

New faces vie for Tech QB

Head Coach Sonny Cumbie has been synonymous with explosive offenses dating back to his days as the signal caller at Texas Tech.

Bulldog fans have seen many high-octane offenses themselves throughout the years and should expect no different in 2022.

For the third-consecutive season, the quarterback position is up for grabs in the middle of fall camp. However, no familiar faces vying for the role as the quarterback room was completely overhauled following the 2021 season.

Transfers Matthew Downing (RS Jr., TCU/Georgia) and Parker McNeil (RS Sr., Texas Tech, Troy, Navarro CC) headline the quarterback position battle.

Rounding out the quarterback room is the 2021 Louisiana Football Gatorade Player of the Year Landry Lyddy (Fr.), in addition to Northern Colorado transfer Andrew Brister (Rs Fr.), Navarro JC transfer Jack Turner (So.) and Lonnie Ratliff IV (Fr.)

Parker McNeil "Quarterback is where it really starts on offense," Cumbie stated. "Both Matthew (Downing) and Parker (McNeil) are the two that have the most experience, but that does not mean others can't get into it. It is not a job that is decided by one play or one day. It is decided by consistency throughout fall camp and how they prepare and execute in live situations."

McNeil and Downing are familiar with Cumbie's offense as McNeil spent last season at Texas Tech with Cumbie and Downing played under Cumbie in 2020 while at TCU.

Downing and McNeil are both fierce competitors but vying for the same starting role has not hurt their friendship.

"We have a nice cohesive quarterback room," Downing stated. "It is always a pleasure to work with guys like we have. Me and Parker are great friends and hang out a lot off the field. We are all able to build off each other's ideas and ask questions. We challenge each other every day. Parker is a great quarterback. He works



LA. TECH QUARTERBACKS. Photo by Hunter Corneliusen

hard and it has been a lot of fun."

"Me and Matthew (Downing) are competing as hard as we can," McNeil said. "Matt is a great quarterback so it is always a great challenge. He always pushes me to do better and I hope I do the same for him."

"Both Matthew and Parker have done a lot of good things through fall camp," Cumbie remarked. "They both have each had their days with the ones and then with the twos. They both have had good moments and moments where they have to value the football more. I have been pleased with where they are at in terms of knowledge and execution. Landry Lyddy has done a very good job too and is picking up where he left off in the spring. He has really improved over the summer in terms of what we are doing and knowing where to go with the ball. I am really pleased with our quarterbacks and how they have competed."

While the starter remains unknown, one certainty is that they will have plenty of weapons to target. The Bulldogs return 59.6 percent of their receiving yards, 65.3% of their receptions and 59% of their receiving touchdowns from last season.

"Our receivers have been great so far," Co-Offensive Coordinator and Wide Receivers Coach Jake Brown said. "Our guys have done a good job of learning the playbook and catching on. Our older guys have done a good job of helping the younger guys out. We have a really close room and we all pull for each other, the energy has been great."

Smoke Harris returns for his Redshirt junior season after tallying 71 receptions, 756 yards and six touchdowns last season. He also led the Bulldogs in receptions in every single game in 2021, becoming the first player since Biletnikoff Award Winner Troy Edwards (1998) to accomplish the feat. The Bulldogs' second-leading receiver, Tre Harris is also back. Harris posted 40 catches, 562 yards and four receiving touchdowns last season.

Smoke "It is really big having receivers like Smoke and Tre back," Brown explained. "They have taken a lot of reps in their career. They are leaders that lead by example."

"All of our newcomers have impressed me so far," Brown added. "Every day we are getting a little bit better and that is all that we can ask of them. We have thrown a lot at them with learning a new offense but they are getting a lot better every day."

One newcomer at the wide receiver position that has been making a lot of noise in fall camp is Tru Edwards, a transfer from Hawaii by the way of Navarro Junior College where he was coached by Co-Offensive Coordinator Scott Parr. Edwards is the son of former Tech great Troy Edwards.

Tru Edwards One thing that is vital for Brown and the receivers this season is the importance of their play when it comes to setting the tone of the offense.

