

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

September 15, 2015

The Terrebonne Parish School Board met today at 6:00 P.M. in regular session at its regular meeting place, the Terrebonne Parish School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, Houma, Louisiana, with Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, President, presiding, and the following members present: Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin, Vice-President; Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Richard Jackson, Ms. Debi Benoit, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Ms. Vicki Bonvillain.

ABSENT: None

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Joyce Marcel, retired school bus driver, and Denise B. Johnson, teacher at Terrebonne Career and Technical High School, who recently passed away.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board meeting of September 1, 2015, as recorded and amended.

Several announcements were made at this time regarding upcoming meetings.

Ms. Lillie Chaisson, citizen, addressed the Board regarding "Bullying in our School System."

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board awarded the contract for the Terrebonne High School Baseball Complex to Geo-Surfaces, Inc., 6326 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, in the amount of \$631,870.00, through the TIPS Purchasing Co-Op, as allowed under La. R.S. 38:2212.1(N), funding to be derived from the funds received from the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the General Operating Fund, pending approval from the TIPS Purchasing Co-Op, and Board Attorney review and approval, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Charles Dawson, representing Geo-Surfaces, Inc., and Mr. Berwick Duval, Board Attorney, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with policy FILE: F-11.4a for Terry Brown, Custodian at Evergreen Junior High School, beginning September 30, 2015, through January 7, 2016 (medical).

At this time, Superintendent Philip Martin presented the following personnel actions for the period of August 12, 2015, through September 9, 2015 [list of professional instructional and non-instructional/support personnel (contract renewal, appointments, resignations, terminations, and retirements – Information Only)]:

### **Contract Renewal – Professional Administrative Personnel**

Carmen Robinson, Assistant Principal, Terrebonne High - September 5, 2015 - September 4, 2017

**New Employees – Professional Instructional Personnel**

Kendra Adair, Business Teacher, Degreed/Non-Certified, H. L. Bourgeois High - Vacant Position, 08/31/15

Deborah Guidry, Math Teacher, Certified, H. L. Bourgeois High - Vacant Position, 08/20/15

Jessica Blanchard, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Certified, Coteau-Bayou Blue Elementary - Vacant Position, 08/24/15

Bardee Crappel, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Certified, Coteau-Bayou Blue Elementary - Heather Blanchard, Transferred, 08/31/15

Cheryl Kelly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Certified, Dularge Elementary - Vacant Position, 08/24/15

Nyesha Canty, Law Studies/Fine Arts Teacher, Certified, Houma Junior High - Vacant Position, 08/26/15

Jerri Watler-Guidry, Elementary Counselor, Certified, Legion Park Elementary - Vacant Position, 09/08/15

Lameka Simmons, Gifted Teacher, Degreed/Non-Certified, Oaklawn Junior High - Vacant Position, 08/17/15

Kayla Brown, Gifted Teacher, Degreed/Non-Certified, Oakshire Elementary - Vacant Position, 08/13/15

Kwanzaa Bolden, Homeless Liaison, Certified, Federal Programs - Vacant Position, 08/15/15

**New Employees – Non-Instructional Personnel**

Candy Boudreaux, School Secretary I, H. L. Bourgeois High - Traci Champagne, Transferred, 09/08/15

Matthew Charpentier, Custodian III-A, H. L. Bourgeois High - Candice Smith, Terminated, 09/08/15

Terinika Miles, Custodian III-A, East Houma Elementary - Roxanne Billiot, Transferred, 09/08/15

Ronald Rainey, Custodian III-A, Evergreen Junior High - Vacant Position, 08/17/15

Lawanda Johnson, Early Childhood Special Ed Paraprofessional, Southdown Elementary - Vacant Position, 08/17/15

Evelyn Taplett, School Secretary A-3, Terrebonne Career and Technical High - Melissa LeBlanc, Transferred, 09/08/15

Marty Brown, General Helper, Maintenance Department - Frank Perkins, Transferred, 09/08/15

**Resignations – Professional Instructional Personnel**

Jamie Crawford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Practitioner, Schriever Elementary - Resigned, 08/31/15

Elaine Duplantis, Health Nurse General School, Certified, Terrebonne High - Resigned, 08/31/15

Joseph Laird, Social Studies Teacher, Degreed/Non-Certified, Ellender Memorial High - Resigned, 09/04/15

Tara Payne, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Degreed/Non-Certified, Oaklawn Junior High - Resigned, 09/08/15

Michael Phillips, Math Essentials Teacher, Degreed/Non-Certified, Houma Junior High - Resigned, 09/04/15

### **Resignations – Non-Instructional Personnel**

Dorothy Bazet, Bus Driver, Transportation Department - Resigned, 09/04/15

Monique Brinson, Bus Driver, Transportation Department - Resigned, 08/21/15

Jennifer Martin, Bus Driver, Transportation Department - Resigned, 09/04/15

Ronald Rainey, Custodian III-A, Evergreen Junior High - Terminated, 09/02/15

Candice Smith, Custodian III-A, H. L. Bourgeois High - Terminated, 08/12/15

Tom Wilson, Licensed Electrician, Maintenance Department - Resigned, 08/12/15

### **Retirements – Professional Instructional Personnel**

Carol Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Central Office - Service Retirement, 36.62 Years, 08/22/15

Marie LeBlanc, Pupil Appraisal Coordinator, Special Education Department - Service Retirement, 30.60 Years, 08/18/15

Motion of Dr. Babin, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (6:30 P.M.), relative to a parent appeal for early readmission of Student #134638.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session (6:41 P.M.) with all members present.

Mr. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, that the Board allow Student #134638 to return to school in January 2016, subject to signing a contract.

A roll call vote having been called for on the foregoing motion, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harding, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, Mr. Duplantis, and Ms. Bonvillain

**NAYS:** Ms. Benoit and Dr. Babin

**ABSENT:** None

President Thomas declared the foregoing motion carried.

Motion of Mr. Harding, seconded by Ms. Bonvillain, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (6:45 P.M.), relative to a parent appeal for early readmission of Student #133543.

Motion of Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session (7:03 P.M.) with all members present.

Mr. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. Harding, that the Board allow Student #133543 to return to school immediately, subject to signing a contract.

A roll call vote having been called for on the foregoing motion, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harding, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, Mr. Duplantis, and Ms. Bonvillain

**NAYS:** Mr. Jackson, Ms. Benoit, and Dr. Babin

**ABSENT:** None

President Thomas declared the foregoing motion carried.

President Thomas withdrew agenda item 9. A. "Matter Pertaining to Request for Reimbursement by School Board Members when Volunteering Services."

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Ms. Bonvillain, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(7:15 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ Roosevelt Thomas, President

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