

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**May 7, 2013**

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. Roger Dale DeHart, President, presiding, and the following members present: Mr. Richard Jackson, Vice-President; Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Gregory Harding, Ms. Debi Benoit, Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux.

ABSENT: None

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Jane Trahan and Barbara Domingue, retired school teachers, who recently passed away.

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

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meetings of April 2, 2013, and April 16, 2013, as recorded.

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, April 15, 2013, with the following members present: Mr. Donald Duplantis, Chairman, and Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-Chairman. Ms. Debi Benoit entered after roll call. Also in attendance were Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Board President, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, 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.

Mrs. Lydia Alleman, Purchasing Agent/Grant Specialist, presented information on the bids for Materials and Supplies for Teaching (attachment). She said there were twenty-seven (27) bids opened on March 6, 2013, for the entire School System.

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

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1**

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

AFP Industries	\$ 15,090.61
BYE-MO'R, Inc.	\$ 4,796.29
CDW Government	\$ 4,087.19
Contract Paper Group	\$ 7,915.68
DGS Educational	\$ 1,884.64
Economical Janitorial	\$ 4,697.39

Elgin School Supply	\$ 2,946.04
National Art & School Supplies	\$ 3,810.22
nGap, Inc.	\$ 374.43
Premier Agendas	\$ 80.60
Pyramid School Projects	\$ 29,284.87
Quill Corporation	\$ 2,091.06
S&S Worldwide	\$ 783.66
Standard Stationary Supply	\$ 21,159.69
Teacher's Pet, Inc.	\$ 4,578.20
The Tree House	\$ 101,804.27
Unisource	\$ 297,851.04
Vicknair Supply	\$ 2,336.36

Mr. Jack Moore, Risk Manager, reviewed the Boiler and Machinery Insurance renewal (attachment).

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

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 2**

**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, 2013.

Mrs. Rebecca Breaux, Supervisor of Finance and Statistics, presented an update on the Sales Tax collections report (attachment). She stated sales tax collections for the month of February 2013 are higher than February 2012.

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 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donald Duplantis, Chairman

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Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board accepted, as presented, the lowest bids meeting all specifications on Materials and Supplies for Teaching received from the following:

AFP Industries	\$ 15,090.61
BYE-MO'R, Inc.	\$ 4,796.29
CDW Government	\$ 4,087.19
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Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, 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, 2013.

The report of the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting was concluded, and President DeHart reassumed the Chair.

The following report of the Education and Policy Committee meeting was presented to the Board with Mr. Jackson, Chairman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

**The EDUCATION and POLICY COMMITTEE** met in the Board Room of the School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, at 5:00 P.M., on Monday, May 6, 2013, with the following members present: Mr. Richard Jackson, Chairman, Mr. Donald Duplantis, Vice-Chairman, and Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin. Also in attendance were Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

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

Ms. Natalie Bergeron, Director of Community Outreach, discussed various programs offered at the old Little Caillou School location, which is the home of Project LEARN LaTerre (attachment). She stated the success of the programs is due to overwhelming support and generous donations from the community.

Mr. Eric Zelasko, Band Director, Mulberry Elementary School, presented results of the 2013 Louisiana Music Educators Association State Festival (attachment). He stated the music programs in Terrebonne Parish Schools are exceptional and the bands performed "extremely well" in both district and state festivals.

Mr. Andy Messina, Choir Director, Houma Jr. High and Terrebonne High Schools, presented the 2013 District and State Choral Large Ensemble Performance Assessment results (attachment). He said the vocal groups are highly competitive and represented Terrebonne Parish "quite well" in both district and state festivals.

Mr. William Simmons, Jr., Principal, Terrebonne Career and Technical High School, presented the results of the 2013 SkillsUSA Louisiana State Conference (attachment). He stated the "mission" of the program is to empower the students to become successful workforce leaders and citizens. Terrebonne Parish sent forty-four (44) students to the state competition and twenty-three (23) came back with state medals, and out of those, eleven (11) students qualified for the National Conference in Kansas City, Missouri to be held in June. Mr. Simmons "congratulated" Terrebonne Parish students for placing first (gold), second (silver), and third (bronze) in several areas of the state competition, with Terrebonne Parish holding five (5) national medals.

In addition, Mr. Simmons presented the results of the Ford AAA State Competition, which is for students in automotive technology. He said out of twenty (20) teams that participated, Terrebonne Parish placed fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) overall, and two (2) students each earned \$1,000.00 scholarships, representing Terrebonne Parish.

Superintendent Martin presented correspondence from Hammonds, Sills, Adkins & Guice, LLP, Attorneys at Law, regarding the suit filed against the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System by forty-seven (47) public school systems (attachment).

### **RECOMMENDATION NO. 1**

**The Committee recommends** that the Board authorize joining in the appeal of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court's decision (JDC, No. 539,015, Sec. 26) relative to the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System.

Mrs. Lydia Alleman, Purchasing Agent/Grant Specialist, presented a request for authorization to advertise for bids from local newspapers to serve as the School Board's official journal for the 2013-2014 fiscal year (attachment).

### **RECOMMENDATION NO. 2**

**The Committee recommends** that the Board authorize the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids from local newspapers.

