

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

November 1, 2011

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. L. P. Bordelon, III, President, presiding, and the following members present: Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-President, Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Richard Jackson, Ms. Debi Benoit, Ms. Brenda Leroux Babin, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux.

ABSENT: None

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Gisele Randall, retired social worker, who recently passed away.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Harding, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meeting of October 18, 2011, as recorded.

The Executive Committee report was presented to the Board.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the following Executive Committee report in its entirety:

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Executive Committee** met at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, in the Board Conference Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, President, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-President, and Mr. Roger Dale DeHart. Others in attendance were Superintendent Philip Martin, Mr. Harris Henry, and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

The meeting began with an invocation 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,

L. P. Bordelon, III, President

Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-President

Roger Dale DeHart

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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. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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 School Board:

The **Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc.** met at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, in the Board Conference Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, President, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Secretary/Treasurer, and Mr. Roger Dale DeHart. Others in attendance were Superintendent Philip Martin, Mr. Harris Henry, and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

The **Board of Directors** received the September 2011 financial statement (attachment).

Mr. Henry updated the **Board of Directors** relative to renting the 244 Barrow Street building.

The **Board of Directors** approved the Superintendent and/or his designee to negotiate a new lease with Dennis Rochel dba/LeHigs' Uniform Center, at 244 Barrow Street, and authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

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

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. Bordelon, III, President

Roosevelt Thomas, Secretary/Treasurer

Roger Dale DeHart

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

At this time, Superintendent Martin presented the following information as it relates to "American Education Week:"

American Education Week will be observed on November 13-19, 2011, in Terrebonne Parish schools. This special week focuses on the importance of education and all that it stands for. Annually, the week preceding the week of Thanksgiving is proclaimed American Education Week.

Educational Support Personnel Day will be observed in Terrebonne Parish schools on November 16, 2011. Annually, the Wednesday in American Education Week is designated as a special day to honor the many contributions of school support employees. School districts, parents, and students will pay tribute to school support personnel on this annual observance of Educational Support Personnel Day.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved a sabbatical leave of absence in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.1) for Barbara White, Teacher at Montegut Middle School, for the Spring Semester of the 2011-2012 school session (medical).

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board approved a sabbatical leave of absence in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.1) for Susan Duplantis, Teacher at Upper Little Caillou Elementary School, for the Spring Semester of the 2011-2012 school session (medical).

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board approved a sabbatical leave of absence in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.1) for Heidi Theriot, Teacher at Coteau-Bayou Blue Elementary School, for the Spring Semester of the 2011-2012 school session, and the Fall Semester of the 2012-2013 school session (medical).

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Dawn Tyler, Special Education Paraprofessional at Caldwell Middle School, beginning January 2, 2012, through March 2, 2012 (child's surgery).

Motion of Ms. Babin, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Michelle Falgout, School Bus Driver in the Transportation Department, beginning November 14, 2011, through January 2, 2012 (maternity leave and care for newborn).

Motion of Ms. Babin, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 17:493, authorized Superintendent Philip Martin to furnish the bus operators, Chiffon Randolph and Natasha Crappel, copies of the written grounds for their removal from their positions, and further, set tenure hearings for the two bus drivers on November 16, 2011, at 6:00 P.M., in the Terrebonne Parish School Board meeting room located at 201 Stadium Drive, Houma, Louisiana.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (7:15 P.M.), relative to a parent appeal for early readmission of Student #112110.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session with all members present (7:50 P.M.).

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board denied the parent appeal for early readmission of Student #112110.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (7:55 P.M.), relative to a parent appeal for early readmission of Student #107882.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session with all members present (8:30 P.M.).

Mr. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the Board allow Student #107882 to return to the base school at the beginning of the second semester in January 2012, subject to signing a contract.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Benoit, offered a substitute motion, that said Student #107882, pending positive reassessment in July 2012, be allowed to return to the base school in August 2012, subject to signing a contract.

Mr. Clayton Lovell, Board Attorney, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

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

YEAS: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harding, Ms. Benoit, and Ms. Babin

NAYS: Mr. Jackson, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, Mr. Duplantis, and Mr. Badeaux

ABSENT: None

President Bordelon declared the substitute motion failed to carry.

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

YEAS: Mr. Harding, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, Mr. Duplantis, and Mr. Badeaux

NAYS: Mr. Thomas, Ms. Benoit, and Ms. Babin

ABSENT: None

President Bordelon declared the original motion carried.

At this time, Mr. Bordelon addressed the Board regarding "Matter Pertaining to Reapportionment and the Redistricting of the Terrebonne Parish School Board."

Motion of Mr. Thomas, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board initiated the reapportionment and redistricting process by allowing the Board President to contact Mr. Kevin Belanger, South Central Planning and Development Commission, requesting that he appear before the Board relative to procedure, options, cost, etc. at the November 15, 2011, Terrebonne Parish School Board meeting.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(8:45 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ L. P. Bordelon, III, President

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