

TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
201 STADIUM DRIVE
HOUMA, LOUISIANA 70360

School Board Meeting - May 4, 2004

Order of Business

7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Minutes of School Board Meetings of April 6 and 20, 2004
6. Citizen Concerns
 - A. Ms. Bernadette Pickett/Mr. Joseph Waitz, Jr. (District Attorney's Office) - Update on T.R.I.P. (Truancy Reduction Intervention Program)
 - B. Ms. Judy Gaspard - Importance of Recent United Nations Invitational Presentation
7. Board Committee Meeting Reports
 - A. Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee
 - B. Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee (two reports)
 - C. Executive Committee

D. Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc.

8. Superintendent's Agenda

A. Agenda Items

- (1) Resolution in Observance of Educational Bosses Week, May 16-22, 2004
- (2) Matter Pertaining to Adoption of Resolution (as a Result of Recently-Imposed Increased Cost of Contributions to Teachers/Louisiana School Employees Retirement Systems)
- (3) Matter Pertaining to Adoption of Resolution Regarding Employment of Special Counsel, in Accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:263 (as a Result of Recently-Imposed Increased Cost of Contributions to Teachers/Louisiana School Employees Retirement Systems)
- (4) Requests for Professional Leave
 - (a) Classroom Teacher/Head Football Coach, Classroom Teacher/Football Coach, and Classroom Teacher/Assistant Football Coach at H. L. Bourgeois High School
 - (b) Three Classroom Teachers/Football Coaches at South Terrebonne High School
 - (c) Principal and Five Classroom Teachers at Schriever Elementary School
- (5) Personnel Section
 - (a) Personnel Actions for March and April 2004 (Contract Renewals, Appointments, Retirements, Resignations, Terminations)

(6) Purchasing Section

- (a) Consideration of Approval of Bids Received on Parking Lot Improvements - Federal Programs Building

9. Individual Board Member

- A. Mr. Clark J. Bonvillain - Matter Pertaining to Board Policy (FILE: C-3.3), Superintendent Election

10. Announcements

5/06

6:00 Indian Education Public Hearing

5/08

5-K Run for Excellence

5/10

5:00 Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee (tentative)

5/11

5:00 Superintendent Candidate Forum

7:00 Superintendent Candidate Interview

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5:00 Superintendent Candidate Forum

7:00 Superintendent Candidate Interview

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5:00 Superintendent Candidate Forum

7:00 Superintendent Candidate Interview

5/16-22

Educational Bosses Week

5/17

5:00 Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee
(tentative)

5/18

5:30 Executive Committee

6:00 Board of Directors, Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc.

7:00 Regular School Board Meeting

11. Adjournment

AGENDA ITEMS

(1) RESOLUTION IN OBSERVANCE OF EDUCATIONAL BOSSES WEEK, MAY 16-22, 2004

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the following resolution recognizing May 16-22, 2004, as Educational Bosses Week:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The week of May 16-22, 2004, has been proclaimed as Educational Bosses Week; and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish's educational administrators are dedicated to promoting the cause of education; and

WHEREAS, The role of the administrator is increasingly demanding, complex, and a vital part of the entire educational process; and

WHEREAS, Administrators are responsive to the needs of students and the community; and

WHEREAS, Administrators must often participate unselfishly in professional and civic activities; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Terrebonne Parish School

Board hereby recognizes the week of May 16-22, 2004, as Educational Bosses Week in appreciation of the many contributions of school and office administrators; and

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

(2) **MATTER PERTAINING TO ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION (AS A RESULT OF RECENTLY-IMPOSED INCREASED COST OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEACHERS/LOUISIANA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS)**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt the following resolution (as a result of the recently-imposed increased cost of contributions to Teachers/Louisiana School Employees Retirement Systems) agreeing to participate with other public school boards of the State of Louisiana, as a plaintiff in any legal action to be taken against the State of Louisiana relative to duties imposed upon the State by Article 10, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Terrebonne Parish School Board has been notified that the employers' cost of contributions to the Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana will increase from 13.8% to 17.3% of the salaries of the employees within that system and that such increase shall be effective July 1, 2004, and

WHEREAS, The Terrebonne Parish School Board has been notified that the employers' cost of contributions to the Louisiana School Employees Retirement System will increase from 8.5% to 18.8% of the salaries of the members of that system and that such increase shall be effective July 1,

2004, and

WHEREAS, Article 10, Section 29(E) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that the legislature, in each fiscal year, shall provide an amount necessary to fund the employers' portion of retirement costs, and

WHEREAS, The legislature has not funded the employers' share of retirement contributions as required by the Louisiana Constitution and has given no indication that it intends to fund the increases in the employers' share of retirement contributions which will be effective July 1, 2004, and

WHEREAS, The net affect of the failure of the legislature to fund the employers' share of retirement contributions is to impose another mandated unfunded liability on them, and

WHEREAS, All public school boards of the State of Louisiana are negatively impacted by the failure of the legislature to fulfill its constitutional obligations, now

THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED, By the Terrebonne Parish School Board in regular session duly convened that it agrees to participate with other public school boards of the State of Louisiana as a plaintiff in any legal action to be taken against the State of Louisiana relative to the duties imposed upon the State by Article 10, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a petition be filed with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education asking it to take any and all action necessary to eliminate the additional mandated unfunded costs which are being imposed upon public school systems through increases in the employers' share of retirement contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of the resolution be sent to the Office of the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Office of the State Superintendent, Members of the State Legislature, the Louisiana School Boards Association, and all other public school systems in the State of

Louisiana.

