

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MARCH 20, 2012

The Terrebonne Parish School Board met today at 7:00 P.M. in regular session at its regular meeting place, the Terrebonne Parish School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, Houma, Louisiana, with Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, President, presiding and the following members present: Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Vice-President, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Richard Jackson, Ms. Debi Benoit, Ms. Brenda Leroux Babin, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Gregory Harding

Mr. DeHart led the Board and audience in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board recognized Mr. James Charles, retired Terrebonne Parish School Board Superintendent; Ms. Christa Duplantis, Terrebonne Parish Councilwoman – District 5; Leadership Terrebonne Candidates, and Mr. Chester Dillard, retired School Principal, all who were in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meeting of February 14, 2012, as recorded.

Mr. Harding entered the meeting at this time and was present for the remainder of the proceedings.

The following report of the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meeting was presented to the Board with Mr. DeHart, Vice-Chairman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee** met on Monday, March 12, 2012, at 5:00 P. M. in the Board Room of the School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, with the following members present: Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Ad Hoc Member. Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux, Chairman, and Mr. Gregory Harding were absent. Others in attendance were Superintendent Philip Martin and members of the staff.

Mr. DeHart called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. E. Anna Roberts, South Louisiana Center for the Arts, addressed the Committee relative to use of Ellender Memorial High School's auditorium for their theater rehearsals and performances (see attached).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board grant the request of South Louisiana Center for the Arts to waive Terrebonne Parish School Board policy relative to usage fee for Ellender Memorial High School's auditorium on April 19, 2012, for rehearsals, and April 20-21, 2012, for performances; provided that the necessary insurance, non-profit status, School Board policy requirements are met, costs associated with janitorial services are paid, and approval is obtained from the principal, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Merlin Lirette, AIA, REFP, The Merlin Group, LTD, addressed the Committee with an update on H. L. Bourgeois High School's Freshman Center (see attached).

Mr. Donald Chamberlain, Plant Operations Manager, addressed the Committee regarding maintenance updates.

There being no further business to come before the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Dale DeHart, Vice-Chairman

L. P. Bordelon, III, Ad Hoc Member

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Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board granted the request of South Louisiana Center for the Arts to waive Terrebonne Parish School Board policy relative to usage fee for Ellender Memorial High School's auditorium on April 19, 2012, for rehearsals, and April 20-21, 2012, for performances; provided that the necessary insurance, non-profit status, School Board policy requirements are met, costs associated with janitorial services are paid, and approval is obtained from the principal, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

The Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meeting report was concluded, and President Bordelon reassumed the Chair.

The following report of the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting was presented to the Board with Mr. Duplantis, Chairman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

The FINANCE, INSURANCE, and SECTION 16 LANDS COMMITTEE met in the Board Room of the School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, March 19, 2012, with the following members present: Mr. Donald Duplantis, Chairman, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-Chairman, and Ms. Debi Benoit. Also in attendance were Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Board President, Mr. Richard Jackson, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

Mr. Duplantis called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Lydia Alleman, Purchasing Agent/Grant Writer, presented the bids received on Materials and Supplies for Teaching.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Benoit, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the lowest bids received meeting all specifications on Materials and Supplies for Teaching from the following Vendors:

AFP Industries Miami, FL 33155	\$ 7,998.29
American International Sales Gilbert, AZ 85299	\$ 518.00
CDW – Government Chicago, IL 60606	\$ 2,175.58
CVR Computer Supply Cherry Hill, NJ 08034	\$53,777.60
David Marx Co. Kenner, LA 70062	\$ 717.69
Dell Marketing L P Round Rock, TX 78682	\$ 1,606.66
DGS Educational Products Delray Beach, FL 33445	\$ 9,234.66
Economical Janitorial Supply Harahan, LA 70123	\$ 7,075.91
Elgin School Supply Co., Inc. Chico, CA 95973-9058	\$ 1,408.93
Hammond & Stephens Freemont, NB 68026	\$ 90.75
Lee's Education Center Thibodaux, LA 70303	\$ 5,647.50
Mac Papers Harahan, LA 70123	\$ 2,195.25
National Art & Supplies Rahway, NJ 07065	\$13,271.44
Pyramid School Products Tampa, FL 33610-1994	\$34,406.89
Quill Corporation Lincolnshire, IL 60069-3621	\$ 807.10
School Specialty, Inc. Appleton, WS 54912-1579	\$ 2,684.05
Standard Stationary Supply Wheeling, IL 60090-6508	\$16,798.70
Stire Office World Houma, LA 70361	\$ 227.22
Teacher's Pet, Inc. Crowley, LA 70526	\$ 608.50
The Tree House, Inc. Newton, MA 02459	\$41,455.83
Unisource Baton Rouge, LA 70529	\$299,525.97
VSA, Inc. Lincoln, NE 68507	<u>\$ 7,161.36</u>

Total for all Vendors \$509,393.88

Ms. Alleman presented a request to authorize the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids for Hunting and Trapping and Campsite Leases that are currently available and/or may become available during the annual renewal period.