"I tell the receivers that they set the tone every day. If we make plays we set the tone and if we don't make plays then the energy level is low. In game and in practice our play impacts the tone of our offense."

Tech is just 23 days from its season opener on Sept. 1 at Mizzou.

Kickoff at Missouri is slated for 7 p.m. and the game will be broadcast nationally on ESPNU. For complete coverage of Bulldog Football, please follow Louisiana Tech on social media at @LATechFB (Twitter), LATechFootball (Facebook), and @LATechFB (Instagram) or visit the official home of Louisiana Tech Athletics at LATechSports.com.



FERRIDAY PLAYERS head to practice Monday. The Trojans practice on the field behind the visitor's bleachers. (Photo by Joey Martin)

Former LSU golfer earns way to PGA

Former LSU golfer and national team championship member Ben Taylor earned his way back on the PGA Tour Sunday at the final event of the Korn Ferry Tour regular season in Omaha.

Taylor will now be eligible to play on the 2022-23 PGA Tour when it begins its wrap around season next month.

Taylor, from Epson, London, played collegiately at Nova Southeastern and LSU, becoming the first player in history to help NCAA Division I and II programs win a team national title.

A 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Finals graduate who returned to the Tour in the "Floor of Five" category this year (150-200 on the PGA rankings), the 30-year-old Englishman entered the regular season finale on the bubble but played his way back to the PGA TOUR with a 9-under 62 – which featured three eagles, including a hole-out deuce at the challenging par-4 18th – in the third round.

Ultimately, he collected his second runner-up finish of the regular season in the final round, finishing one shot out of the lead.

Public Notices

STATE OF LOUISIANA 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PARISH OF CONCORDIA VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE AND APPRAISAL NOTICE

CONCORDIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY
VS SUIT NUMBER: 53672
KENNETH CLARK, ETAL
WRIT OF: WRIT OF FIERI FACIAS

By virtue of above WRIT issued from the Honorable 7th Judicial District 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:

SEE ATTACHMENT

I.
Lot Four (4) of the ABAR TRACT, as shown by plat recorded in Conveyance Book C-4, Page 373, of the Records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana containing ten (10) acres of land bounded as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Abar Tract, being the corner common to Section Two (2) and Section Three (3) of Township Eight (8), Range Nine (9) and Sections Thirty-Four (34) and Thirty-Five (35) of Township Nine (9), Range Nine (9), thence running East on the North line of said Section Two (2) Two Hundred Thirty (230) feet to the Northwest corner of Lot Six (6) of said Abar Tract; thence South One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Four (1,864) feet on the West line of Lot Six (6) and parallel to the line of Section Two (2): Hundred Thirty (230) feet to the prolongation Southward of the West line of Section (2); thence North One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven (1,877) feet along the West line of Section Two (2) and its prolongation, to the point of beginning. Together with all buildings and improvements thereon.

AND

The West five Acres of Lot 1 of the PLASSA PLANTATION, as shown by plat recorded in Conveyance Book KK, Page 74, of said Parish, bounded North by the North line of said lot, West by the west line of said lot; South by the South line of said lot, being the North line of said Section Two (2) and the North line of said Lot Four (4), first above described, and East by a line parallel to the West line of said Lot 1. Together with all buildings and improvement located thereon.

II.

A 2.82 acre tract situated in Section 52, T8N-R9E, Concordia Parish, Louisiana and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found 1/2" iron rod at the intersection of the easterly right-of-way of Louisiana Highway 900 with the centerline of a parish gravel road (Howard Road), said iron rod also being the southwesterly corner of Tract 1 (2.3 acres) as described in C.O.B. 135, page 792, document number 144924 in the records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana, said iron rod also being the POINT OF BEGINNING of herein described tract; thence along said easterly highway right-of-way N 11° 09' 43" E 114.98' (N 11° 17' E 115' call) to a found 1 1/2" iron pipe; thence continue along said highway right-of-way N 02° 42' 25" W 30.58' (30.0' call) to a found 1" iron pipe, thence along the northwesterly boundary of an existing 0.40 acre tract as shown as Tract 4 on plat entitled "Survey and a Division of 6.8 Acre Tract" dated April 1979 by James M. Hawkins, Jr., S 89° 32' 17" E 787.30' (S 88° 45' E 783.0 call) to a 1/2" iron rod; thence S 43° 13' 29" E 15.06' (S 43° 00' E 15.0' call) to a found 1/2" iron rod thence S 00° 03' 07" E 150.56' (South 150.74' call) to a found 1/2" iron rod thence along the center line of said parish road (Howard Road) N 88° 17' 00" W (base bearing) 818.90' (819.0' call) to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 2.82 acres (2.70 acres call) more or less.

