

ULM baseball getting turf

When inclement weather turned Warhawk Field into a bog last spring, the ULM baseball team spent 17 consecutive days practicing inside Malone Stadium.

On numerous other occasions in recent years, ULM was forced to cancel, reschedule or change times for games because of rain and unplayable field conditions.

“It was a challenge on day-to-day basis,” ULM coach Michael Federico said.

The Warhawk Field renovation project should make those hardships a thing of the past while enhancing the baseball experience for coaches, student-athletes and fans.

Now underway, the \$1.4 million investment in the facility will include a FieldTurf playing surface in the outfield and infield while adding premium field-level seating behind home plate.

“I’m excited to team up with FieldTurf and we’re going to have a great product,” Federico said. “We’re doing some modifications to the field that will be neat for the players and also for the fans.”

ULM Director of Athletics Scott McDonald said grassroots fundraising brought in about \$400,000 to help make the renovation possible.

“The community stepped

up, particularly with a lot of former baseball players stepping forward,” McDonald said. “We’ve been working on it for quite some time and were able to get it together with a great community partner like the Convention and Visitors Bureau and then working with the Facilities Corp, we were able to get it together and tackle a big project.”

Funding for the project included a \$300,000 grant from the Monroe/West Monroe Convention and Visitors Bureau. The more durable FieldTurf surface will also allow ULM to host more community or youth baseball tournaments.

“Alana Cooper and Scott Bruscato with the Convention and Visitors Bureau have been amazing for us,” Federico said. “(Former President Nick) Dr. Bruno was instrumental in this to kind of get it started. Dr. Ron Berry has just jumped right on board with it.

“Of course, I can’t say enough about Athletics Director Scott McDonald and what he’s done, not only me but the entire athletic department behind the scenes.”

McDonald noted that former baseball coach Lou St. Amant made the largest individual donation while making countless telephone calls to assist the fundraising effort.



VIDALIA QUARTERBACK SEMA’J HAYES takes off on a run against General Trass Friday. (Sentinel photo by Wes Faulk)

Southeastern ranked No. 14

The Southeastern Louisiana University football team is ranked No. 14 in both the Stats Perform FCS Top 25 and the AFCA FCS Coaches Top 25, which were released on Monday.

The Lions (3-1, 1-0 Southland) maintained their ranking in the Stats Perform media poll and moved up one spot in the coaches poll after Saturday’s 38-35 road win at McNeese in SLU’s Southland Conference opener.

Southeastern held off a late Cowboy rally on the way to its first win in Lake Charles since 2014 and just its third win at McNeese since the program returned in

2003.

The Lions finished with 546 total yards in the victory, as senior quarterback Cole Kelley threw for 391 yards and three touchdowns, while also rushing for a team-high 65 yards and a score.

Kelley, who was named Southland Conference Offensive Player of the Week earlier, connected with CJ Turner, Nick Kovacs and Tim Wilson Jr. on scoring throws, while Taron Jones also found the end zone on the ground.

Justin Douglas snagged a one-handed interception to highlight the SLU defensive effort, while Brandon Barbee led the Lions

with five tackles. John Graves III, Garrett Crawford, Bryce Cage and Brendon Kelley were all credited with sacks.

Behind an offensive line that has allowed the fewest tackles for loss per game (2.50) in FCS, SLU ranks among the national leaders in total offense (552.5 ypg, 3rd), scoring offense (46.2 ppg, 4th), passing offense (406.5 ypg, 3rd), third down conversion percentage (57.7, 2nd), completion percentage (73.7, 1st), first downs (122, 3rd), red zone offense (1,000, 1st) and pass efficiency (165.85, 8th). The Lions also sit in ninth nationally in red zone defense (66.7).

Public Notices

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

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE AND APPRAISAL NOTICE

SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING INC.
VS SUITNUMBER: 52162
JAMES CONSTANT ANO DIANA D CONSTANT
WRIT OF WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE

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:

ALL OF LOT #ELEVEN (11) OF THE DEER PARK HUNTING AND FISHING CAMPSITES OUT OF DEER PARK PLANTATION (3RD development) AS PER MAP OR PLAT OF SAID LOTS ARE RECORDED IN BOOK S-8 AT PAGE 309, IN THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA

DATE OF SALE: **November 17, 2021**
PLACE OF SALE: Second Floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, Louisiana
TIME OF SALE: 10:00AM
TERMS OF SALE: Cash WITH benefit of appraisalment.