Ms. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Thomas, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids for Hunting and Trapping and Campsite Leases that are currently available and/or may become available during the annual renewal period.

Mr. Jack Moore presented the matter bearing upon Property Insurance renewal.

Mr. Edward Daigle, Insurance Broker for USI Insurance Services, Inc., also discussed the Property Insurance renewal.

Ms. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Thomas, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the renewal offer for Property Insurance through USI Insurance Services, Inc., providing \$50 million dollar limits per occurrence with \$10 million dollar sub-limits for wind/hail, subject to \$100,000.00 deductible per occurrence all perils except for a 3% deductible per occurrence for Named Storms, effective April 27, 2012, with an annual premium of \$1,048,063.00.

Mr. Moore presented the matter bearing upon Boiler and Machinery Insurance renewal.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Benoit, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the proposal for Boiler and Machinery Insurance from Travelers Insurance Company (Arthur J. Gallagher of Louisiana, Inc., Broker of Record), with an annual premium of \$14,325.00, subject to a \$2,500.00 deductible, effective July 1, 2012.

Mr. Moore presented the matter bearing upon Excess Casualty Insurance renewal.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Benoit, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the offer from the Louisiana School Self-Insured Group, through Ace American Insurance Co. (Arthur J. Gallagher of Louisiana, Inc., Broker of Record), covering Automobile Liability, General Liability, and Errors and Omissions Liability with limits of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence with a \$3,000,000.00 General Aggregate limit for General Liability, \$1,000,000.00 per accident for Auto Liability and \$1,000,000.00 per claim for Errors and Omissions Liability,

subject to \$300,000.00 Self-Insured Retention with an annual premium of \$167,786.00, rejecting Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Liability, effective July 1, 2012, to July 1, 2014, and authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Superintendent Martin presented a Terrebonne Parish School System Comparison of Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2008/2009 through 2012/2013 Financial Summary (see attached).

Superintendent Martin discussed the School Board opposing any State Legislation that allocates locally generated revenues to interests outside the Terrebonne Parish Public School District.

Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

The Committee recommends that the Board go on record opposing any State Legislation that allocates locally generated revenues to interests outside the Terrebonne Parish Public School District.

Superintendent Martin also presented the Committee with a draft letter concerning Governor Jindal proposing several legislative issues impacting public education (see attached).

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Benoit, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7

The Committee recommends that the letter be forwarded to the Board and that the Board accept the letter including any revisions the Board feels necessary, further, that the letter be sent to each area Legislator with signatures of each individual Board Member.

Mr. Harris Henry updated the Committee on the Sales Tax collections report. He said sales tax collections for the month of January 2012 are higher than January 2011.

There being no further business to come before the **Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee**, motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Benoit, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Duplantis, Chairman

Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-Chairman

Debi Benoit

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Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board accepted lowest bids received meeting all specifications on materials and supplies for teaching from the various vendors, as presented and outlined in the foregoing report.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids for Hunting

and Trapping and Campsite Leases that are currently available and/or may become available during the annual renewal period.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the renewal offer for Property Insurance through USI Insurance Services, Inc., providing \$50 million dollar limits per occurrence with \$10 million dollar sub-limits for wind/hail, subject to \$100,000.00 deductible per occurrence all perils except for a 3% deductible per occurrence for Named Storms, effective April 27, 2012, with an annual premium of \$1,048,063.00.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the proposal for Boiler and Machinery Insurance from Travelers Insurance Company (Arthur J. Gallagher of Louisiana, Inc., Broker of Record), with an annual premium of \$14,325.00, subject to a \$2,500.00 deductible, effective July 1, 2012.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the offer from the Louisiana School Self-Insured Group, through Ace American Insurance Co. (Arthur J. Gallagher of Louisiana, Inc., Broker of Record), covering Automobile Liability, General Liability, and Errors and Omissions Liability with limits of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence with a \$3,000,000.00 General Aggregate limit for General Liability, \$1,000,000.00 per accident for Auto Liability and \$1,000,000.00 per claim for Errors and Omissions Liability, subject to \$300,000.00 Self-Insured Retention with an annual premium of \$167,786.00, rejecting Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Liability, effective July 1, 2012, to July 1, 2014, and authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board went on record opposing any State Legislation that allocates locally generated revenues to interests outside the Terrebonne Parish Public School District.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following letter, as it relates to several legislative issues impacting public education; and further, directed that a copy of said letter, signed by each School Board Member, be forwarded individually to the local Terrebonne Parish Legislative Delegation, the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA), and the area surrounding school districts:

Dear Legislator:

Governor Jindal is proposing several legislative issues impacting public education. These issues range from teacher tenure to vouchers. The complexity and consequences of each of the many connected issues are of such magnitude that they require careful study and review. Some examples are:

- The governor has repeatedly said children attending failing schools should be given a choice; most would agree with that. The legislation however defines children attending schools with a letter grade of C, D, or F as eligible for choice. Failing in the minds of most is an F.
- Schools (private and parochial) accepting tax payer money (vouchers) become public and as such should have to adhere to the exact same rules and regulations as traditional public schools. The key word here is the same.