This description is intended to describe all property included in the combination of 2.3 acre tract at the 0.40 acre tract as described in C.O.B. 135, page 792, document number 144924 as recorded in the records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana. The information in this description is based on actual field measurements done by Bryant Hammett & Associates, LLC Engineers and Land Surveys made on November 14, 2002

Said property being subject to all right-of-ways, servitudes, and easements recorded in the records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana, all unrecorded legal servitudes including those established through use and/or maintenance.

Further, Vendors herein declare and state that Gerald Ray Smith and Caroline Diane Smith, now deceased, have peaceable and openly occupied and possessed the herein above described premises since 1979; that their possession is as reflected by the dimensions of the plat prepared by James M. Hawkins, Jr. for Levi S. Cross and a new plat and legal description prepared by Bryant Hammett & Associates dated November 18, 2002, a copy of which is attached hereto; that the

discrepancy between this description and the description contained in their 1979 deed with respect to the length of the easterly lot line was a result of typographical error, and has caused no adverse consequence of ill effect in their possession.

Being municipal address of 636 Hwy 900, Clayton, Louisiana 71326

III.

A Tract or parcel of land being 50 feet easterly and westerly by 100 feet northerly and southerly, lying east of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and south of Bayou Cocodrie in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, and being part of the land conveyed to the Fisher Lumber Company on December 31, 1926, as shown in Book "FF" Page 500, of the Conveyance Records of said Parish, and being more particularly described as:

Starting at the center line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Tract at the point where the center line of said tract intersects the south line of the Old Road which runs along the south side of the said Bayou Cocodrie, thence easterly along the south side of the said road a distance of 814 feet to the point of beginning, thence southerly parallel to the said Missouri Pacific Railroad Tract a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence easterly parallel of the south line of the said Old Road a distance of 50 feet to a point; thence northerly parallel to the center line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Tracy a distance of the 100 feet to the south side of the said Old Road which runs along the south side of Bayou Cocodrie, and thence westerly along the south side of the Old Road a distance of 50 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with all building and improvements located thereon.

Being the property acquired by Raymond Levi Clark, Jim Wilson, Clarence Wilson and Michael L. Clark as per Judgment of Possession in the Succession of Annie Wilson Clark, Also being the property acquired Annie Wilson Clark from Cristene Cain recorded in COB Book 118, Page 30, Document No. 140152.

Bearing Municipal Address 367 Bayou Drive, Ferriday Louisiana 71334

IV

A tract or parcel of land 50 feet easterly and westerly by 100 feet northerly and southerly, lying east of Missouri Pacific Railroad, and south of Bayou Cocodrie in Concordia Parish Louisiana, and being part of the land conveyed to Fisher Lumber Company on December 1, 1926, as shown in Book "FF" Page 500 of the Conveyance Records of said Parish, and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the southwest corner of the tract or parcel of land sold to Cristene Cain and Clarence Wilson, as per Deed October 20, 1947, by this Vendor thence southerly parallel to the center line of the Missouri Pacific railroad tract a distance of 100 feet to a point, thence easterly parallel to the south line of the said Christine Cain and Clarence Wilson tract a distance of 50 feet to a point, thence northerly parallel to the centerline of the said Missouri Pacific Railroad Tract a distance of 100 feet to the southeast corner of the Cristene Cain and Clarence Wilson tract, and thence westerly along the south line of the said Cristene Cain and Clarence Wilson tract a distance of 50 feet to the point of beginning.

