

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

April 10, 2012

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. Roger Dale DeHart, Vice-President, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Richard Jackson, Ms. Debi Benoit, Ms. Brenda Leroux Babin, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux.

ABSENT: None

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Wilma Breaux, retired school food service employee; Earline Stringer, retired paraprofessional; Patsy Anderson, retired school teacher, and Alexandra "Ali" Blaisdell, 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at Terrebonne High School, who recently passed away.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meeting of March 6, 2012, as recorded.

The following report of the Education and Policy Committee meeting was presented to the Board with Mr. Jackson, Chairman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

**The EDUCATION and POLICY COMMITTEE** met in the Board Room of the School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, at 5:00 P.M., on Monday, April 9, 2012, with the following members present: Mr. Richard Jackson, Chairman, Ms. Brenda Leroux Babin, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Donald Duplantis. Also in attendance were Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Ms. Debi Benoit, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

Mr. Jackson called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Jackson addressed the Committee regarding the matter pertaining to Reapportionment/Redistricting of the Terrebonne Parish School Board, as per Board action of March 6, 2012 (see attached).

Mr. Kevin Belanger, CEO, South Central Planning and Development Commission, presented an overview of the three initial Redistricting Plans, known as Plans 3-A, 3-B and 3-C. He discussed in detail the balancing of the districts and stated the plans were proposed, submitted, and approved by the Department of Justice.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Duplantis offered the following motion:

### **RECOMMENDATION NO. 1**

**That the Board** adopt as its Terrebonne Parish School Board Redistricting Plan the Plan that was adopted by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government as their 2011 Redistricting Plan, commonly known as Plan 3-C.

The Chairman declared the motion failed to carry, due to lack of a second.

Mr. Kelly Rodrigue, citizen, and Mr. Lee Stiel, representing the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Committee regarding the proposed redistricting School Board Plan. In addition, Mr. Stiel read the attached letter from Mr. William Foster, Jr., Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Drake Pothier, IOM, President and CEO, Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce.

There being no further business to come before the **Education and Policy Committee**, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Jackson, Chairman

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Brenda Leroux Babin, Vice-Chairman

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Donald Duplantis

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Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Ms. Babin, with the exception of Mr. Duplantis who objected, the Board allowed Mr. Scott Leger, representing South Central Planning and Development Commission, to present two additional reapportionment plans (2010 Reapportionment Plan 3C-SB1 and 2010 Reapportionment Plan 3C-SB2) which would take care of concerns expressed by Board Members at yesterday's Education and Policy Committee meeting.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, that the Board adopt as its Terrebonne Parish School Board Redistricting Plan the Plan that was adopted by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government as their 2011 Redistricting Plan, commonly known as Plan 3-C.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Harding, offered a substitute motion, that the Board refer the matter pertaining to reapportionment/redistricting (2010 Reapportionment Plan 3C-Final; 2010 Reapportionment Plan 3C-SB1, and 2010 Reapportionment Plan 3C-SB2) to the next Education and Policy Committee meeting for further study and review and to allow for additional public input.

Mr. Clayton "Sonny" 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, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Benoit, Ms. Babin, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, and Mr. Badeaux

**NAYS:** Mr. Duplantis

**ABSENT:** None

The Chairman declared the substitute motion carried.

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

The Executive Committee report was presented to the Board.

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

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Executive Committee** met at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, in the Board Conference Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, President, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Vice-President, and Mr. Donald Duplantis. 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,

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L. P. Bordelon, III, President

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Roger Dale DeHart, Vice-President

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Donald Duplantis

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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 Ms. Babin, 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, March 20, 2012, in the Board Conference Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, President, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Secretary/Treasurer, and Mr. Donald Duplantis. Others in attendance were Superintendent Philip Martin, Mr. Harris Henry, and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

The **Board of Directors** received the February 2012 financial statement (attachment).

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

Respectfully submitted,

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L. P. Bordelon, III, President

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Roger Dale DeHart, Secretary/Treasurer

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Donald Duplantis

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

Motion of Mr. Thomas, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution recognizing April 22-28, 2012, as Secretaries' Week and April 25, 2012, as Secretaries' Day:

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, April 22-28, 2012, has been proclaimed as Secretaries' Week; and

**WHEREAS**, Wednesday, April 25, 2012, has been designated as Secretaries' Day; and

**WHEREAS**, School and department secretaries are responsive to the well-being of students, professional personnel, support personnel, parents, and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, The Terrebonne Parish School Board wishes to publicly recognize the contributions that school and department secretaries make to the educational process in our district; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Terrebonne Parish School Board hereby recognizes the week of April 22-28, 2012, as Secretaries' Week and April 25, 2012, as Secretaries' Day and expresses deep appreciation to the secretaries for their unselfish service to schools, departments, and the community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Terrebonne Parish public schools and office buildings.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Joey Foret, Outdoor Power and Equipment Tools Instructor at Terrebonne Career and Technical High School, to attend the Equipment and Engine Training Conference in Dallas, Texas, April 11-14, 2012 (Wednesday-Saturday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by Carl Perkins Grant.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Lisa Boudreaux, Pansy Chauvin, and Jackie Perk, JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) Specialists at Terrebonne/Houma Junior High Schools, Ellender Memorial/South Terrebonne High Schools, and Andrew Price Alternative/Evergreen Junior High Schools, to attend the 29<sup>th</sup> National Training Seminar in Orlando, Florida, July 11-13, 2012 (Wednesday-Friday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by Jobs for America's Graduates Grant.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved the personnel appointment of Alesia Blanchard, Curriculum Specialist-Literacy Focus in the Central Office, as recommended by Superintendent Philip Martin, effective April 11, 2012.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board approved the personnel appointment of Janet Smith, Guidance Counselor at Ellender Memorial High School, as recommended by Superintendent Philip Martin, effective with the 2012-2013 school session.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Ms. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board approved the personnel appointment of Madge Gautreaux, Assistant Principal at South Terrebonne High School, as recommended by Superintendent Philip Martin, effective April 11, 2012.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Harding, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Anastasia McPherson, Teacher at Elysian Fields School, beginning April 12, 2012, through May 22, 2012 (medical).

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request for sabbatical leave waiver of return to work in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.1) for Monique Castrillo, teacher at Mulberry Elementary School, due to her medical condition.

Motion of Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request for sabbatical leave waiver of return to work in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.1) for Gena Naquin, teacher at Terrebonne High School, due to her medical condition.

Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Board President, withdrew his topic "Matter Pertaining to Reapportionment/Redistricting of the Terrebonne Parish School Board" from tonight's agenda.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(8:25 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

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

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