

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Sixth Planning District Local Workforce Development Board (WDB) Area 60, serving Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, and Winn Parishes, is seeking proposals from qualified individuals, organizations, or consortiums to serve as **One-Stop Operator** for the **LaSalle American Job Center** in Jena, LA.

The One-Stop Operator will function as a part-time contractor responsible for coordinating workforce partner services and ensuring compliance with federal, state, and local workforce policies.

- **RFP Release Date:** June 11, 2026

- **Proposal Due Date:** July 24, 2026

• **RFP Access:** Download at www.wdb60.com, pick up at the LaSalle American Job Center (3108 N 1st Street, Jena, LA 71342), or request via email at gstringerwib60@att.net

WDB 60 is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF CONCORDIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026

The School Board of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, met in Special Session at the Media Center, 508 John Dale Dr, Vidalia, Louisiana, on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 6:00 P. M. The meeting was called to order by Board President Fred Butcher. Following the prayer and pledge, President Butcher declared that the Board was ready for the transaction of business.

Board members present were Mrs. Dorothy Parker, Mr. Fred Marsalis, Mr. Derrick Carson, Mr. Wayne Wilson, Mr. Nathan Cloessner, and Mr. Fred Butcher. Absent were Mrs. Vanessa Houck, Mrs. Angela Hayes, and Mrs. Lisette Forman. There was a quorum with six members present.

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

Mr. Tom O'Neal, director of Business Affairs, introduced the item on the agenda. He indicated that the Parish Industrial Tax Exemption Program Committee would be meeting the following day in consideration of a recently received Ad Valorem tax exemption application, on behalf of Syrah Technologies, LLC.

The project application covers Phase 3 of an expansion project that will allow the plant to increase its production by twofold. He noted that the project represents a substantial capital investment for the company and because it exceeds \$500 million, it qualifies as a mega project under the Louisiana ITEP rules. Mega project status allows the project to receive enhanced benefits, such as an abatement rate between 93% and 100% ad valorem taxes, with the parish committee's approval. He explained that at tomorrow's meeting, there would be only one item of the agenda. The Committee's review status of Recommend with Mega Project Status or Not Recommend would be required. If the local committee should not take action on the application, it would be returned to the Louisiana Economic Development indicating "No Action" by the local committee.

After discussion, wherein the board agreed that 93% tax exempt status was acceptable, it was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Parker and upon roll call vote carried to authorize Mr. O'Neal, as a member of the parish committee, to support the approval of the project with Mega Project status.

Roll call vote:

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

The motion passed unanimously with 6 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent and 0 abstentions.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Parker and unanimously carried to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

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CONCORDIA PARISH POLICE JURY REGULAR MEETING JUNE 8, 2026 6:00 P.M.

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

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

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Simpson, duly seconded by Mr. Bachus to waive the absence of Mr. Kale Davis from the May 26, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Next the sewer department was addressed by the Jury, Mr. Simpson stated that he has been receiving numerous calls in reference to the \$2.00 increase when an increase just took place in 2024, yet the service has not gotten any better. Sewer District President Mr. Nugent advised that they are looking into the complaints. Mr. Nugent advised that they had a rate study done and it was determined an increase was necessary for to be eligible for grants. Mr. Simpson recommended that the jury sets up a meeting with the sewer district to looking into having Bryant Hammett & Associates look at the sewer system and come up with a plan. Resident Mr. Kerry Lambert who lives on Guido Road made it known that when it rains the sewage backs up into his home and he can't put his plug in due to raw sewage being in his ditch. Mrs. Allen advised Mr. Nugent that the pumps in Levee Heights and Shady Acres have been down almost two years. Mr. Nugent advised that with this increase the pumps will be repaired.