Being the property acquired by Annie Wilson Clark and Raymond Levi Clark as per Judgment of Possession of Levi Clark Succession and also community property acquired by Annie Wilson Clark and Levi Clark from Hardin Corbett as recorded in COB Book G-8, Page 452, Document #85427.

DATE OF SALE: August 24, 2022
PLACE OF SALE: Second Floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse, Vidalia, Louisiana
TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM
TERMS OF SALE: Cash WITH benefit of appraisalment

DAVID K. HEDRICK, JR. SHERIFF
BY: Laci Darcey (Deputy Sheriff)

Advertise July 13, 2022
Advertise :August 17, 2022

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I HAVE COMPLETED THE VALUES AND LISTINGS OF ALL THE PROPERTY, BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL, IN THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA, AND HAVE ESTIMATED THE VALUES THEREON. SAID LISTINGS WILL BE EXPOSED IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AT THE

CONCORDIA PARISH COURTHOUSE, ROOM #3, VIDALIA, LOUISIANA FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN CALENDAR DAYS BEGINNING AUGUST 25, 2022 - SEPTEMBER 15, 2022. ANYONE DESIRING TO EXAMINE THEIR ASSESSMENT IS REQUIRED TO CONTACT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE DURING THE SAID CALENDAR DAY PERIOD.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY TO YOUR ASSESSOR BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR FILING AN APPEAL WITH THE BOARD OF REVIEW. THE FAILURE TO SUBMIT SUCH INFORMATION MAY PREVENT YOU FROM RELYING ON THAT INFORMATION SHOULD YOU PROTEST YOUR VALUE.

/S/ JEANNIE M. ARCHER CONCORDIA PARISH ASSESSOR
8/10,17

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ADMINSTRATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES

The Concordia Parish Police Jury is applying for a grant under the FY 2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program for the purposes of street improvements. The Concordia Parish Police Jury is interested in procuring the services of an administrative consulting firm to prepare the application package and to administer and implement the project if it is successful in being funded.

The procedures for the selection of this firm will be in accordance with the procurement requirements of the LCDBG Program. All responses received will be evaluated in accordance with the selection criteria and corresponding point system that is identified in the request for proposals package. That package also identifies the scope of services to be performed by the selected firm.

The Concordia Parish Police Jury will award the contract to the respondent obtaining the highest score in the evaluation process.

Interested parties are invited to secure a package from the Concordia Parish Police Jury, 4001 Carter Street, Room 1, Vidalia, LA 71373, (318) 336-7151 or via e-mail at the following address to Sandi Burley, Project Administrator at SandiBurley318@gmail.com. Methods of response to this RFP will be detailed in the application package. Submissions must be received no later than 12:00 PM on Thursday, September 1, 2022.

08/10, 08/17, 08/24

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Concordia Parish Police Jury is seeking assistance for engineering services needed to prepare the application for the FY 2023 LCDG funds and subsequent implementation of that program, if funded by the state. The type of project involved is for the purposes of street improvements.

The Concordia Parish Police Jury is soliciting qualification statements for engineering services to assist the Parish with preliminary engineering, design engineering, and inspections of this project in compliance with LCDBG Program requirements. The agreement will be on a lump sum, fixed price basis (or cost reimbursement "not to exceed" basis), with payment terms to be negotiated with the selected offeror. Reimbursement for services will be contingent on the Concordia Parish Police Jury receiving funding from the state. Local funds will be used to pay for costs, if any, for applications that are not funded under the LCDBG Program. If the application is not funded by the state, then no services beyond the application state will be required. Therefore, neither the state nor the local government will be liable for any other expenditure under the contract. The maximum amount of pre-agreement and program implementation engineering fees that can be paid for implementation with the LCDBG funds will be determined by the state and may require adjustments in the proposed contract amount.

