

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MARCH 3, 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. Richard Jackson, Ms. Debi Benoit, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Ms. Vicki Bonvillain.

ABSENT: Mr. Gregory Harding

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of lone David, retired school food service employee, who recently passed away.

President Thomas recognized Dr. Lottie Beebe, Superintendent of St. Martin Parish School Board, and BESE School Board Member, who was in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Dr. Babin moved, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, that the Board approve the minutes of School Board Meeting of February 10, 2015, as recorded.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Harding

President Thomas declared the foregoing motion carried.

Mr. Darryl DiMaggio, Sr., citizen, addressed the Board regarding "Common Core."

Ms. Candace LaJaunie, citizen, addressed the Board regarding "Opting Out Common Core, Resolution, PARCC."

Ms. Stacy Hargenrader, citizen, addressed the Board regarding "Common Core."

Mr. David Mounts, citizen, addressed the Board regarding "Common Core Parent Concerns."

The following report of the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meeting was presented to the Board with Mr. Jackson, Vice-Chairman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

The Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee met at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 9, 2015, in the Board Room of the School Board Office

with the following members present: Mr. Gregory Harding, Chairman, Mr. Richard Jackson, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Roger Dale DeHart. Also in attendance were Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Board President, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Donald Duplantis, Ms. Vicki Bonvillain, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

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

Ms. Kayla Guerrero, Representative, Region 3 Office of Public Health, addressed the Committee regarding Memorandums of Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Public Health and Hospitals.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Region 3 Office of Public Health, for the use of H. L. Bourgeois High School, South Terrebonne High School, Southdown Elementary School, and the School Board Central Office for the purpose of responding to an emergency incident requiring mass vaccination and dispensing of medications and/or supplies, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Ms. Monica Walther, MS, RD, LDN, Supervisor, Child Nutrition Program, addressed the Committee regarding authorization to proceed with the advertisement of bids for Meats and Frozen Items, and Canned and Dry Goods for the 2015 Fall school session.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Child Nutrition Department to proceed with the advertisement of six month bids (July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015), for Meats and Frozen Items; and Canned and Dry Goods for the 2015 Fall school session.

Ms. Walther addressed the Committee regarding authorization to advertise for yearly bids for Milk and Milk Products; Fruit Juice; Supplies and Disposables; Fresh Fruits and Vegetables; and Bread for the 2015-2016 school year.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Child Nutrition Department to proceed with the advertisement of yearly bids (July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016), for Milk and Milk Products; Fruit Juice; Supplies and Disposables; Fresh Fruits and Vegetables; and Bread for the 2015-2016 school year.

Ms. Carolyn Champagne, Purchasing Agent, addressed the Committee regarding authorization to advertise for bids for Auxiliary Materials, Supplies, Equipment, and Services for the 2015-2016 school year.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Purchasing Department to proceed with the advertisement of bids for Auxiliary Materials, Supplies, Equipment, and Services for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Chip Didier, Director of the Houma-Thibodaux Bayou Bandits, addressed the Committee regarding fees charged, according to the Use of School Facilities Policy (see attached).

Mr. Craig Hebert, AIA, A Professional Architect Corp., addressed the Committee regarding an update of the Press Box Renovation Project at South Terrebonne High School (see attached).

Chairman Harding withdrew agenda Item (8), matter bearing upon artificial turf at South Terrebonne High School and Terrebonne High School Stadiums.

Mr. Donald Chamberlain, Plant Operations Manager, 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 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Harding, Chairman

Richard Jackson, Vice-Chairman

Roger Dale DeHart

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Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Dr. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Region 3 Office of Public Health, for the use of H. L. Bourgeois High School, South Terrebonne High School, Southdown Elementary School, and the School Board Central Office for the purpose of responding to an emergency incident requiring mass vaccination and dispensing of medications and/or supplies, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Child Nutrition Department to proceed with the advertisement of six month bids (July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015), for Meats and Frozen Items; and Canned and Dry Goods for the 2015 Fall school session.

Motion of Ms. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Child Nutrition Department to proceed with the advertisement of yearly bids (July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016), for Milk and Milk Products; Fruit Juice; Supplies and Disposables; Fresh Fruits and Vegetables; and Bread for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Purchasing Department to proceed with the advertisement of bids for Auxiliary Materials, Supplies, Equipment, and Services for the 2015-2016 school year.