DAVID K. HEDRICK, SHERIFF

BY: s/s Laci Darcey
(Deputy Sheriff)

Advertise October 6, 2021
Advertise November 10, 2021

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.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

The School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, met in a Public Hearing Session at the Concordia Parish School Board office in Vidalia, Louisiana, and via Zoom Teleconference, on Thursday, September 9, 2021, 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.

Mr. Tom O’Neal, Business Director, gave members of the Board and the General Public a brief overview of the Consolidated Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. He indicated that the Consolidated Budget reflected revenues in the amount of \$56,707,621; expenditures in the amount of \$60,235,872; and a projected deficiency in the amount of \$3,528,251.

Mr. O’Neal stated that there is an election on a constitutional amendment coming up which will move the collection of sales tax from the local level to the state level. He recommended voting “No” on this particular amendment to keep the tax collection being done locally. Mr. Carson asked how many jobs would be lost if the amendment passes, and the answer was eight jobs would be lost.

Mr. Butcher stated he wants to hold a post-budget conference to get input from the school board members. A special meeting will be called. He also asked Superintendent Watson and Mr. O’Neal to draft a letter to be sent out to all seven of the parishes that we collect sales tax for and ask their constituents to vote “No” on the amendment.

After all comments and questions, it was moved by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Bostic and carried to adjourn the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

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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, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

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, and via Zoom Teleconference, on Thursday, September 9, 2021, immediately following the public hearing. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fred Butcher.

Members present were Mr. Warren Enterkin, Mrs. Dorothy Parker via Zoom, Dr. Raymond Riley, Mr. Derrick Carson, Mr. John Bostic, Mr. Ricky Raven, and Mr. Fred Butcher. Roll Call votes will be taken during the meeting because Mrs. Park-

er is attending via Zoom. She will identify herself and give her mailing address at each vote. Also present was Superintendent Toyua Watson.

Those absent were Ms. Angela Hayes and Mrs. Lisette Forman.

Ms. Jacqueline Schauf with Tensas Health Clinic spoke about benefits to students for primary care, wellness, dental, behavioral health, school-based services and their mobile unit. She showed a short video of their mobile unit which can be brought to the schools. She noted they are federally funded and so need no funds from the school district. They can do school physicals and hearing screenings as well. Mr. Butcher asked if they can do COVID testing, and Ms. Schauf said they can do rapid testing. Ms. Schauf has met with Superintendent Watson and left a contract with her and the school board attorney if the school board members are interested in gaining their services for Concordia Parish students.

Mrs. Joanna Faerber, the Eat, Move Grow! coordinator with NBCT, spoke next letting the school board members know that the program provides education to students in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades and provide instruction in the areas of physical activity, nutrition, and oral health. Their funding is through a federal grant for delta parishes. They are currently assisting most Concordia Parish schools except Ferriday Lower Elementary, Vidalia Lower Elementary and the elementary school at Monterey High School. Mrs. Faerber plans to connect with those campuses this school year. The program gives incentives to schools to hold activities which qualify them to receive \$400 from the program. This year one of the things they are asking schools is to become COVID vaccine stations for your staff, faculty, children who are old enough to have the vaccine as well as the community. The Department of Health will run the stations with the National Guard coming out to help with giving shots and control the movement of the people through the station. Schools can hold after-hours drive-by events on weekends or during the week after school hours. Mrs. Faerber left a contract with Ms. Watson. Mr. Carson asked Mr. Butcher if the board could go ahead and approve the contract subject to approval by the school board attorney. Mr. Butcher said to add this action to the agenda at C as an action item.

Committee Reports were presented. (see attached)

It was moved by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Bostic and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Warren Enterkin - Yea
Mrs. Dorothy Parker - Yea, 589 Hwy 900, P O Box 113, Clayton, LA 71326
Dr. Raymond Riley – Yea
Mr. Derrick Carson – Yea
Mr. John Bostic – Yea
Mr. Ricky Raven – Yea
Mr. Fred Butcher – Yea

Motion passed with 7 Yeas and 0 Nays.

It was moved by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Bostic and unanimously carried to approve the financial report and invoices in the amount of \$2,538,135 for the month of August.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Warren Enterkin Yea
Mrs. Dorothy Parker Yea, 589 Hwy 900, P O Box 113, Clayton, LA 71326
Dr. Raymond Riley Yea
Mr. Derrick Carson Yea
Mr. John Bostic – Yea
Mr. Ricky Raven – Yea
Mr. Fred Butcher – Yea

Motion passed with 7 Yeas and 0 Nays.