- Using revenues that have been specifically designated by Terrebonne Parish voters to support local public education to fund interests beyond the district, either directly or through an allocation process, doesn't seem logical, fair, or legal.
- Addressing teacher tenure without addressing bus driver tenure does not seem reasonable.

These are but some of the many issues connected to the proposed legislation. The entire package does contain some potentially beneficial aspects for education, but a complete and thorough examination that ensures a fair, equitable, and transparent process and end result is crucial.

The report of the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting was concluded, and President Bordelon reassumed the Chair and presided for the remainder of the proceedings.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Ms. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board approved the personnel appointment of Darrell Dillard, Assistant Principal at South Terrebonne High School, as recommended by Superintendent Philip Martin, effective March 21, 2012.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board ratified, as presented, the following list of professional instructional and non-instructional/support personnel actions (appointments, retirements, resignations, and terminations) for the period of February 9, 2012, through March 14, 2012:

New Employees – Professional Instructional Personnel

Jodie Broggi, Science & Study Skills Teacher, Certified-Elem 1-8, PreK-3, Evergreen Junior High - Dawn Melancon, Terminated, 02/27/12

Michelle Lewis, Science Teacher, Certified-Elem 1-5, Evergreen Junior High - Raymond Aucoin, Retired, 02/15/12

Rosa Pitre, J A G Teacher, Certified, Oaklawn Junior High - Ryan Davis, Resigned, 02/13/12

Mysti Robichaux, 4th Grade Teacher, Certified, Upper Little Caillou Elementary - Sharon Peltier, Retired, 02/27/12

Lateral Transfer – Professional Instructional Personnel

Clyde Washington, Principal Middle School, Certified, Oaklawn Junior High - James Champagne, Resigned, 03/12/12

Resignations or Terminations – Professional Instructional Personnel

Timothy Hebert, Science Teacher, Terrebonne High – Deceased, 03/02/12

Carlisle Jukes, Alternative Elementary Teacher, Juvenile Detention Center – Resigned, 02/17/12

Kimberly Moreira, Kindergarten Teacher, West Park Elementary – Resigned, 02/29/12

Gena Naquin, English Teacher, Terrebonne High – Resigned, 03/02/12

Mechelle Olivier, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Gibson Elementary – Resigned, 03/02/12

Tyese Riley-Moore, Science Teacher, Terrebonne High – Resigned, 03/05/12

Jaime Stoddard, 7/8 Combination Teacher, Houma Junior High – Resigned, 03/09/12

Resignations or Terminations – Non-Instructional Personnel

Arlinda Smith, Bus Driver, Transportation Department – Terminated, 03/02/12

At this time, the Board recognized the following employees who recently retired:

Professional Instructional Personnel

Penny Abreo, 4th Grade Teacher, Coteau-Bayou Blue Elementary - Disability Retirement, 23.17 Years, 03/10/12

Tonya Allen, Reading Curriculum Specialist, Central Office - Service Retirement, 23.45 Years, 02/11/12

Paul Johnson, Science Curriculum Specialist, Central Office - Service Retirement, 33.05 Years, 02/18/12

Non-Instructional Personnel

Marsha Dupre, Bus Driver, Transportation Department – Service Retirement, 16.27 Years, 02/25/12

Linda Hughes, Custodian I, Oakshire Elementary - Service Retirement, 10.83 Years, 03/08/12

Elizabeth Jones, Custodian I, Broadmoor Elementary - Service Retirement, 32.09 Years, 03/01/12

Judy Porche, School Secretary B-1, Evergreen Junior High - Service Retirement, 20.00 Years, 03/08/12

Carolyn Rains, Pre-Kindergarten Paraprofessional, Coteau-Bayou Blue Elementary - Service Retirement, 17.60 Years, 02/14/12

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (7:22 P.M.), relative to a parent appeal for readmission of Student #128852.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session with all members present (7:52 P.M.).

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Ms. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board denied the parent appeal for readmission of Student #128852.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Ms. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (7:55 P.M.), relative to a parent appeal for readmission of Student #130490.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session with all members present (8:19 P.M.).

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Benoit, with the exception of Mr. Thomas and Ms. Babin who objected, the Board allowed Student #130490 to return to the base school on March 21, 2012, subject to signing a contract.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board rescheduled the School Board Meeting of April 3, 2012, to April 10, 2012 (Due to Easter Holidays), and rescheduled the agenda deadline from noon Wednesday, March 28, 2012, to noon Thursday, March 29, 2012.

At this time, Superintendent Philip Martin gave a brief overview of a financial summary (previously mentioned in the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee report), as it relates to the Terrebonne Parish School System Comparison of Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2008/2009 through 2012/2013.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(8:40 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ L. P. Bordelon, III, President

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