The report of the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meeting was concluded, and President Thomas reassumed the Chair.

The following report of the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting was presented to the Board with Ms. Benoit, Chairwoman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

The FINANCE, INSURANCE, and SECTION 16 LANDS COMMITTEE met in the Board Room of the School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, with the following members present: Ms. Debi Benoit, Chairwoman, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Donald Duplantis. Also in attendance were Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

Ms. Benoit called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Carolyn Champagne, Purchasing Agent, addressed the Committee regarding authorization for the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids for the Office Supply Catalog Contract for the 2015/2016 school year.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids for the Office Supply Catalog Contract for the 2015/2016 school year.

Chairwoman Benoit withdrew agenda Item (3), matter bearing upon 403b and 457 Request for Proposals.

Ms. Rebecca Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2014/2015 revised budget for the General Operating Fund.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the following 2014/2015 revised budget for the General Operating Fund:

**General Operating Fund
Revised Budget
2014/2015 Fiscal Year
February 2015**

Revenues

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|------------------|----------------|
| Local Revenues | \$ 19,948,303 |
| State Revenues | 89,910,166 |
| Federal Revenues | <u>102,476</u> |
| Total Revenues | \$109,960,945 |

Expenditures

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| Instructional | \$ 76,497,916 |
| Instructional Support Services | 46,732,426 |
| Operation of Non-Instructional Services | 1,094,683 |
| Debt Service | <u>74,925</u> |

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| Total Expenditures | \$ 124,399,950 |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses) | |
| Other Sources of Funds | \$ 18,220,086 |
| Other Uses of Funds | <u>(5,579,507)</u> |
| Total Other Sources (Uses) | \$ 12,640,579 |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | (1,798,426) |
| Beginning Fund Balance | \$ 13,045,751 |
| Ending Fund Balance | |
| Assigned - Act 1 Implementation | \$ 1,000,000 |
| Assigned - Financial Software | 750,000 |
| Unassigned | <u>9,497,325</u> |
| Total Ending Fund Balance | <u>\$ 11,247,325</u> |

Ms. Breaux presented the 2014/2015 revised budget for the Child Nutrition Program Fund.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the following 2014/2015 revised budget for the Child Nutrition Program Fund:

**Child Nutrition Program Fund
Revised Budget
2014/2015 Fiscal Year
February 2015**

Revenues

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Local Sources | \$ 1,407,877 |
| State Sources | 321,761 |
| Federal Sources | <u>7,198,504</u> |
| Total Revenues | \$ 8,928,142 |

Expenditures

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|--------------------|----------------|
| Salaries | \$ 2,643,182 |
| Employee Benefits | 2,073,804 |
| Purchased Services | 639,120 |
| Supplies | 4,098,089 |
| Property | <u>172,837</u> |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 9,627,032 |

Other Financing Sources

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| Other Sources of Funds | <u>\$ 447,126</u> |
| Total Other Sources (Uses) | \$ 447,126 |

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| Net Change in Fund Balance | (251,764) |
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| Beginning Fund Balance | \$ 647,832 |
| Ending Fund Balance | |
| Non-spendable | <u>\$ 396,068</u> |
| Total Ending Fund Balance | <u>\$ 396,068</u> |

Ms. Breaux presented the 2014/2015 revised budget for the One Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the following 2014/2015 revised budget for the One Cent Sales Tax Fund:

**One Cent Sales Tax Fund (1996)
Revised Budget
2014/2015 Fiscal Year
February 2015**

Revenues

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Local - Sales Tax | \$26,417,335 |
| - Interest | <u>51,000</u> |
| Total Revenues | \$26,468,335 |

Expenditures

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| Compensation & Benefits | \$15,896,774 |
| Technology | 2,349,777 |
| Capital & Building Improvements | 3,694,612 |
| Debt Service | <u>142,000</u> |
| Total Expenditures | \$22,083,163 |

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

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| Other Sources of Funds | \$ 1,453,619 |
| Other Uses of Funds | <u>(7,395,332)</u> |
| Total Other Sources (Uses) | (5,941,713) |

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| Net Change in Fund Balance | (1,556,541) |
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Fund Balance