It was moved by Mr. Enterkin, seconded by Mr. Raven, and unanimously carried to leave the 2nd reading of the policies for “JGCE – child abuse in-service training and GBC – recruitment – applications” on the agenda for 30 days and come back up for approval.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Warren Enterkin Yea
Mrs. Dorothy Parker Yea, 589 Hwy 900, P O Box 113, Clayton, LA 71326
Dr. Raymond Riley – Yea
Mr. Derrick Carson – Yea
Mr. John Bostic – Yea
Mr. Ricky Raven – Yea
Mr. Fred Butcher – Yea

Motion passed with 7 Yeas and 0 Nays.

It was moved by Mr. Bostic, seconded by Mr. Raven and unanimously carried to approve the Consolidated Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Warren Enterkin Yea
Mrs. Dorothy Parker Yea, 589 Hwy 900, P O Box 113, Clayton, LA 71326
Dr. Raymond Riley – Yea
Mr. Derrick Carson – Yea
Mr. John Bostic – Yea

Mr. Ricky Raven – Yea
Mr. Fred Butcher – Yea

Motion passed with 7 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Superintendent Watson gave an update on her actions and projects since becoming superintendent approximately 45 days ago. She requested the board’s continued support and realistic expectations and that a meeting be scheduled so they can discuss what the board expects from her.

There was discussion on the LDH/CDC Guidelines and the many misconceptions people have. Ms. Watson noted that on August 12, 2021, LDH offered three options for quarantine for students. She requested that the board consider the middle option, which is a student is able to return to school after 10 days of quarantine from the last day they were exposed, as long as no symptoms develop with daily monitoring. She asked the principals how they felt and is now asking the board to adopt the 10-day option instead of the 14-day option. This will put the guidelines for students and for faculty and staff being similar and less confusing. Mr. Butcher noted that since we don’t have any way to monitor the students for symptoms, the 14-day period may be the best option because the 10-day option requires students to be carefully monitored during the last four days. Ms. Watson stated that all students’ temperatures are taken daily as soon as they reach the campus, but asked Mr. Butcher to wait until she finds out from upcoming LD0E correspondence about a \$360,000 grant which we are eligible for and could use to hire additional school nurses and CNAs at each of our schools to carefully monitor students. It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. Bostic and unanimously carried to table the board’s decision on the LDH/CDC guidelines for employees until after Tuesday, September 14, to see what Ms. Watson finds out.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Warren Enterkin Yea
Mrs. Dorothy Parker Yea, 589 Hwy 900, P O Box 113, Clayton, LA 71326
Dr. Raymond Riley – Yea
Mr. Derrick Carson – Yea
Mr. John Bostic – Yea
Mr. Ricky Raven – Yea
Mr. Fred Butcher – Yea

Motion passed with 7 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mr. Butcher asked Ms. Watson if it would be helpful to appoint a special committee to help her identify the needs to use the ESSER Funds. She agreed that would be helpful. Mr. Butcher asked the following board members to serve: Mr. Bostic to represent the Monterey area, Mr. Raven, the Vidalia area; and Mr. Carson, the Ferriday area. They all agreed.

Ms. Watson presented an updated Concordia Parish COVID Leave Plan which states that an employee is allowed up to a total of 10 days of paid leave as a result of COVID exposure at work or if a child of the employee is quarantined. After discussion on the process of approving leave pertaining to COVID, it was moved by Mr. Bostic, seconded by Mr. Raven and carried with Mr. Raven voting nay and Mr. Butcher abstaining that the COVID Leave Plan is accepted with the following addendums: (1) administration will rely on the principals to advise staff if they meet the protocol for COVID leave, that staff was exposed at work, (2) 10 days may be required, but they may only have a 3-day stay and then be tested if they are vaccinated, (3) a form will be completed and signed by staff member and principal, and (4) the leave will be given retroactive to the first of the school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Warren Enterkin Yea
Mrs. Dorothy Parker Yea, 589 Hwy 900, P O Box 113, Clayton, LA 71326
Dr. Raymond Riley – Yea
Mr. Derrick Carson – Yea
Mr. John Bostic – Yea
Mr. Ricky Raven – Nay
Mr. Fred Butcher – Abstain

Motion passed with 5 Yeas, 1 Nay, and 1 Abstention.

It was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. Bostic, and unanimously carried to replace the wooden handicap ramp at the FHS football stadium with a metal ramp.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Warren Enterkin Yea
Mrs. Dorothy Parker Yea, 589 Hwy 900, P O Box 113, Clayton, LA 71326
Dr. Raymond Riley – Yea
Mr. Derrick Carson – Yea
Mr. John Bostic – Yea
Mr. Ricky Raven – Yea
Mr. Fred Butcher – Yea

Motion passed with 7 Yeas and 0 Nays.

There was no Executive Session.

Mrs. Rhonda Moore presented the following Personnel Announcements:

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