Next Mr. Aaron Davis with Bryant Hammett & Associates present the Jury with updates on the Brushy Bayou Project which will be help divert stormwater into the Tensas River through Brushy Bayou taking it away from Cocodrie Bayou. The Project is running smoothly with the exception of weather delays. Also, representatives from McElroy Construction and presented different options to reconstruct the front of the courthouse where the windows have been leaking and causing the foyer to be hot during the summer months. No price was given, and the Jury along with Mr. Davis requested the price on two designs before a determination is made. Upon a motion by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Tiffee to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Carl Sayers to serve another three-year term as a member of the Concordia Parish Airport Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bachus, duly seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the following alcohol and beverage permits with a motion unanimously carrying:

- Goodson Montpelier Investments dba Dockrockers (Ferriday)
- Panola Woods Country Club, Inc (Ferriday)
- Joshua Johns dba Duck's Nest II (Ferriday)
- Janice Sumrall dba Jojo's Drive Thru (Vidalia)

Upon a motion by Mrs. Allen, duly seconded Mr. Simpson to approve sending a letter to DOTD to request more asphalt. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Edwards, duly seconded by Mrs. Allen to table having cameras installed at the Maintenance Unit by CCOR in the amount \$14,389.80. Motion carried unanimously.

Work orders from the Jurors were next brought forward. A motion was made by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the following: Mr. Bachus – grass near Ferriday lower elementary and upper levee needs grass cut and the arm mower is needed on Cocodrie Bayou by the flags. Southside Drive needs a no dumping sign. The canal on Greathouse needs to be cut and sprayed. Mr. Simpson – Howard Road needs to be looked at due to it breaking off, and also Mooselodge to Vail Acres to Westside Drive. The following updates were provided for Superintendent's Work Orders:

610 (yards) – 105 yds on Bodark, 14yds on Bell Grove, 7yds on Sportsman Lane, 30yds on Plouden Bayou, 14yds on Townsend, 7yds on Ron Rd, 14yds on North Grove, 14yds on Belle Grove
Maintenance Gravel (yds) – 15yds on Forest, 15yds on Centennial, 7yds on Sportsman Lane, and 45yds on Poole Rd. (Ferriday)
A motion was made by Mr. Probst, duly seconded by Mr. Tiffee to approve the superintendent's work orders. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Mr. Bachus checked on waterbug delivery status.

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

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Mr. Simpson to proceed with the lawsuit against Jake's HV/AC. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CERTIFICATE

I, Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer of the Concordia Parish Police Jury do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Concordia Parish Police Jury at which a quorum was present and participating on the 8th day of June 2026, in Vidalia, Louisiana.

Ariella Carter, Secretary/Treasurer

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WHEREABOUTS

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

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Concordia Parish School Board Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Date: May 20, 2026 Time: 3:00 PM

Members Present

- Fred T. Butcher
- Lisette Foreman

Staff Present

- Tom O'Neal
- Patricia Session
- Toyua Bachus

Guests Present

- Allison Jowers
- Coach Burget
- Steven Dawkins

Call to Order

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. Committee members reviewed agenda items related to district financial matters, audit updates, athletic program funding requests, and upcoming budget considerations.

Financial and Audit Updates

Mr. O'Neal presented the April 2026 financial report. Total district expenditures for April were reported at approximately \$6,159,445, which was noted as being significantly higher than a typical month due to ongoing obligations and expenditures.

The committee discussed the current status of the district audit process. It was reported that the first phase of the audit had been completed with no major findings; however, several housekeeping and accounting concerns still needed to be resolved.

Discussion also included challenges associated with inventory management across school sites, including difficulties with tagging equipment, items being moved between locations, and maintaining accurate records. Committee members emphasized the importance of improving inventory accountability procedures districtwide.

Industrial Project and Tax Exemption Discussion

The committee reviewed information regarding a proposed industrial project valued at approximately \$600 million. Discussion included the potential impact of tax exemptions associated with the project and the possible economic benefits to the parish, such as job creation.

Vidalia High School Football Program Funding Request

Principal Allison Jowers, Coach Burget, and Mr. Steven Dawkins presented concerns regarding the current condition of equipment for the Vidalia High School Vikings football program.

Coach Burget discussed the need for updated shoulder pads, helmets, workout gear, and additional weight room equipment to support student-athletes and improve safety. Concerns were expressed regarding aging football equipment and limited weight room capacity. The committee reviewed estimates totaling approximately \$33,000 for requested purchases.

