

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

September 17, 2020

The Terrebonne Parish School Board met today immediately following the **5:00 P.M. Committee Meetings in Special Session** at its regular meeting place, the Terrebonne Parish School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, Houma, Louisiana, with Mrs. Debi Benoit, president, presiding, and the following members present: Mrs. Stacy V. Solet, vice president; Mr. Michael T. LaGarde, Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Matthew J. Ford, Mr. Clyde F. Hamner, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Dr. MayBelle N. Trahan, and Mr. Dane Voisin.

ABSENT: None

Dr. Trahan led the Board and audience in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Benoit stated that this special meeting was called for the sole purpose of "Matter pertaining to Superintendent Contract (Executive Session)."

Motion of Mrs. Solet, seconded by Mr. Hamner, with the exception of Mr. Ford who objected, the Board voted to move into executive session to discuss the character and professional competence of Superintendent Philip Martin, as it relates to his contract.

Ms. Wanda Triggs, citizen, addressed the Board regarding her opposition to going into executive session.

At this time (6:45 P.M.), the Board moved into executive session.

Motion of Mr. Hamner, seconded by Dr. Trahan, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in special session (7:17 P.M.) with all members present.

Mr. Voisin moved, seconded by Mr. Hamner, that the Board extend Superintendent Philip Martin's contract for one and one half (1½) years, ending on June 30, 2022, with all terms and conditions to remain the same.

Ms. Triggs, citizen, addressed the Board regarding the motion.

Mr. Ford offered a substitute motion that the Board extend Superintendent Philip Martin's contract for six (6) months, ending on June 30, 2021; however, failed for lack of a second.

Mr. LaGarde, seconded by Mr. Harding, offered a substitute motion, that the Board extend Superintendent Philip Martin's contract for two (2) years, ending on December 31, 2022, with all terms and conditions to remain the same.

Ms. Jacqueline Spencer, citizen, addressed the Board in support of the foregoing substitute motion.

Mr. Berwick Duval, Board Attorney, then addressed the Board regarding the foregoing substitute motion.

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

YEAS: Mr. LaGarde, Mr. Harding, Mrs. Solet, and Mr. Hamner

NAYS: Mr. Ford, Mrs. Benoit, Mr. DeHart, Dr. Trahan, and Mr. Voisin

ABSENT: None

President Benoit declared the foregoing substitute motion failed to carry.

A roll call vote then having been called for on the original motion to extend Superintendent Philip Martin's contract for one and one half (1½) years, ending on June 30, 2022, with all terms and conditions to remain the same, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Harding, Mrs. Benoit, Mrs. Solet, Mr. Hamner, Dr. Trahan, and Mr. Voisin

NAYS: Mr. LaGarde, Mr. Ford, and Mr. DeHart

ABSENT: None

President Benoit declared the foregoing original motion carried.

Superintendent Martin expressed his thanks to the Board.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Hamner, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn (7:40 P.M.).

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ Debi Benoit, President

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