- (3) **MATTER PERTAINING TO ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTE 42:263 (AS A RESULT OF RECENTLY-IMPOSED INCREASED COST OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEACHERS/LOUISIANA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS)**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt the following resolution regarding employment of special counsel, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:263 (as a result of the recently-imposed increased cost of contributions to Teachers/Louisiana School Employees Retirement Systems) agreeing to participate with other public school boards of the State of Louisiana, as a plaintiff in any legal action to be taken against the State of Louisiana relative to duties imposed upon the State by Article 10, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 42:263 authorizes the retention of special counsel by any school board upon a statement of reasons why such counsel is necessary and upon the approval by the Attorney General, and

WHEREAS, The Terrebonne Parish School Board, its Superintendent of Schools, and its staff are in need of special counsel with experience, training, and expertise in school law issues to participate with other public school boards of the State of Louisiana as a plaintiff in any legal action to be taken against the State of Louisiana relative to the duties imposed on the State by Article 10, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution regarding the funding of retirement costs, and

WHEREAS, Through its representation of the Louisiana School Boards Association and various school boards throughout the State of Louisiana,

the law firm of Hammonds and Sills of Baton Rouge and Monroe, Louisiana, has special experience, training, and expertise in those issues of school law, now

THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED, By the Terrebonne Parish School Board in regular session duly convened:

Section I - This School Board does hereby employ the firm of Hammonds and Sills of Baton Rouge and Monroe, Louisiana as special counsel to file such legal pleadings necessary to participate as a plaintiff with other public school boards relative to the duties imposed upon the State by Article 10, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution.

Section II - Said law firm shall be paid for their services at hourly rates equal to the maximum hourly fee schedule for special counsel published by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana in effect at the time of the services, out-of-pocket expenses for long distance telephone calls, document duplication, expert witness fees, court reporter fees, printing costs, and other expenses as a result of the legal services to and for this School Board to be apportioned by the Louisiana School Boards Association.

Section III - Said law firm shall keep itemized time records for presentation to the Louisiana School Boards Association with respect to services rendered at said hourly rates and the expenses incurred, and the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to pay same upon submission and receipt thereof from the Louisiana School Boards Association as may be apportioned as agreed by and among the various school boards.

Section IV - This employment shall be effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

The vote, in open meeting, on the resolution was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

(4) REQUESTS FOR PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

- (a) Classroom Teacher/Head Football Coach, Classroom Teacher/Football Coach, and Classroom Teacher/Assistant Football Coach at H. L. Bourgeois High School**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve a request to allow Mr. Randy Boquet, classroom teacher/head football coach; Mr. Rodney Boudreaux, classroom teacher/football coach; and Mr. Davis Arceneaux, classroom teacher/assistant football coach, H. L. Bourgeois High School, to attend the San Angelo Football Clinic in San Angelo, Texas, June 16-18, 2004 (Wednesday-Friday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by H. L. Bourgeois High School Athletic Fund and H. L. Bourgeois High School Booster Club.

- (b) Three Classroom Teachers/Football Coaches at South Terrebonne High School**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve a request to allow Mr. David McCormick, Mr. Rusty Price, and Mr. Archie Adams, classroom teachers/football coaches, South Terrebonne High School, to attend the San Angelo Football Clinic in San Angelo, Texas, June 16-18, 2004 (Wednesday-Friday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by South Terrebonne High School Athletic Fund.

- (c) Principal and Five Classroom Teachers at Schriever Elementary School**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve a request to allow

Ms. Melissa Adams, Principal, Ms. Charlotte Champagne, Ms. Marilyn Gravois, Ms. Denise Orgeron, Ms. Nicole Bourque-Reiss, and Ms. Mona Touns, classroom teachers, Schriever Elementary School, to attend the 20th National Reading Styles Conference (NSRI) in San Antonio, Texas, July 9-14, 2004 (Friday-Wednesday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be paid by Title I Fund.

(5) PERSONNEL SECTION

- (a) Personnel Actions for March and April 2004 (Contract Renewals, Appointments, Retirements, Resignations, Terminations)**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board ratify the list of professional instructional and non-instructional/support personnel actions (contract renewals, appointments, retirements, resignations, and terminations) for March and April 2004.

(6) PURCHASING SECTION

- (a) Consideration of Approval of Bids Received on Parking Lot Improvements - Federal Programs Building**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board award the Federal Programs Building Parking Lot Improvement Project to the lowest responsible bidder meeting all specifications received from Sealevel Construction, Inc., Thibodaux, LA in the amount of \$231,309.00, plus alternate #1 in the amount of \$2,000.00 (realignment of driver entrance) and alternate #2 in the amount of \$40,500.00 (parking lot lighting) for a total bid, including alternates #1 and #2, of \$273,809.00, increase the project budget, including architectural fees and 5% contingency, by \$26,472.00 (from \$287,087.00 to \$313,569.00) with monies to be derived from the NCLB Title I Fund, and authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents

pertaining thereto.

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