Specific discussion included:

- Replacement football helmets and shoulder pads due to safety concerns
- Shorts and shirts needed for summer workouts
- Additional barbells, racks, and weight room equipment
- Existing football account balances and current outstanding invoices
- Rising game-day operational expenses including transportation, officials, and security costs

Additional Discussion

Committee members discussed:

- The need for future budget revisions to be presented at the June board meeting
- Continued monitoring of district finances and expenditures
- Upcoming interview processes and staffing needs for summer programs

- The importance of maintaining structured financial oversight and communication between principals, coaches, and booster organizations

Adjournment

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

Concordia Parish School Board Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 19, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Concordia Parish School Board Central Office

Committee Members Present

- Derrick Carson, Committee Chair
- Nathan Cloessner, Committee Member
- Wayne Wilson, Committee Member

Staff and Guests Present

- Toyua Bachus, Superintendent
- Tom O'Neal, Chief Financial Officer
- David White, Maintenance Supervisor
- Aaron Davis (Guest) – Football Field Consultant

Call to Order

Committee Chair Derrick Carson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Football Field Discussion

Mr. Aaron Davis met with the committee to discuss the current condition and

maintenance needs of district football fields. Discussion centered on the importance of proper field preparation, including addressing contaminated soil, maintaining drainage, and ensuring safe playing surfaces. Mr. Davis emphasized the need for quality topsoil and appropriate remediation before any sod is installed.

Mr. Tom O'Neal provided financial guidance regarding potential costs associated with soil replacement, field improvements, and related maintenance projects.

Custodial Uniform Policy

The committee discussed implementing a mandatory uniform policy for custodial staff. Maintenance Supervisor James Whites noted that staff compliance has been strong where uniforms are currently used and that a standardized uniform would enhance identification and staff recognition.

The proposed uniform would consist of:

- Gray shirt with CPSB logo
- Blue work pants

The estimated cost was discussed, with monthly expenses ranging from approximately \$12 to \$16 per employee.

Recommendation

The committee recommended implementing the custodial uniform policy at the beginning of the 2026–2027 school year.

Maintenance and Facilities Updates

Bird Intrusion in Classrooms at MHS

Mr. White reported ongoing issues with birds entering a Special Education classroom. The maintenance department will investigate entry points and determine the necessary repairs or deterrents.

Roof and Structural Concerns at FHS

The committee discussed water intrusion and structural issues near a newly installed awning and gym roof. It was noted that additional inspection by Malone Roofing is needed to determine the cause and recommend repairs.

Asbestos Considerations at FHS

During discussions of roof repairs, the committee noted that portions of the roof contain asbestos materials. Any demolition or repair work involving these materials must comply with all state and federal safety regulations.

Drainage and Tree Maintenance at VHS

The committee discussed the need for regular leaf and debris removal to prevent clogged drains and standing water, which can lead to additional building damage.

Storage Needs for Central Office

The committee discussed storage options for furniture, records, and equipment. Portable storage pods were considered; however, members expressed concern regarding:

- High rental costs
- Limited availability
- Secure storage of confidential documents and sensitive materials

The committee also discussed utilizing summer workers to assist with moving and organizing materials.

Recommendation

The committee recommended further exploration of storage options, including the possibility of using pods.

Budget and Planning Discussion

Mr. O'Neal advised the committee to prioritize critical maintenance and repair projects as part of the district budgeting process. Members agreed that preventive maintenance and regular inspections are necessary to avoid more costly repairs in the future.

Action Items

1. Develop and implement a custodial uniform policy for the 2026–2027 school year.
2. Investigate and address bird intrusion in classrooms at MHS.
3. Coordinate roof inspections and determine necessary repairs at FHS.
4. Ensure all asbestos-related work complies with FHS safety regulations.
5. Continue evaluating storage solutions for the central office.
6. Review and prioritize maintenance needs during budget development.

Adjournment

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Monterey High School, 5920 Hwy. 129, Monterey, Louisiana, the board of Commissioners of Consolidated Recreation District No. 2 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in Consolidated Recreation District No. 2 of the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax therein.

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