

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

August 6, 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

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Victor Michel, retired school bus driver; Pearl Blanchard, retired custodian, and Marian "Sydney" Cruse, retired secretary, who recently passed away.

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

At this time, the Board recognized and presented plaques to Sheriff Jerry Larpenter and Chief Todd Duplantis for the recent school security training provided this summer by the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office and the Houma Police Department.

The Board also recognized Captain Tim Soignet (in charge of training) with the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office for his contributions and assistance with the school security training provided over the summer.

Sheriff Larpenter, Chief Duplantis, and Captain Soignet addressed the Board regarding the foregoing matter.

Ms. Cheri Roger (4-H Youth Development Associate Extension Agent) addressed the Board and gave an update on the Terrebonne Parish 4-H Program.

Mr. Clifton J. Stoufflet, citizen, addressed the Board regarding school warning lights.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Dr. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board referred the matter regarding school warning lights to the next Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meeting to be held on August 12, 2013.

Mr. Stoufflet also addressed the Board regarding procedure for public wishing to address the School Board.

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, July 15, 2013, with the following members present: Mr. Donald Duplantis, Chairman, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Debi Benoit. Also in attendance were Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Board President, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

A partial report was submitted to the Board at its July 16, 2013, meeting.

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

Superintendent Martin addressed the Committee regarding consideration of a Budget Adoption Resolution, which provides for adopting the following Original Operating Budgets for Fiscal Year 2013/2014:

- a. General Operating Fund
- b. One Cent Sales Tax Fund
- c. $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent Sales Tax Fund
- d. Child Nutrition Program Fund
- e. Special Revenue Funds

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

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the attached Budget Adoption Resolution which provides for adopting the General Operating Fund, One Cent Sales Tax Fund, $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent Sales Tax Fund, Child Nutrition Program Fund and various Special Revenue Funds for the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year.

Mrs. Breaux presented an update on the Sales Tax collections report (see attachment). She stated sales tax collections for the month of May 2013 are higher than May 2012.

There being no further business to come before the **Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee**, motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Benoit, the meeting adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Duplantis, Chairman

Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-Chairman

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Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board adopted Budget Adoption Resolution No. 1859, as presented, which provides for adopting the General Operating Fund, One Cent Sales Tax Fund, $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent Sales Tax Fund, Child Nutrition Program Fund, and various Special Revenue Funds for the 2013-2014 fiscal year with the following amendments: Include a budget in the amount of \$10,000 in the General Operating Fund to fund the Grandparent Program, and include a budget in the amount of \$12,877 in the General Operating Fund to fund the 4-H Program.

Mr. Van Johnson, representing the Grandparent Program, addressed the Board expressing appreciation and thanks for the continuation of their program.

The report of the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands 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, July 16, 2013, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, President, Mr. Richard Jackson, Vice-President, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux. Others in attendance were Superintendent Philip Martin and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

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,

Roger Dale DeHart, President

Richard Jackson, Vice-President

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. Bordelon, 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 Board:

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Dale DeHart, President

Richard Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer

Hayes J. Badeaux

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

Ms. Benoit left the meeting, at this time (8:00 P.M.), and was absent for the remainder of the proceedings.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendation, as presented by the Superintendent, of Mr. Graham Douglas to serve as nominee to the Terrebonne Economic Development Authority Board.

Superintendent Martin then announced, for informational purposes, the following personnel appointments and gave introductions:

- 1) Supervisor of Federal Programs – Peggy Marcel
- 2) Principal, Mulberry Elementary School – Gwen Ferguson
- 3) Principal, Village East School – Christie Triche
- 4) Assistant Principal, Mulberry Elementary School – Dene' Cunningham
- 5) Assistant Principal, Houma Jr. High School – Jason Corbin
- 6) Assistant Principal, Houma Jr. High School – Terez LeBlanc

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Marla Nixon, Custodian III at Terrebonne Career and Technical High School, beginning August 2, 2013, through October 29, 2013 (medical).

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Sandra Smith, School Bus Driver in the Transportation Department, beginning September 3, 2013, through September 30, 2013 (medical).

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Dr. Babin, with the exception of Mr. Thomas who objected, the Board allowed, with the exception of Student #127861 (not in attendance at tonight's meeting), Student #135175, Student #134689, Student #126058, and Student #132291 to return to their base school at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school session.

Mr. William "Bill" Simmons, Sr., Interim Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Dr. Babin, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (8:15 P.M.), to discuss the parent appeal for readmission of Student #128678.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session (8:40 P.M.) with all members present, with the exception of Ms. Benoit who was absent.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Thomas, with the exception of Dr. Babin who objected, the Board allowed Student #128678 to return to school for the 2013-2014 school session, subject to signing a contract.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Dr. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (8:43 P.M.), to discuss the parent appeal for readmission of Student #126839.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session (8:55 P.M.) with all members present, with the exception of Ms. Benoit who was absent.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Harding, with the exception of Dr. Babin who objected, the Board allowed Student #126839 to return to school for the 2013-2014 school session, subject to signing a contract.

Motion of Dr. Babin, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (9:00 P.M.) to discuss the parent appeal for readmission of Student #132563.

Motion of Dr. Babin, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session (9:25 P.M.) with all members present, with the exception of Ms. Benoit and Mr. Harding who were absent.

Motion of Dr. Babin, seconded by Mr. Thomas, with the exception of Mr. Duplantis who objected, the Board denied the parent appeal for readmission of Student #132563.

Mr. Jackson, Vice-President, assumed the Chair at this time.

Mr. DeHart addressed the Board regarding matter pertaining to property located behind H. L. Bourgeois High School.

Mr. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, that the Board refer the matter pertaining to property located behind H. L. Bourgeois High School to the next Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meeting (August 12, 2013).

Mr. Thomas left the meeting at this time (9:35 P.M.) and was absent for the remainder of the proceedings.

Following a lengthy discussion, a roll call vote having been called for on the motion, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. DeHart, Mr. Duplantis, and Mr. Badeaux

NAYS: Mr. Jackson and Mr. Bordelon

ABSTAIN: Dr. Babin

ABSENT: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harding, and Ms. Benoit

Mr. Jackson, Vice-President, declared the foregoing motion carried, and President DeHart reassumed the Chair and presided for the remainder of the proceedings.

President DeHart then announced that a copy of a letter (dated August 6, 2013) received from Ms. Jennifer Armand, Chairman of the Board, Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce, had been placed at each Board Member's desk. The letter references the formulation of a Terrebonne Parish Blue Ribbon Panel for Public Education.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Dr. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(9:50 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ Roger Dale DeHart, President

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