The Bienville Parish School Board met in regular session Thursday, October 2, 2025, at the Bienville Parish School Board Annex, 1956 First Street, Arcadia, Louisiana, with the following members present: Mr. Oswald Townsend, Ms. Derrika Bailey, Mr. Darren Iverson, Ms. Martha Grigg, Mr. Colton Guin, and Mr. Donald Calloway. District #1 School Board Member Ms. Sharolyn Boston was absent.

The meeting was called to order by President Guin, roll call was recorded with six board members present, one board member absent and a quorum to conduct business by Executive Secretary Mary Hutchinson, and the invocation was given by Ms. Martha Grigg, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Superintendent Leroy Hamilton, Jr.

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Ms. Derrika Bailey, passed, approving the agenda posted September 25 2025 for the October 2, 2025 regular meeting of the Bienville Parish School Board.

Motion by Mr. Oswald Townsend, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, approving the minutes of the special meeting on September 2, 2025 as distributed.

Motion by Mr. Oswald Townsend, seconded by Ms. Derrika Bailey, passed, approving the minutes of the regular meeting on September 4, 2025 as distributed.

In regards to *agenda item #7 – Adopt the millage rate for Employee Tax Benefit (9mil)* – Superintendent Leroy Hamilton explained the millage rate that was previously adopted in September 2025 (15.89%) was incorrect because it had expired and was renewed at a lower rate by a special election held on April 27, 2024. The renewal rate (13.09%) was to begin the 2025 year and would now require a new resolution. A copy of the Special Election proceedings from April was provided to the Board Members in their packets. Superintendent Hamilton read the Resolution out loud with the millage tax amount being levied. President Colton Guin allowed for public comments. None were offered or recorded.

Motion by Darren Iverson, seconded by Donald Calloway, passed with a roll call vote taken, adopting the millage rates and resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Bienville Parish School Board:

MILLAGE

Employee Benefit Tax (9 mill)	13.09 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2025, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS:	Oswald Townsend, Derrika Bailey, Darren Iverson, Martha Grigg, Colton Guin, and Donald Calloway
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	Sharolyn Boston

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on October 2, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Arcadia, Louisiana, this 2nd day of October, 2025.

/s/ Leroy Hamilton, Jr.

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(Signature of authorized person of the taxing district)

Mr. Eric Carter, Director of Maintenance and Transportation updated the Board on the emergency drills completed at each school. The Bienville Parish Schools Emergency /Crisis Management Policy states that within the first 30 days of the school year, each principal shall conduct safety drills to rehearse the components of their Crisis Management and Response Plan. This includes Bus Evacuation, Fire, Tornado, Lock Down and Bomb Threat drills. These drills are used to ensure the effectiveness of procedures that are used to keep our children save daily. Mr. Carter reported that each principal at their respected school complex has met the requirements of this policy and has successfully conducted their required drills and has presented in writing a summary of these drills. Policy also

requires that the Bienville Parish School Board establish a District Threat Assessment Team. This Threat Assessment Team includes the Superintendent, the Principal from each school, a Mental Health Professional, a School Resource Officer and an Emergency Preparedness and Recovery Point of Contact. Mr. Carter currently serve as this point of contact.

Dr. Mary Riley, Director of Special Education gave an update on the recent Outcome Based Contract Convention she recently presented at in Orlando, Florida. She thanked the Board for allowing her to attend.

Motion by Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Ms. Martha Grigg, passed to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Tool which is part of the Superintendent's Contract. The new evaluation tool included the recently added state requirement for 15% Literacy and 15% Numeracy assessments both of which are for third grade students.

In regards to *agenda item#8 Consider request for the use of school facilities* – A motion was made by Darren Iverson and a second by Oswald Townsend. However, before voting Ms. Martha Grigg requested that each item be voted out separately. A roll call vote was used for each request and recorded with the following votes:

Ringgold High School, Cafeteria and Parking Lot
Ringgold Slabtown Festival, Breakfast and Parade Lineup
October 4, 2025

Roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

YEAS:	Oswald Townsend, Derrika Bailey, Darren Iverson, Martha Grigg, Colton Guin, Donald Calloway
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	Sharolyn Boston

The use of Ringgold High School's cafeteria and parking lot by Ringgold Slabtown Festival was approved by the Board.

Ringgold High School, Cafeteria and Gymnasium
Funeral Services for Patrick Murray
October 5, 2025

Roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

YEAS:	Oswald Townsend, Darren Iverson

NAYS: Derrika Bailey, Martha Grigg, Colton Guin, Donald Calloway
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Sharolyn Boston

The use of Ringgold High School's cafeteria and gymnasium for funeral service **was not approved** by the Board.

Motion by Mr. Darren Iverson, seconded by Mr. Oswald Townsend, passed, approving the following out of state trip:

Professional Leave Request for:
Kamithia Penton, Director of Federal Programs
Tischa Mays, Principal at Crawford Elementary School
Chekelah Weaver, Principal at Arcadia High School
Requests are to attend ESEA Title I Conference in Denver Colorado
February 9-13, 2026

Noted: Cost of trip will be paid out of Title I Funds; Each Principal's reimbursement will come from their school's Title I Allocation

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Darren Iverson, seconded by Ms. Derrika Bailey, passed, adjourning the meeting.

/s/ Leroy Hamilton, Jr.
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Leroy Hamilton, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board

/s/ Colton Guin
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Colton Guin, President
Bienville Parish School Board

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Leroy Hamilton, Jr., Secretary of Bienville Parish School Board, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings of the regular meeting of the Board, October 2, 2025.

/s/ Leroy Hamilton, Jr.
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Leroy Hamilton, Jr., Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board