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| Beginning Fund Balance | \$ 11,052,815 |
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Ending Fund Balance

Restricted

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| Salaries & Benefits | \$ 8,063,064 |
| Technology/Construction | <u>1,433,210</u> |
| Total Ending Fund Balance | <u>\$ 9,496,274</u> |

Ms. Breaux presented the 2014/2015 revised budget for the $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the following 2014/2015 revised budget for the $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent Sales Tax Fund:

**$\frac{3}{4}$ Cent Sales Tax Fund (1976)
Revised Budget
2014/2015 Fiscal Year
February 2015**

Revenues

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Local - Sales Tax | \$19,078,854 |
| - Interest | <u>48,000</u> |
| Total Revenues | \$19,126,854 |

Expenditures

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| Purchased Services | \$ 599,369 |
| Supplies & Equipment | 3,663,623 |
| Debt Service & Miscellaneous | <u>12,600</u> |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 4,275,592 |

Other Sources (Uses) of Funds

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| Other Financing Sources | 0 |
| Other Financing Uses | <u>(15,254,719)</u> |
| Total Other Sources (Uses) of Funds | (15,254,719) |

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| Net Change in Fund Balance | (403,457) |
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| Fund Balance Beginning | \$ 3,495,794 |
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| Ending Fund Balance Restricted Instructional Programs Committed Band Uniforms | \$ 2,721,105 |
| | <u>\$ 371,232</u> |

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| Total Ending Fund Balance | <u>\$ 3,092,337</u> |
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Ms. Breaux presented the 2014/2015 original budget for the $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the following 2014/2015 original budget for the ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund:

½ Cent Sales Tax Fund (2014)
Original Budget
2014/2015 Fiscal Year

Revenues

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Local - Sales Tax | <u>\$3,164,360</u> |
| Total Revenues | \$3,164,360 |

Expenditures

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| Compensation & Benefits | 0 |
| Purchased Services | <u>\$ 28,257</u> |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 28,257 |

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

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| Other Sources of Funds | 0 |
| Other Uses of Funds | <u>0</u> |
| Total Other Sources (Uses) | 0 |

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| Net Change in Fund Balance | \$3,136,103 |
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| Beginning Fund Balance | 0 |
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| Ending Fund Balance | |
| Restricted | <u>\$3,136,103</u> |

Ms. Breaux presented an update on the Sales Tax collections report (see attached). She stated sales tax collections for the month of December 2014 are 1% higher than December 2013.

There being no further business to come before the **Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee**, motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Benoit, Chairwoman

Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-Chairman

Donald Duplantis

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Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids for the Office Supply Catalog Contract for the 2015/2016 school year.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board adopted the 2014/2015 revised budget for the General Operating Fund, as presented and outlined in the foregoing report.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board adopted the 2014/2015 revised budget for the Child Nutrition Program Fund, as presented and outlined in the foregoing report.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board adopted the 2014/2015 revised budget for the One Cent Sales Tax Fund, as presented and outlined in the foregoing report.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board adopted the 2014/2015 revised budget for the $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent Sales Tax Fund, as presented and outlined in the foregoing report.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board adopted the 2014/2015 original budget for the $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent Sales Tax Fund, as presented and outlined in the foregoing report.

The report of the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting was concluded, and President Thomas reassumed the Chair and presided for the remainder of the proceedings.

The Executive Committee report was presented to the Board.

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

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Executive Committee** met at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, President, and Ms. Debi Benoit. Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin, Vice-President, entered after the meeting began. Others in attendance were Mr. Richard Jackson, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Superintendent Philip Martin, Dr. Debra Yarbrough, and Ms. 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** granted a request from Ms. Laura Mutz, 5th Grade Science Teacher at Elysian Fields Middle School, to use three (3) sick leave days to attend her son's Military Graduation from Basic Training (see attached).

At this time, Dr. Babin entered the meeting.

The **Executive Committee** addressed member concerns.

There being no further business to come before the **Executive Committee**, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roosevelt Thomas, President

Brenda Leroux Babin, Ph.D., Vice-President

Debi Benoit

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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. Duplantis, 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 immediately following the Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, President, Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin, Secretary/Treasurer, and Ms. Debi Benoit. Others in attendance were Mr. Richard Jackson, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Superintendent Philip Martin, and Ms. Rebecca Breaux.

