

**TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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HOUMA, LOUISIANA 70360**

School Board Meeting – February 7, 2006

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 January 10, 2006, and January 17, 2006
6. Board Committee Meeting Reports
 - A. Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee
 - B. Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee
 - C. Executive Committee
 - D. