

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

**September 22, 2020**

The Terrebonne Parish School Board met today at **6:00 P.M. 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. Gregory Harding, Mr. Matthew J. Ford, Mr. Clyde F. Hamner, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Dr. MayBelle N. Trahan, and Mr. Dane Voisin.

ABSENT: Mr. Michael T. LaGarde

Mrs. Solet led the Board and audience in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Announcements were made by President Benoit regarding upcoming meetings.

The following report of the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting was presented to the Board with Mr. Hamner, chairman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

**The FINANCE, INSURANCE, and SECTION 16 LANDS COMMITTEE** met immediately following the 5:00 P.M. Education, Technology, and Policy Committee, and the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meetings on Thursday, September 17, 2020, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Clyde Hamner, chairman, Mr. Michael LaGarde, vice chairman, and Mrs. Stacy Solet. Also in attendance were Mrs. Debi Benoit, president, Mr. Dane Voisin, Dr. MayBelle Trahan, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Mr. Matthew Ford, Mr. Gregory Harding, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

Chairman Hamner called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jack Moore, Risk Manager, addressed the Committee regarding Group Health Preferred Provider Organization (attached).

## **RECOMMENDATION NO. 1**

**The Committee recommends** that the Board accept the offer from Gilsbar, Inc., to adopt the UnitedHealthcare Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) for the Terrebonne Parish School Board Group Health Plan, effective November 1, 2020.

Mr. Moore addressed the Committee regarding retiree Group Medicare Advantage Health Plan for 2021 (attached).

## **RECOMMENDATION NO. 2**

**The Committee recommends** that the Board accept the proposal from UnitedHealthcare for a Group Medicare Advantage Health Plan, for eligible retirees, with an estimated annual cost of \$1,777,308, for the plan year, effective January 1, 2021, and further, authorize the administration to set the Claims Fluctuation Reserve at a maximum of 15% of the Group Health Insurance Fund revenues with the savings realized.

Superintendent Martin addressed the Committee regarding the sale of a portion of the Old Grand Caillou Middle School property.

Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Board Member, addressed the Committee concerning school audits.

Mrs. Rebecca Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, presented information on a Monthly Budget-to-Actual Comparison report (attached).

Mrs. Breaux presented an update on the Sales Tax collections report (attached). She stated that sales tax collections for the month of July 2020 are approximately 5.8% higher than July 2019.

There being no further business to come before the **Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee**, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clyde Hamner, Chairman

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Michael LaGarde, Vice Chairman

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Stacy Solet

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Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mrs. Solet, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the offer from Gilsbar, Inc., and adopted the UnitedHealthcare Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) for the Terrebonne Parish School Board Group Health Plan, effective November 1, 2020.

Motion of Mr. Harding, seconded by Dr. Trahan, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the proposal from UnitedHealthcare for a Group Medicare Advantage Health Plan, for eligible retirees, with an estimated annual cost of \$1,777,308, for the plan year, effective January 1, 2021, and further, authorized the administration to set the Claims Fluctuation Reserve at a maximum of 15% of the Group Health Insurance Fund revenues with the savings realized.

Mrs. Lynn Ellzey, Insurance Advisory Committee Member representing Terrebonne Parish School Board retirees, addressed the Board and expressed her sincere thanks, as it relates to the foregoing motion.

Chairman Hamner also expressed his sincere thanks to the Members of the Insurance Advisory Committee (Lynn Ellzey, Catherine Rochelle, Joan Moise, Christine Verdin, Cheryl Degruise, Monica Hays, Connie Cehan, Jack Moore, Curtis Constrantiche, and Mr. Lynn Fontaine, Broker representing Hub International) for their assistance and input.

Mr. DeHart addressed the Board concerning school audits.

Mr. DeHart moved, seconded by Mr. Ford, with an amendment, that upon change of school leadership due to transfer, promotion, retirement, or resignation, that a school review be conducted immediately, and once said review is completed that a copy be provided to all School Board Members.

Ms. Rebecca Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Board regarding the motion.

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

**YEAS:** Mr. DeHart

**NAYS:** Mr. Harding, Mr. Ford, Mrs. Benoit, Mrs. Solet, Mr. Hamner, Dr. Trahan, and Mr. Voisin

**ABSENT:** Mr. LaGarde

Chairman Hamner declared the foregoing motion failed to carry.

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

Motion of Mr. Hamner, seconded by Mrs. Solet, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn (6:30 P.M.).

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ Debi Benoit, President

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