The **Board of Directors** received the January 2015 financial statement (see attachment).

The **Board of Directors** allowed the Superintendent and/or his designee to renew a lease with Reaves Enterprises, Inc., 625 Belanger Street, for a monthly lease of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for a period of one (1) year, commencing April 1, 2015, and terminating March 31, 2016, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

The **Board of Directors** allowed the Superintendent and/or his designee to renew a lease with Dr. Clarence Bergeron, 623 Belanger Street, for a monthly lease of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for a period of five (5) years, commencing May 1, 2015, and terminating April 30, 2020, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

The **Board of Directors** allowed the Superintendent and/or his designee to renew a lease with Sobear, Inc., 248 Barrow Street, for a monthly lease of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for a period of one (1) year, commencing May 1, 2015, and terminating April 30, 2016, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

The **Board of Directors** allowed the Superintendent and/or his designee to lease 244 Barrow Street to Terissa Sons, DBA, T's Sweets and Gifts, for a monthly lease of four hundred (\$400.00) dollars for a period of one (1) year, commencing April 1, 2015, and terminating March 31, 2016, with three (3) one-year options to renew contract at the end of each said period, must provide in advance a four hundred (\$400.00) dollar security deposit, required insurance, and all utilities are tenant's responsibility, and further, 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,

Roosevelt Thomas, President

Brenda Leroux Babin, Ph.D., Secretary/Treasurer

Debi Benoit

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

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (6:37 P.M.), regarding "Matter Pertaining to Pending Litigation – Jessie D. Authement and Jean LeBoeuf vs. Terrebonne Parish School Board, Yvette B. Hebert, ACE American Insurance Company, and Progressive Security Insurance Company, Docket No. 165,794, Div. E., 32nd Judicial District Court, Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana."

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session with all members present, with the exception of Mr. Harding who was absent (6:47 P.M.).

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of counsel, as it relates to "Matter Pertaining to Pending Litigation – Jessie D. Authement and Jean LeBoeuf vs. Terrebonne Parish School Board, Yvette B. Hebert, ACE American Insurance Company, and Progressive Security Insurance Company, Docket No. 165,794, Div. E., 32nd Judicial District Court, Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana."

Ms. Bonvillain addressed the Board regarding "Matter Pertaining to Consideration of Approval of Resolution as it Relates to Removal of the Implementation of CCSS and PARCC Testing in the Terrebonne Parish School System."

Ms. Bonvillain moved, seconded by Ms. Benoit, that the Board approve and authorize the following Resolution to request that Governor Bobby Jindal and State Superintendent of Education John White respectfully request members of the Louisiana Legislature use their authority to remove the Terrebonne Parish Public School System from the implementation of CCSS and PARCC testing until these programs have been thoroughly reviewed and understood by teachers, parents, community leaders, and approved by School Board Members:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Public School System provides a caring environment for learning, a challenging, relevant and data driven curriculum, based upon progress monitoring to access student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the Terrebonne Parish School Board members were not familiar with the Common Core State Standards since the idea was first introduced to the State of Louisiana through the rejection of a Race to the Top agreement in January of 2010; and its adoption was accepted without fully being completed and remains fluid; and

WHEREAS, constant commitment to improvement and high performance has made the Terrebonne Parish Public School System develop and implement numerous initiatives to progress monitor student achievement in an effort to ensure rigor and excellence within the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Terrebonne Parish School Board, duly elected by the citizens of the parish, believe that education is not the mandate of the Federal Government or any national board; but an obligation to each state to meet the local culture, in economic growth and local prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish School Board believes that the Common Core State Standards were implemented too quickly, were not a consensus or reviewed by top educators, parents, administrators or school board members in our state; therefore, the common core standards do not reflect the norms of our teachers, parents or the community values of Terrebonne Parish; and

WHEREAS, significant time, effort and expense on the district and employees have been associated with the modification of Terrebonne Parish's Guaranteed Curriculum to comply with the Common Core requirements and its implementation for a curriculum that remains incomplete; and