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Monterey Rural Water System, Inc.
P. O. Box 157
Monterey, LA 71354
(318) 386-2232

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Public Notices

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The MONTEREY RURAL WATER SYSTEM INC is currently in violation of the treatment technique requirements for minimum residual disinfectant level as set forth by the State (Part XII of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code). Although this incident is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has determined that the presence of microbiological contaminants is a health concern at certain levels of exposure and requires the disinfection of drinking water to kill disease-causing organisms. Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water, but also may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. LDH has set enforceable requirements for treating drinking water to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Treatment such as filtering and disinfecting the water removes and destroys microbiological contaminants. Drinking water which is treated to meet LDH requirements is associated with little to none of this risk and should be considered safe.

We are required to monitor your water for the residual disinfectant level. This tells us whether we are effectively treating the water supply. During the compliance monitoring periods of (6/1/2022) through (6/30/2022), and (7/1/2022) through (7/31/2022), the MONTEREY RURAL WATER SYSTEM INC failed to provide the minimum residual disinfectant level in the treated water supplied to customers. The violation occurred because the treated water chlorine residual was less than 0.5 milligrams per liter in over five percent of the samples collected in the water system in two consecutive months.

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.


Due to RO membrane replacement, the erratic residual levels were sent out. Membranes have been replaced and has since been corrected.

For more information, please contact the office at (318) 386-2232.

This notice is being sent to you by MONTEREY RURAL WATER SYSTEM INC.

PWS ID# LA1029007

Date Distributed Aug. 17, 2022

 This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866)632-9992 to request the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202)690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

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**Village of Ridgcrest
Regular Meeting (Minutes)
July 12, 2022**

- 1) Mayor Carroll called the meeting to order at 6 pm.
- 2) The Invocation was led by Alderwoman Bolyer.
- 3) Mayor Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4) A roll call was conducted. Those present were: Alderwoman Barrett, Alderwoman Humphries, Alderwoman Bolyer and Mayor Carroll. A quorum was declared. (Also present, Attorney Stuart Boykin).
- 5) Mayor Carroll opened the meeting for public comments on agenda items: Alderwoman Bolyer called a motion to add an Air Conditioner to the agenda, seconded by Alderwoman Barrett and carried unanimously.
 - A) Alderwoman Barrett proposed a motion to have a letter submitted to the homeowners (100 Vidalia Road) referencing the Village of Ridgcrest Code of Ordinances, Ch.17, Article 17-61, 62, 63. Front yard, back yard/all ditches including area near road side and around mailbox. Mayor Carroll stated he would have a letter sent to the homeowners addressing the lawn issue. No more public comments. Mayor closed the floor.
- 6) A motion was made by Alderwoman Barrett seconded by Alderwoman Humphries to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 14, 2022. There was a change made, Alderwoman Bolyer was marked down instead of Alderwoman Barrett. A new copy was made with the correction. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) The CPA report June, 2022 have not received back so a motion to table was called and carried unanimously.
- 8) Village Clerks report for June, 2022. Motion was made by Alderwoman Bolyer and seconded by Alderwoman Barrett and carried unanimously.
- 9) Under the Mayors Report, Mayor Carroll gave an update on the ARPA funds regarding allocating to former employees. He stated that during the time of their employment they had been compensated and if any further questions need assistance to see the Village Clerk and she will have a folder with the proper documentation. Motion was made by Alderwoman Bolyer and seconded by Alderwoman Barrett and carried unanimously.
- 10) New Business-
 - A) Hire Village Clerk (Mechelle Donnelly) (\$13) Passed
 - B) Motion to send clerk to conference at end of month, seconded by Alderwoman Barrett. Carried unanimously
 - C) Alderwoman Barrett called motion for new A/C or airduct upgrades. Alderwoman Bolyer seconded. Carried unanimously.
 - D) Alderwoman Barrett called a motion to add to next months agenda changing the Hire/Probation period for FT employee. Alderwoman Bolyer seconded, carried unanimously.
- 11) There being no further matters to discuss, a motion was made by Alderwoman Bolyer seconded by Alderwoman Barrett to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Veller Ray Carroll, Mayor

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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, JULY 14, 2022

The School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session at the Concordia Parish School Board office in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fred Butcher who, after prayer and the Pledge, declared that the Board was ready for the transaction of business.