There being no further business to come before the **Education and Policy Committee**, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Jackson, Chairman

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Donald Duplantis, Vice-Chairman

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Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin

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Motion of Mr. Bordelon, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board authorized joining in the appeal of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court's decision (JDC, No. 539,015, Sec. 26) relative to the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids from local newspapers to serve as the School Board's official journal for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

The report of the Education and Policy Committee meeting was concluded, and President DeHart reassumed the Chair and presided for the remainder of the proceedings.

The Executive Committee report was presented to the Board.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board received the following Executive Committee report in its entirety:

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Executive Committee** met at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, in the Board Conference Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, President, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux. Mr. Richard Jackson, Vice-President, was absent. Others in attendance were Superintendent Philip Martin and Mrs. Rebecca Breau.

The meeting began with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The **Executive Committee** examined and authorized payment of invoices for the current month (including supplemental payroll and travel expenses).

The **Executive Committee** addressed member concerns.

There being no further business to come before the **Executive Committee**, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Dale DeHart, President

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Hayes J. Badeaux

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The Executive Committee report was concluded.

The report of the Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc. was then presented to the Board.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board received the following report of the Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc. in its entirety:

Dear Members of the School Board:

The **Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc.** met at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, in the Board Conference Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, President, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux. Mr. Richard Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer, was absent. Others in attendance were Superintendent Philip Martin and Mrs. Rebecca Breau.

The **Board of Directors** received the March 2013 financial statement (attachment).

There being no further business to come before the **Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc.**, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Dale DeHart, President

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Hayes J. Badeaux

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The report of the Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc. was concluded.

At this time, Superintendent Martin addressed the Board relative to the recent election held on May 4, 2013. He stated, although he was disappointed with the election results, he expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Board for their support.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution recognizing May 19-25, 2013, as Educational Bosses Week:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The week of May 19-25, 2013, has been proclaimed as Educational Bosses Week; and

**WHEREAS**, Terrebonne Parish's educational administrators are dedicated to promoting the cause of education; and

**WHEREAS**, The role of the administrator is increasingly demanding, complex, and a vital part of the entire educational process; and

**WHEREAS**, Administrators are responsive to the needs of students and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Administrators must often participate unselfishly in professional and civic activities; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Terrebonne Parish School Board hereby recognizes the week of May 19-25, 2013, as Educational Bosses Week in appreciation of the many contributions of school and office administrators; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Terrebonne Parish public schools and office buildings.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Krista Faucheux, Pre-K Teacher at Acadian Elementary School, beginning April 16, 2013, through May 23, 2013 (care for newborn).

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board approved a leave of absence without pay in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.10) for Qulyndreia Wallis, Teacher at Houma Junior High School, beginning April 19, 2013, through April 18, 2014 (personal).

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board approved a leave of absence without pay in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.10) for Shonda Cormier, School Bus Driver in the Transportation Department, for the 2013-2014 school session (personal).

Dr. Debra Yarbrough, Supervisor of Personnel, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Deanna Smith, Assistive Technology/Universal Design for Learning Coordinator in the Special Education Department, to attend the International Society for Technology in Education Conference and Exposition in

San Antonio, Texas, June 23-26, 2013 (Sunday-Wednesday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by The Central/South Assistive Technology Center Grant Funds.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request, with an amendment, to allow Roslyn Dempster, Staff Development Coordinator, Federal Department; Geri Schexnayder, Math Curriculum Specialist, Central Office; Richard Starr, Assistant Principal, H. L. Bourgeois High School; Debra Volquardts, Teacher, Dularge Middle School; Valerie Green, Kimberly Lirette, and Alisha Naquin Marcel, Teachers, Ellender Memorial High School; Ashlee Authement, Julie Blanchard, and Christa O'Brien, Teachers, Evergreen Junior High School; Angie Chambers, Teacher, Grand Caillou Middle School; Eugenie Brown, Heidi Bunnell, Michelle Fischer, Claudette Kelleher, Terese McCormick, Jennifer Pitre, and Christine Vitter, Teachers, H. L. Bourgeois High School; Donna Benoit, Pamela Dumez, Ashley Ego, Lee Granier, Laurie Hebert, Cindy Hunter, Amanda Johnson, and Tami Outhouse, Teachers, Houma Junior High School; Connie Dupre and Mary Gautreaux, Teachers, Lacache Middle School; Monique Lapeyrouse, Teacher, Montegut Middle School; Tawaski Anderson, Christy Badeaux, LaCest Campbell, Sheri Ezell, and Terri Monson, Teachers, Oaklawn Junior High School; Christopher Forsyth, Christy Gregg, Scott Guidroz, and Tricia Melancon, Teachers, South Terrebonne High School, and Arlene DeHart and Evette Defiveaux, Teachers, Terrebonne High School, to attend the Math Solutions Summer Institute in Scottsdale, Arizona, July 8-10, 2013 (Monday-Wednesday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

At this time, Mr. Thomas asked Superintendent Martin to explain to the Board the State Common Core Standards.

Superintendent Martin then gave a brief explanation of the State Common Core Standards.

Motion of Ms. Benoit, seconded by Dr. Babin, with the exception of Mr. Duplantis who objected, the Board allowed Terrebonne Parish School Board Members to attend the 2013 NSBA Southern Region Conference in Destin, Florida, July 7-10, 2013 (Sunday-Wednesday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by the General Fund.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(7:30 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ Roger Dale DeHart, President

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