

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MAY 12, 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, Ms. Debi Benoit, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Ms. Vicki Bonvillain.

ABSENT: Mr. Richard Jackson

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

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meeting of April 21, 2015, as recorded.

Motion of Ms. Bonvillain, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board deviated from the regular order of the agenda to take up Agenda Item 7. A. and B. Presentation Items (Terrebonne Parish Students of the Year 2014-2015), and upon completion, return to the regular order of the agenda.

At this time, President Thomas gave introductions and Superintendent Philip Martin presented plaques to the three Terrebonne Parish 2014-2015 Students of the Year.

Three outstanding students representing Terrebonne Parish in the 2014-2015 Students of the Year Awards Program have been invited to tonight's meeting for introductions and to receive plaques. This year's recipients are: Rhett Williams, fifth grader at Montegut Middle School, Elementary School Level Student of the Year; Allison Picou, eighth grader at Houma Junior High School, Middle/Junior High School Level Student of the Year, and Taylor Bergeron, twelfth grader at Terrebonne High School, High School Level Student of the Year.

In addition to Rhett Williams being named Terrebonne Parish Elementary School Level Student of the Year and regional finalist, the Board also recognized him for being selected the 2014-2015 Louisiana Elementary School Student of the Year.

Allison Picou was also recognized for being named a regional finalist in the Middle/Junior High School Level category.

The Board returned to the regular order of the agenda.

Ms. Bonvillain left the meeting at this time and was absent for the remainder of the proceedings.

Mr. John Hebert, citizen, addressed the Board regarding Common Core.

Ms. Monica Compeaux, citizen, addressed the Board regarding Common Core.

Mr. John Herring, citizen, addressed the Board regarding Data Mining, Common Core, and Testing.

Mr. David Mounts, citizen, addressed the Board regarding Common Core, PARCC Testing, Data Mining, T.P.S.B., Parental Rights, and Academics vs. Non-Academics.

The following report of the Education, Technology, and Policy Committee meeting was presented to the Board with Dr. Babin, Chairwoman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

The EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, and POLICY COMMITTEE met at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, May 4, 2015, in the Board Room of the School Board Office, with the following members present: Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin, Chairwoman, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Vicki Bonvillain. Also in attendance were Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Board President, Mr. Richard Jackson, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

Dr. Babin called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mrs. Carol Davis, Assistant Superintendent, presented information on digital learning and technology upgrades throughout Terrebonne Parish Schools (see attached).

Mrs. Stacy Solet, Supervisor of Elementary Education (K-8)/Assessment and Testing, presented information on the 2015-2016 Student of the Year Program. She explained the qualifications for being selected as District, Regional, and State Students of the Year (see attached).

Mr. Graham Douglas, Supervisor of Secondary Education, presented an update on the 2015 SkillsUSA Championships that were held at Terrebonne Career and Technical High School on April 15-17, 2015. More than 300 students participated in 50 competitions. Fifteen (15) students qualified for the National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky to be held in June (see attached).

At this time, the Committee unanimously agreed to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to address a revision to policy FILE: B-12.2 Agenda.

Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mrs. Bonvillain, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board approve, as presented, the following revision to policy FILE: B-12.2 Agenda:

FILE: B-12.2
Cf: B-12, B-12.1, B-12.8

AGENDA

The Terrebonne Parish School Board President and the Superintendent shall prepare the agenda for all regular and special meetings of the School Board. The agenda shall be itemized so as to advise the public in general terms each subject to be discussed. To accomplish this, School Board Members and citizens shall be required to submit to the Superintendent, in writing, items they wish to have placed on the agenda a minimum of five (5) days in advance of the next regular School Board

meeting. (Items to be placed on the agenda for Tuesday night meetings must be submitted by noon on Wednesday prior to the meetings). The itemized agenda shall include the subject to be discussed along with the name of the person requesting that said item be placed on the agenda. The agenda shall not be changed less than twenty-four (24) hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, prior to the scheduled time of the meeting.