Board members present were Mr. Warren Enterkin, Mrs. Dorothy Parker, Dr. Raymond Riley, Mr. Derrick Carson, Mr. Nicky Pere, Ms. Angela Hayes, Mrs. Li-sette Forman, Mr. Ricky Raven, and Mr. Fred Butcher. There were no absences.

Mike Elliott with Homeland Safety Systems, Inc., presented his company's proposal for security systems for all schools in the district.

Committee reports were presented. (see attached)

It was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mrs. Parker, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2022, and also the minutes of the Emergency Meeting held June 27, 2022.

Mr. Tom O'Neal gave the financial report in the absence of Mr. Fred Marsalis. It was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried to approve invoices in the amount of \$8,597,073 for the month of June 2022.

Mrs. Rhonda Moore presented the personnel report. The report was available in the board members' binders.

**Concordia Parish School Board
Regular Board Meeting
Personnel Announcements
July 11, 2022**

Appointments:

- Morgan Pecanty, Teacher, Monterey High School, effective August 1, 2022.
- Shekeidra Sanders, Teacher, Ferriday Upper Elementary, effective August 1, 2022.
- Zakeedra McKeel, Teacher, Ferriday Upper Elementary, effective August 1, 2022.
- Zelda Argue, Teacher, Ferriday Junior High, effective August 1, 2022.
- Victoria Wilson, Teacher, Ferriday Upper Elementary, effective August 1, 2022.

- Doris Malone, Teacher, Ferriday Junior High School, effective August 1, 2022.
- Mary Jill Spillers, Teacher, Ferriday Junior High School, effective August 1, 2022.

- Devante Scott, Teacher, Ferriday Junior High School, effective August 1, 2022.
- Christy Becnel, Teacher, Ferriday Junior High /Vidalia Junior High, effective August 1, 2022.

- Yasmin White, Teacher, Ferriday Junior High, effective August 1, 2022.

- Janice Dillon, Teacher, Ferriday High School, effective August 1, 2022.

- Stephanie Johnson, Teacher, Ferriday High School, effective August 1, 2022.

- Betty Wilson, Teacher, Ferriday High School, effective August 1, 2022.

- Madison Johnston, Teacher, CPAMST, effective August 1, 2022.

- Jalen Russ, Teacher, Vidalia Junior High, effective August 1, 2022.

- David Turner, Teacher, Vidalia Junior High, effective August 1, 2022.

- Pamela Atkins, Paraprofessional, Ferriday High School, effective August 2, 2022.

- Kaitlyn Fletcher, Teacher, Ferriday High School, effective August 1, 2022.

- Audrey Davis, Teacher, Ferriday High School, effective August 1, 2022.

- Jenna Williams, Paraprofessional, Vidalia Lower Elementary, effective August 2, 2022.

- Rashaunda Scott, Paraprofessional, Vidalia Lower Elementary, effective August 2, 2022.

Retirements:

- Kimmie Wike, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Central Administration, effective August 1, 2022.

- Dena Hale, Principal, Monterey High School, effective August 3, 2022.

- Martha Jo Greer, Secretary, Ferriday Upper Elementary, effective June 3, 2022.

- Robin Mophett, Teacher, Vidalia Lower Elementary, effective August 1, 2022.

Resignations:

- Jacquita Williams, Teacher, Ferriday Junior High School, effective August 1, 2022.

- Jessica Franklin, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Sales Tax Division, effective June 30, 2022.

- Kenneth Lloyd, 12 month Custodian, Ferriday High School, effective May 27, 2022.

- Belinda Freeman, Teacher, Vidalia Junior High, effective July 15, 2022.

- Ko'Terrica Spurs, Paraprofessional, Ferriday Junior High, effective July 29, 2022.

- Crenisha Hayes, Teacher, Vidalia High School, effective August 1, 2022.

- Kyla Williams, Teacher, Ferriday Junior High, effective July 31, 2022.

- Janice Sanders, Teacher, Monterey High School, effective July 31, 2022.

- Stephanie Blount, Paraprofessional, Monterey High School, effective July 31, 2022.