WHEREAS, major investments in equipment and upgrades to our infrastructure are required to comply with the requirements of PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) without any federal or state relief for the technology and training needed; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the actual assessments is significantly more expensive than the current assessment especially since it will cover all grade levels and this will be an ongoing expense that imposes an undue burden to our School System; and this is another unfunded federal mandate; and

WHEREAS, we do not currently believe that the Terrebonne Parish Public School System has objectionable material in any of our existing and proposed curriculum; although the state has approved some inappropriate literature; however, we do furthermore encourage all parents, teachers, and administrators to elevate concerns of material in the curriculum to the Principals, Superintendent, and School Board Members; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish School Board objects to the collection and sharing of the 400 data points related to the "Learner" element of the National Education Data Model (NEDM) of which students' data is required to be shared through the PARCC with individuals who do not have a vested interest or obligation to individual student growth; further, any agreement of this nature breaches students' rights to privacy without parental permission; and

WHEREAS, our belief is that Common Core State Standards do not justify the disruption to instruction, accountability, professional development and teacher preparation that follows adoption of these standards and PARCC assessments in our system; and we further believe that the shortage of teachers in our district is a direct result of the push and implementation of curriculum that is not at the core of these content areas, and the former Guaranteed Curriculum, state approved, adopted and implemented in the Terrebonne Parish Public School System meets the needs of every child, every day and there is data to prove it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board does hereby request that Governor Bobby Jindal, State Superintendent of Education John White, and members of BESE remove the one-size-fits-all approach to testing and curriculum; allow the state to develop its own education benchmarks that do not mirror Common Core; that are teacher developed, parent reviewed and school board approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board does hereby request that Governor Bobby Jindal, State Superintendent of Education John White, and members of BESE remove Terrebonne Parish Public School System from implementing the National Assessment (PARCC Testing) as it is an undue financial burden and an example of federal over-reach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board does hereby request that Governor Bobby Jindal, State Superintendent of Education John White, and members of BESE allow Terrebonne Parish to revert back to the Louisiana Comprehensive Curriculum in ELA for one year to restructure the curriculum with teachers, parents, community members and school board members, utilizing the ACT College Entrance Exam as an evaluation of our National Achievement Mandates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that if Governor Bobby Jindal, State Superintendent of Education John White, and members of BESE do not take this action, the Terrebonne Parish School Board does hereby respectfully request members of the Louisiana Legislature use their authority to remove the Terrebonne Parish Public School System from the implementation of CCSS and PARCC testing until these programs have been thoroughly reviewed and understood by teachers, parents, community leaders and approved by school board members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board, with copies being sent to Governor Bobby Jindal, State Superintendent of Education John White, members of BESE, all members of the Louisiana Legislature and all schools in the Terrebonne Parish Public School System.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion:

Candace Lajaunie, Citizen

Melynda Rodrigue, Principal of Schriever Elementary School, and President of Terrebonne Principals' Assn.

James Myles Barr, Curriculum Specialist, Terrebonne Parish School Board

Dr. Lottie Beebe, Superintendent of St. Martin Parish School Board, and Member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE)

Alesia Blanchard, Curriculum Specialist, Terrebonne Parish School Board

Ronald Foret, Principal of Caldwell Middle School

Kim Voisin, Pastor

David Mounts, Citizen

Jerome Richard, State Representative, District 55

Sandra LaRose, Principal of Bourg Elementary School

Michelle Dupre, Teacher, Bourg Elementary School

Melanie Babin, Citizen

Following a lengthy discussion, Ms. Benoit, seconded by Ms. Bonvillain, offered a substitute motion, that the Board draw up an appropriate resolution and forward to State Superintendent of Education, John White, and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education requesting that Terrebonne Parish School Board not suffer any consequences or be penalized should parents opt out of testing for students.

Dr. Beebe addressed the Board regarding the foregoing substitute motion.

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

YEAS: Ms. Benoit and Ms. Bonvillain

NAYS: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Jackson, Dr. Babin, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, and Mr. Duplantis

ABSENT: Mr. Harding

President Thomas 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: Ms. Benoit and Ms. Bonvillain

NAYS: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Jackson, Dr. Babin, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, and Mr. Duplantis

ABSENT: Mr. Harding

President Thomas declared the original motion failed to carry.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(8:10 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ Roosevelt Thomas, President

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