work on the softball field at Vidalia Junior High as well as the tennis courts. President Butcher noted that the item being discussed was only the tennis courts and Mayor Craft had already left the meeting. Mr. Wilson noted that the mayor indicated that these upgrades would be done in phases so the softball field would probably be addressed in the future.

Regarding the Town of Vidalia project at Vidalia Junior High School, it was moved by Mr. Marsalis, seconded by Mrs. Forman and unanimously carried to hold a special meeting when Superintendent Bachus receives the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement from our attorney to approve the plan presented by the Mayor.

An Update by Superintendent Bachus on the Athletic Code of Conduct was next. She stated that board members have a copy in their folders of the sign-in sheet and the agenda whenever the committee meets.

Superintendent Bachus presented a district restructuring plan to the board which will potentially result in \$250,000 in savings. The superintendent then asked for approval of a job description for combining the food service supervisor and the child welfare and attendance director positions. This will begin with the 2026-27 school year. It was moved by Mrs. Houck, seconded by Mrs. Forman to approve the combined job description.

A roll call vote was requested:

- Mrs. Parker Nay
- Mr. Marsalis Yea
- Ms. Houck Yea
- Mr. Carson Nay
- Mrs. Hayes Yea
- Mr. Wilson Nay
- Mr. Cloessner Yea
- Mrs. Forman Yea
- Mr. Butcher Yea

The motion passed with 6 yeas, 3 nays, no abstentions and no absences.

Mr. Carson gave an update from the Buildings & Grounds Committee on the football fields. He stated that Eric DeBoer with the LSU AgCenter has given us a detailed report on the fields and also some chemical studies on the water and soil testing. His report includes recommended treatment actions to improve turf quality and field sustainability. Brant Jones and Aaron Davis with Bryant Hammett & Associates also provided additional recommendations and presented a proposed aeration schedule from Complete Turf Care. Mr. Cloessner stated that if we accept this plan for maintenance, it's got to be followed or all of this is for nothing. If we're going to agree to this, we've also got to ensure someone is going to properly tend to the fields. Superintendent Bachus said that she and Mr. James White, the maintenance coordinator, would be meeting with the principals about such issues. Work will begin in March and the second round will be in August. It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Forman and unanimously carried to accept the proposals from LSU AgCenter and Complete Turf Care.

Mr. Tom O'Neal presented a mineral lease nomination for consideration by the Louisiana State Mineral Board on behalf of the district. This mineral interest is in and under immovable property described and situated in Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 7 East, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, on which the district owns approximately 7.94%. It was moved by Mr. Marsalis, seconded by Mrs. Forman and unanimously carried to give the superintendent and Mr. O'Neal the authority to give permission to the State Mineral Board to advertise this section of property. A roll call vote was requested:

- Mrs. Parker Yea
- Mr. Marsalis Yea
- Mrs. Houck Yea
- Mr. Carson Yea
- Mrs. Hayes Yea
- Mr. Wilson Yea
- Mr. Cloessner Yea
- Mrs. Forman Yea
- Mr. Butcher Yea

The motion passed with 9 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, and no absences.

Mr. O'Neal then presented the plan to increase retired personnel insurance benefit reimbursements. He then explained the current percentage that the school district pays and that the increase would be an additional 10%. This proposal would include all retired personnel who have worked at least 10 years for the Concordia Parish School District. It was moved by Mrs. Houck and seconded by Mr. Wilson to accept the proposed increases for retired personnel insurance benefit reimbursements. A roll call vote was requested:

- Mrs. Parker Abstain
- Mr. Marsalis Abstain
- Mrs. Houck Yea
- Mr. Carson Yea
- Mrs. Hayes Yea
- Mr. Wilson Yea
- Mr. Cloessner Yea
- Mrs. Forman Yea
- Mr. Butcher Abstain

The motion passed with 6 yeas, 0 nays, 3 abstentions, and no absences.

Superintendent Bachus noted that the next item, to accept the second reading of Policy JGCF-25 "Behavioral Health Support for Students," was not approved last month with the other policies because the board needed additional information, which is included in the board members' folders. It was moved by Mrs. Forman, seconded by Mrs. Houck and carried to accept the second reading of Policy JGCF-25 Behavioral Health Support for Students with Mr. Carson voting nay. Mr. Butcher remarked that before the new school year, he would like to have another name for special education or special populations.

Superintendent Bachus asked the board to consider making the calculation of absences for the 4-day work week to be day-to-day. It had been presently 1.25 days deducted for a 1-day absence. The central office staff absences will be calculated the same during the summer months, while working a 4-day work week. The Personnel contracts will be changed to 178 days, instead of 182 days. It was moved by Mrs. Forman and seconded by Mrs. Parker. A roll call vote was requested:

- Mrs. Parker Yea
- Mr. Marsalis Abstain
- Mrs. Houck Yea
- Mr. Carson Abstain
- Mrs. Hayes Abstain
- Mr. Wilson Yea
- Mr. Cloessner Yea
- Mrs. Forman Yea
- Mr. Butcher Nay

The motion passed with 5 yeas, 1 nay, 3 abstentions, and no absences. Mr. Butcher asked for the record to show that he voted nay because he is opposed to the 4-day work week.