- Tanya Anderson, Teacher, Vidalia Upper Elementary, effective August 1, 2022.

- Rachel Wiley, Teacher, Vidalia High School, effective August 1, 2022.

- Jackie Mardis, School Counselor, Vidalia High School, effective July 18, 2022.

Transfers:

- Paula Fuqua, School Counselor, Monterey High School to Testing Coordinator, Central Administration effective July 11, 2022.

- Amber Passman, Assistant Principal, Vidalia Upper Elementary to Academic Supervisor, Central Administration effective July 11, 2022.

- Lashinda Nix, Paraprofessional, CPAMST, to Teacher, Ferriday Lower Elementary, effective August 1, 2022.

- Keesa McGruder, Paraprofessional, Vidalia Lower Elementary, to Teacher, Ferriday Lower Elementary, effective August 1, 2022.

- Iyna Barnes, Teacher, Ferriday Junior High, to Teacher/Administrative Intern Ferriday High School effective August 1, 2022.

- Janice Fletcher, Teacher, Ferriday Lower Elementary, to Teacher, Vidalia Lower Elementary, effective August 1, 2022.

- Eliza Boleware, Teacher, Ferriday Upper Elementary, to Literacy Coach, Ferriday Junior High/Vidalia Junior High effective August 1, 2022.

- Allison Case, Literacy Coach, Ferriday Upper Elementary, to

- Jasmine Upchurch, Teacher, Ferriday Junior High to Teacher, Ferriday High School, effective August 1, 2022.

- Ashton Rymer, Teacher, Vidalia Junior High, to Teacher/Administrative Intern, Ferriday High School, effective August 1, 2022.

- Brittany Cormier, Paraprofessional, Vidalia Lower Elementary, to Teacher, Vidalia Lower Elementary effective August 1, 2022.

- Transfers: (Continued)
Lenora Thompson, Teacher, Ferriday High School Freshman Academy, to Teacher, Vidalia High School, effective August 1, 2022.

- Karen Linton, Teacher, Ferriday High School, to Teacher, Vidalia High School, effective August 1, 2022.

- Najee Herrington, Teacher, Ferriday Upper Elementary, to Assistant Principal, Ferriday Upper Elementary, effective July 18, 2022.

- Karen Walker, Teacher, Vidalia Lower Elementary to Literacy Coach, Vidalia Lower Elementary, effective August 1, 2022.

- Courtney Green, JAG Specialist, Ferriday Junior High, to Teacher, Ferriday Junior High, effective August 1, 2022.

- Mr. O'Neal presented the sealed bids for the copy paper and janitorial supplies as follows:

VENDOR	---BIDS--- COPY PAPER	---B I D S--- JANITORIAL SUPPLIES
Contract Paper Group Nicole Masturzo 1013 Portage Trail Ste 2 Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221	\$48.65/case	
Healthy School Supply, Inc. 2093A Philadelphia Pike Ste 148 Claymont DE 19703	incomplete	incomplete
Veritiv 222 W 63rd St Shreveport LA 71106	\$49.95/case	
Online Bid #1 Liberty Paper Los Angeles CA	\$44.84/case	
Online Bid #2		

Economical Janitorial & Paper	\$44.10/case	
Online Bid #3 Quill Corporation	incomplete	incomplete
Online Bid #4 Home Depot Pro Harahan, La	\$63,151.39 composite	
Online Bid #5 Economical, Janitorial & Paper Supplies		\$65,489.61

Mr. O'Neal requested that the bids be taken under advisement. It was moved by Dr. Riley, seconded by Mrs. Parker, and unanimously carried to take the bids under advisement.

It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Carson and unanimously carried to have the superintendent meet with Mr. Fred Worthy with Merit Health to find out what can be provided and how we can expand it in the athletic training contract.

Superintendent Bachus asked to table Item E from the agenda and she will bring back the teacher incentives next month with a better plan. It was moved by Mrs. Forman, seconded by Mr. Raven and unanimously carried to table Item E.

