

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

February 20, 2018

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. Roger Dale DeHart, president, presiding, and the following members present: Ms. Vicki Bonvillain, vice president; Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Gregory Harding, Mrs. Debi Benoit, Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, and Mr. Donald Duplantis.

ABSENT: Mr. Richard Jackson

Ms. Bonvillain led the Board and audience in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. Irvin Robert "Bobby" Boudreaux, former Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court for fifty years, and an activist in numerous civic and community organizations in Terrebonne Parish, who recently passed away.

President DeHart recognized members of Leadership Terrebonne who were in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Several announcements were made by President DeHart relative to upcoming meetings.

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

Dear Members of the Board:

The Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee met at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 19, 2018, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Board President/Ex-Officio, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, vice chairman, and Mr. Donald Duplantis, Ad Hoc Member. Mr. Richard Jackson, chairman, and Mr. Gregory Harding were absent. Also in attendance were Ms. Vicki Bonvillain, 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.

Mr. Cody Cunningham, President, Louisiana Magic Sports, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding use of Oaklawn Jr. High School's softball field for practices.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board grant the request of Louisiana Magic Sports, Inc., to waive Policy FILE: E-1.6 Use of School Facilities relative to the usage fee for Oaklawn Jr. High School's softball field for the 2018 softball season (February 2018 through July 2018), from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. on week days and on weekends, provided that the necessary insurance, non-profit status, and all other School Board policy requirements are met, and approval is obtained from the school's principal.

Mrs. Monica Walther, MS, RD, LDN, Supervisor of Child Nutrition Program, addressed the Committee regarding acceptance of bids received for Kitchen Equipment (attached).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the lowest bids received, meeting all specifications, on Kitchen Equipment from Douglas Equipment, 301 North Street, Bluefield, WV, in the amount of \$4,463.90; and NOLA Restaurant Supply & Design, 234 Harbor Circle, New Orleans, LA, in the amount of \$100,750.00, funds to be derived from the 2017 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grants for School Food Authorities and the Child Nutrition Program Fund.

Mrs. Walther addressed the Committee regarding authorization to advertise for six month bids for Meats and Frozen Items, and Canned and Dry Goods for the 2018 fall school session.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Child Nutrition Department to proceed with the advertisement of six month bids (July 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018), for Meats and Frozen Items, and Canned and Dry Goods for the 2018 fall school session.

Mrs. Walther addressed the Committee regarding authorization to advertise for yearly bids for Milk and Milk Products; Fruit Juice; Fresh Fruits and Vegetables; Supplies and Disposables; Concentrated Detergents; and Linen Services for the 2018-2019 school session.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Child Nutrition Department to proceed with the advertisement of yearly bids (July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019), for Milk and Milk Products; Fruit Juice; Fresh Fruits and Vegetables; Supplies and Disposables; Concentrated Detergents; and Linen Services for the 2018-2019 school session.

Mr. Merlin Lirette, AIA, CEFP, The Merlin Group, Ltd., addressed the Committee regarding an update of the new Electrical Building at Louis Miller Terrebonne Career and Technical High School (attached).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

The Committee recommends that the Board ratify a change order to increase the contract time by fifty-six (56) days due to weather and additional testing of concrete slab, changing the contract completion date from November 21, 2017, to January 16, 2018, as provided for in the contract, for the new Electrical Building at Louis Miller Terrebonne Career and Technical High School, and further, authorize the Board president to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Lirette addressed the Committee regarding substantial completion of the new Electrical Building at Louis Miller Terrebonne Career and Technical High School (attached).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

The Committee recommends that the Board approve the substantial completion dated January 17, 2018, for the new Electrical Building at Louis Miller Terrebonne Career and Technical High School, subject to the punch list; upon completion of the punch list, final inspection, and receipt of the lien-free certificate, authorize the release of retainage; and further, authorize the Board president to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Lirette addressed the Committee regarding construction updates of the new Southdown Elementary School (attached).

Mrs. Rebecca Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Committee with updates regarding the re-roofing of the Ellender Memorial High School Auditorium (attached).