Superintendent Bachus asked Mr. Marsalis to explain the request to relocate the recreation lights at Vidalia Lower Elementary. Mr. Marsalis noted that there is a set of lights not being used at the ball field at the Vidalia Lower Elementary cam-

pus. The lights had been donated to VLE by the Recreation District. After discussion, it was agreed that in order to move them back, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement will be needed between the school board and the Recreation Board. It was moved by Mrs. Forman, seconded by Mrs. Houck and unanimously carried to have the Recreation Board draw up a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for our attorney to review.

Announcements by Superintendent Bachus:

•The upcoming Special Education Advisory Council, or SEAC, meeting on Friday, February 27, 2026, at 1:00 PM at the Media Center.

•Honors Banquet March 11, 2026, at the Vidalia Conference & Convention Center beginning at 6:00 PM.

There was no executive session.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Houck, and unanimously carried to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

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**Fifth Louisiana Levee District
February 11, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District met in regular session on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at the Levee Board Office, 102 Burnside Drive, Tallulah, LA at 9:00 a.m. President Reynold Minsky called the meeting to order. Commissioners Taunton, Kennedy, Hill, Brown, and Arthur answered rollcall.

After no public comments were made, the Board approved minutes from the January meeting on a motion by Commissioner Taunton, second by Commissioner Brown.

Commissioners reviewed and approved claims submitted for January on motion by Commissioner Arthur, second by Commissioner Hill, after hearing no public comments. Commissioners reviewed financial statements for the same period.

On motion by Commissioner Hill, second by Commissioner Arthur, Board approved bid from Lakeside Ford for the purchase of a 2026 Ford F150. No public comments were offered.

On motion by Commissioner Hill, second by Commissioner Kennedy, Board approved bid from Goldman Equipment for the purchase of two Bushhog Cutters with the walking axle. No public comments were offered.

Hearing no public comments, The Board approved permit request from Waterproof Plantation seeking to place a locked gate and cross fence on property line north of the Town of Waterproof in Tensas Parish on motion by Commissioner Arthur, 2nd by Commissioner Hill.

There being no new business to consider, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Commissioner Arthur, second by Commissioner Kennedy.

Reynold Minsky, President

Jason Trichell, Director

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CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

School Board Member Training Resolution

WHEREAS, each member of a city and parish school board shall receive a minimum of six hours of training and instruction, as required by ACT 705 of the 2011 Louisiana Legislature; and

WHEREAS, this training and instruction shall consist of school laws of this state, laws governing the powers, duties, and responsibilities of city and parish school boards, educational trends, research and policy; and

WHEREAS, such instruction may be received from an institution of higher education in this state, from instruction sponsored by the State Department of Education, or by an in-service training program conducted by a city or parish school board central office or the Louisiana School Boards Association, or training provided at the national level; and

WHEREAS, each member of a city and parish board shall receive one hour of ethics training, per year, of their tenure as board member;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it become public record that FRED T. BUTCHER, DOROTHY M. PARKER, FRED MARSALIS SR., VANESSA HOUCK, LISETTE FORMAN, DERRICK CARSON, ANGELA W. HAYES, WAYNE WILSON, AND MATT TAUNTON, members of the CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, have successfully received and exceeded the six hours of required training as mandated by the Legislature of Louisiana and all board members have fulfilled the mandate of one hour of ethics training for the year 2025.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Superintendent of CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at its regular School Board meeting on February 12, 2026.

TOYUA BACHUS, Superintendent
CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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I Seth Buchanon Powell, have been convicted of 14:81.1 PORNOGRAPHY INVOLVING JUVENILES on Feb. 19, 2020. My address is 159 ELLIS RD, MONTEREY, LA 71354 My address is 159 ELLIS RD, MONTEREY, LA 71354

Race White
Sex Male
Date of Birth 09/07/1993
Height 5'11"
Weight 187
Hair Color Bald
Eye Color Hazel

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I, DANIEL OUCHLEY, have been convicted of 14:81 INDECENT BEHAVIOR WITH JUVENILES on Mar 11, 2021. My address is: 225 Cowan St. Ferriday 71334.

Race: White
Sex: Male
Date of birth 04/21/1993
Height 6'0"
Weight 137
Hair Color Brown
Eye Color Brown

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I, MATTHEW WAYNE FONTENOT, have been convicted of 14:80, CARNAL KNOWLEDGE OF A JUVENILE on Aug 14, 2013. My address is 919 MOOSE LODGE RD, VIDALIA LA 71373

Race White
Sex: Male
Date of Birth 02/03/1993
Height 5'7"
Weight 140
Hair Color Brown
Eye Color Hazel

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**Public Notice Deadline
Noon on Friday.
318-757-3646**