After hearing from Superintendent Bachus regarding pay raises for support personnel, there was discussion by the board members. It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Forman and unanimously carried to approve the three parts of the plan with a start date of August 1, 2022:

(a) Cost of living increases in the amount of 2% are to be granted to employees exceeding the maximum level of 25 years' experience as reflected by their respective pay scales. Adjustments are to be made on a 3-year cycle, are to be calculated only on the base salary and are to be granted upon an employee receiving a satisfactory evaluation,

(b) Pay raise of 3% of base pay for support personnel,

(c) Part-time people, who have no fringe benefits but are certified teachers, will have a pay raise from \$25/hour to \$30/hour. Our \$20/hour people, who are degreed personnel who may not be certified, we will increase to \$25/hour. Our \$10/hour interventionists increase to \$13/hour. Our \$12/hour interventionists increase to \$15/hour.

After discussion regarding the update to the principals' contracts, it was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Dr. Riley and unanimously carried to approve the updates to the contracts as recommended by the school board attorneys.

Superintendent Bachus explained that the district has a plan for virtual learning in case the governor puts us back to Phase 1 or Phase 2, but she requested that we do not offer virtual learning for 2022-23. We already have a homebound plan established for children who are ill. Mr. Carson noted that the virtual learning program was for a limited time, only for last year, so there was nothing to vote on.

Superintendent Bachus welcomed the parents who were in attendance and noted that there were 58 parents who attended the Discipline Policy meeting on Monday. Superintendent Bachus noted that the current discipline policy has been in effect since 1999 and several parts of this policy are outdated and some parts are now illegal. We started this policy by reviewing our current policy and our attorneys came out and gave us updates on discipline. The biggest changes were cell phones and fighting. It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Forman and unanimously carried to approve the disciplinary policy subject to the typographical change needed in Section 16b.

Mrs. Parker requested that a feasibility study be done on the infrastructure of all schools in Concordia Parish to update our schools or possibly build new schools. In the discussion, Mr. Butcher recommended starting out with a survey at the school level and also hiring someone with the expertise to handle this type of study. This would include sending out RFPs and involving them in the study beginning with the survey. It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Raven and carried unanimously to form a core committee to send out RFPs and to select a committee to carry out this study and that the final committee is made up of representatives of all stakeholders.

Superintendent Bachus made the following announcements:

- Thank you to everyone who came tonight, and thank you for attending the Discipline Policy meeting Monday. We had 25 teachers and 58 parents at that meeting. In addition to that, yesterday we had 66 people come to the substitute teacher meeting. I invited all of the parents and substitute applicants to the meeting tonight so we can get to know our constituents better. At the substitute teacher meeting, over half of them were new to the school system. We actually had to send some of those home who have been working for us previously because there was no room for them to sit. We did not anticipate that level of desire and interest. We will have them fill out a survey after their first day to let us know how it went because we don't want them to sub one day, we want them to keep working for us.

- If you see Ms. Jasmine Schiele Emory, please tell her, "Job well done!" She is at the national JAG Convention in Las Vegas, NV where yesterday she was recognized and received a monetary award for her work with the JAG program at Ferriday High School. We are super proud of her and her hard work.

- We've received a check from Apell for \$1,000 for Vidalia Junior High School to be spent on teachers, and they also sent another check for \$1,000 for our Back to School Extravaganza coming up on August 2, which I'm inviting you all to attend as well. Let's give them a round of applause for their generosity to our schools. Our theme for this school year is "Refreshed, Renewed, and Rejuvenated," and each school has designed a T-shirt logo and will be wearing those shirts. There is a T-shirt designed for school board members, so I invite you all to come and wear your T-shirt.

It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Carson and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session. The time was 7:30 PM.

At 7:36 PM it was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Raven and unanimously carried to come back into regular session.

It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Ms. Hayes and unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:38 PM.

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WHEREABOUTS

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Joesph Hardy Cupit and/or Kristy Fleming Cupit whose last know addresses were: 62315 Highway 129, Monterey LA 71354, and P.O. Box 515, Monterey LA 71354 please contact James r. Boyd, Attorney at Law at 318-757-3000

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