Each item on the agenda shall be listed separately and described with reasonable specificity. Before the School Board may take any action on the agenda item, the presiding officer shall read aloud the description of the item.

The School Board may take up a matter not on the agenda upon the *unanimous approval of the members present* at a meeting. The motion to add an item not on the agenda shall identify the item with reasonable specificity, including the purpose for the proposed addition to the agenda, and shall be entered into the minutes. In keeping with state law and School Board policy, prior to any vote to add an item to the agenda, there shall be an opportunity for public comment on the motion.

The reports of all committees of the School Board shall be given when deemed necessary by the President and Superintendent.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The School Board's business shall be transacted in the order outlined below:

1. Call to order
2. Invocation
3. Roll call
4. Consideration of minutes of the last regular meetings and any special meeting(s) held since the last consideration

5. Awards, Commendations, Recognitions, and Announcements

- ~~6.~~ 5. Presentation by citizens of any matters they wish to bring to the attention of the School Board
- ~~7.~~ 6. Unfinished business (Unfinished business is defined as items on the previous School Board meeting agenda that were not addressed due to adjournment.)
- ~~8.~~ 7. Reports of committees
- ~~9.~~ 8. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent and his/her staff
- ~~10.~~ 9. Consideration of matters to be brought up by individual School Board Members
- ~~11.~~ 10. Adjournment

Revised: March 2001

Revised: November 2008

Revised: February 2011
 Revised: January 2013
 Revised: November 2014
Revised: May 2015

Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §42:19; Jackson v. Assumption Parish School Board, App. 1 Cir. 1995, 652 So2d 549, 1994-0901 (La. App. 1 Circ. 3/3/95); Board minutes, 3-8-73, 2-20-79, 6-19-84, 1-14-86, 1-16-90, 4-16-91, 12-21-93, 2-21-95, 11-19-96, 12-19-00, 3-20-01, 11-18-08, 2-15-11, 1-15-13, 11-11-14.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Leroux Babin, Ph.D., Chairwoman

L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice-Chairman

Vicki Bonvillain

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Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board approved, as presented and outlined in the foregoing report, revised Policy FILE: B-12.2 Agenda.

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

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

Instrumental Music Director, H. L. Bourgeois High School – Tyler Wiggins

Pupil Appraisal Coordinator, Special Education Department – Lisa Thibodeaux

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board approved a leave of absence without pay in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.10) for Melissa Plaisance, School Bus Driver in the Transportation Department, beginning May 12, 2015, through May 11, 2016 (medical).

At this time, Superintendent Martin presented the following personnel actions for the period of April 15, 2015, through May 6, 2015 [list of professional instructional and non-instructional/support personnel (appointments and resignations – Information Only)]:

New Employees – Non-Instructional Personnel

Jeremy Foret, Fence Installer, Maintenance Department - John Mitchell, Resigned, 04/27/15

Resignations – Professional Instructional Personnel

Summer Bourg, 1st Grade Teacher, Certified, Dularge Elementary - Resigned, 05/04/15

Resignations – Non-Instructional Personnel

Nikisha Billiot, Custodian III-A, Oaklawn Junior High - Resigned, 04/24/15

Danyell McClearn, Bus Driver, Transportation Department - Resigned, 04/17/15

Motion of Dr. Babin, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (6:50 P.M.), relative to a parent appeal for early readmission of Student #5009675.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Dr. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session with all members present, with the exception of Mr. Jackson who was absent (6:57 P.M.).

Mr. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. DeHart, that the Board deny the parent appeal request to allow Student #5009675 to walk across stage for graduation.

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

YEAS: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harding, Ms. Benoit, Dr. Babin, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, and Mr. Duplantis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson and Ms. Bonvillain

President Thomas declared the foregoing motion carried.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Dr. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(7:10 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ Roosevelt Thomas, President

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