

**TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
201 STADIUM DRIVE
HOUMA, LOUISIANA 70360**

School Board Meeting – October 18, 2005

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 September 6 and 20, and October 4, 2005
6. Board Committee Meeting Report
 - A. Education and Policy Committee
7. Superintendent's Agenda
 - A. Agenda Items
 - (1) Matter Bearing Upon Current Situation as it Relates to Schools Due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
 - (2) Resolution in Observance of School Bus Safety Week, October 16-22, 2005
 - (3) Resolution Declaring Month of November 2005 as Native American Indian Month in the Terrebonne Parish School System
 - (4) Request for Professional Leave

- (a) Educational Facilitator in Special Education Department
- (4) Personnel Section
 - (a) Personnel Appointments
 - 1) Master Teacher at Acadian Elementary School
 - 2) Master Teacher at Grand Caillou Elementary School
 - 3) Guidance Counselor at Ellender Memorial High School
 - (b) Leaves of Absence
 - 1) Sabbatical Leaves
 - 2) Family and Medical Leave
 - 3) Leave Without Pay
- (5) Purchasing Section
 - (a) Consideration of Approval of Proposals Received on a Lesson Plan Management System

8. Announcement

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7:00 Regular School Board Meeting

9. Adjournment

**Terrebonne Parish School Board
201 Stadium Drive
Houma, Louisiana 70360**

October 18, 2005

Dear Members of the Board:

The Education and Policy Committee met on Monday, October 3, 2005, at 5:00 P.M., in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Hayes Badeaux, Chairman, Mr. Rickie Pitre, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Richard Jackson. Also in attendance were Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice-President, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Gregory Harding, Superintendent Ed Richard, Jr., and members of the staff.

A partial report was submitted to the Board at its October 4, 2005, meeting.

Mrs. Louise Whipple, Supervisor of Personnel, presented information to the Committee regarding sick leave donations as a result of the devastation caused by Hurricane Rita (see attachment).

RECOMMENDATION #1

The Committee recommends that the Board allow employees whose primary residence flooded as a result of Hurricane Rita, to receive donated days following the established guidelines as outlined in Policy FILE: F-11.4b, Sick Leave Donations.

Mr. Philip Martin, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Student Support Services, presented information to the Committee relative to the BESE Board waivers (see attachment).

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

Respectfully submitted,

Hayes Badeaux, Chairman

Rickie Pitre, Vice-Chairman

Richard Jackson

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AGENDA ITEMS

- (1) **RESOLUTION IN OBSERVANCE OF SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK,
OCTOBER 16-22, 2005**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the following

resolution recognizing October 16-22, 2005, as School Bus Safety Week:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Louisiana parish and city systems provide free transportation for approximately 494,000 students each school day, and

WHEREAS, The citizens of this state recognize the efforts and dedication of the administrators, teachers, school bus drivers, and other employees, who make the school systems operational on a daily basis, and

WHEREAS, All officials of public and non-public schools strive for the efficient and safe transportation of all students, and

WHEREAS, The State of Louisiana, the Department of Education, and the Office of School and Community Support, recognize the commendable efforts displayed by all involved in the school transportation program, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Honorable Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, does hereby proclaim the week of October 16-22, 2005, as "School Bus Safety Week" in the State of Louisiana, and

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

(2) RESOLUTION DECLARING MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2005 AS NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN MONTH IN THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the following resolution declaring the month of November 2005 as Native American Indian Month in the Terrebonne Parish School System:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Title VII Indian Education Program is a viable part of the Terrebonne Parish educational system, and

WHEREAS, Emphasis on the cultural heritage of Indian students is one of the four goals of the Title VII Indian Education Grant, and

WHEREAS, The month of November has been observed as “National American Indian Heritage Month” since 1990, and

WHEREAS, Instructional lessons on Indians and their heritage are traditionally taught to students during the month of November, and

WHEREAS, The Title VII Indian Education staff and the Title VII Indian Education Parent Committee are requesting that the month of November 2005, be recognized as Native American Indian Month in the Terrebonne Parish School System, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Terrebonne Parish School Board does hereby declare the month of November 2005, as Native American Indian Month in the Terrebonne Parish School System, and

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

(3) REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

(a) Educational Facilitator in Special Education Department

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve a request to allow Ms. Carrie Delorge, Educational Facilitator in the Special Education Department, to attend The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH) Conference in Milwaukee, WI, November 9-12, 2005 (Wednesday-Saturday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be paid by the State Department of Education.

(4) PERSONNEL SECTION

(a) Personnel Appointments

1) Master Teacher at Acadian Elementary School

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the personnel appointment (recommendation to be placed at desks), as recommended by the Superintendent, effective on or about October 19, 2005.

2) Master Teacher at Grand Caillou Elementary School

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the personnel appointment (recommendation to be placed at desks), as recommended by the Superintendent, effective on or about October 19, 2005.

3) Guidance Counselor at Ellender Memorial High School

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the personnel appointment (recommendation to be placed at desks), as recommended by the Superintendent, effective on or about October 19, 2005.

(b) Leaves of Absence

1) Sabbatical Leaves

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve a sabbatical leave of absence in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.1) for:

- a) Ms. Gretta Jo Calongne, Teacher at Broadmoor Elementary School, for the second semester of the 2005-2006 school session, and
- b) Ms. Christy Gregg, Teacher at South Terrebonne High School, beginning October 19, 2005, and ending on December 22, 2005.

2) Family and Medical Leave

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve a family and medical leave of absence in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for: Ms. Mary Blanchard, Teacher at Houma Jr. High School, on an intermittent basis during the 2005-2006 school session, for the purpose of adoption.

3) Leave Without Pay

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve a leave of absence without pay in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.10) for Ms. Donna LaBauve, School Food Service Technician in the Child Nutrition Department, beginning October 6, 2005, and ending on March 6, 2006.

(5) PURCHASING SECTION

(a) Consideration of Approval of Proposals Received on a Lesson Plan Management System

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the proposal received for a Lesson Plan Management System from Schoolworksite.com, 875 Kings Hwy., Suite 216, Woodbury, NJ 08096, and further, authorize the staff to buy user subscription fees at \$19.00 per user, and trainer training in the amount of \$125.00 per hour, funding to be derived from the One Cent Sales Tax Fund.

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