Superintendent Martin 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 at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Dale DeHart, Board President/Ex-Officio

L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice Chairman

Donald Duplantis, Ad Hoc Member

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Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board granted the request of Louisiana Magic Sports, Inc., to waive Policy FILE: E-1.6 Use of School Facilities relative to the usage fee for Oaklawn Jr. High School's softball field for the 2018 softball season (February 2018 through July 2018), from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. on week days and on weekends, provided that the necessary insurance, non-profit status, and all other School Board policy requirements are met, and approval is obtained from the school's principal.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the lowest bids received, meeting all specifications, on Kitchen Equipment from Douglas Equipment, 301 North Street, Bluefield, WV, in the amount of \$4,463.90; and NOLA Restaurant Supply & Design, 234 Harbor Circle, New Orleans, LA, in the amount of \$100,750.00, funds to be derived from the 2017 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grants for School Food Authorities and the Child Nutrition Program Fund.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Ms. Bonvillain, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Child Nutrition Department to proceed with the advertisement of six month bids (July 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018), for Meats and Frozen Items, and Canned and Dry Goods for the 2018 fall school session.

Motion of Ms. Bonvillain, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Child Nutrition Department to proceed with the advertisement of yearly bids (July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019), for Milk and Milk Products; Fruit Juice; Fresh Fruits and Vegetables; Supplies and Disposables; Concentrated Detergents; and Linen Services for the 2018-2019 school session.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Ms. Bonvillain, unanimously carried, the

Board ratified a change order to increase the contract time by fifty-six (56) days due to weather and additional testing of concrete slab, changing the contract completion date from November 21, 2017, to January 16, 2018, as provided for in the contract, for the new Electrical Building at Louis Miller Terrebonne Career and Technical High School, and further, authorized the Board president to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Motion of Ms. Bonvillain, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board approved the substantial completion dated January 17, 2018, for the new Electrical Building at Louis Miller Terrebonne Career and Technical High School, subject to the punch list; upon completion of the punch list, final inspection, and receipt of the lien-free certificate, authorized the release of retainage; and further, authorized the Board president to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Merlin Lirette, AIA, CEFP, The Merlin Group, Ltd., addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Mr. Lirette gave a brief update on the construction of the new Southdown Elementary School.

Superintendent Philip Martin gave a brief update on the re-roofing of the Ellender Memorial High School Auditorium.

The report of the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meeting was concluded.

Superintendent Martin announced, for informational purposes, the following personnel appointment and gave introduction:

- 504 Coordinator (based at A. D. Martin, Jr. West Park Special Education and Federal Center) – Stephanie W. Guidry

Motion of Mrs. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Cynthia Duplantis, Special Education Paraprofessional at Mulberry Elementary School, beginning February 7, 2018, through March 29, 2018 (medical).

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board adopted the following resolution as it relates to the development of a Louisiana Task Force on Teacher Shortage:

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Terrebonne Parish School System recognizes and appreciates the value of a qualified classroom teacher for every student under its care;

Whereas the Terrebonne Parish School System believes the State of Louisiana, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Local Educational Agencies, Post-Secondary Institutions, and all affiliated groups and organizations should increasingly collaborate to ensure a quality teacher workforce for all children;

Whereas the Terrebonne Parish School System, despite ambitious recruiting, has experienced a decline in teacher applicant pools, especially in the areas of mathematics, science, and special education;

Whereas the Terrebonne Parish School System has proactively sought to overcome employment challenges by maintaining strong school leaders,

positive work environments, and competitive compensation packages;

Whereas the Terrebonne Parish School System recognizes this as a statewide concern among districts; and

Whereas the Terrebonne Parish School System believes that further illuminating this concern, through structured dialogue and engagement, provides hope for improving the dilemma; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board supports the efforts of the Louisiana State Association of School Personnel Administrators (LSASPA) and requests all parties concerned with public education unite behind the development of a Louisiana Task Force on Teacher Shortage to research strategies to overcome the challenge and secure a stronger educator workforce; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the various stakeholders, throughout the State of Louisiana, with interest in the development of solutions for teacher shortage.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (6:25 P.M.), to discuss the parent appeal for readmission of Student #139502.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Ms. Bonvillain, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session (6:35 P.M.) with all members present, with the exception of Mr. Jackson who was absent.

Mr. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, that the Board allow Student #139502 to return to school tomorrow, subject to signing a contract.

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

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

NAYS: Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Benoit, and Dr. Babin

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

President DeHart declared the foregoing motion carried.

Motion of Ms. Bonvillain, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board rescheduled the agenda deadline for the School Board Meeting of March 6, 2018, from noon Wednesday, February 28, 2018, to noon Monday, February 26, 2018 (due to LSBA Convention).

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(6:40 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ Roger Dale DeHart, President

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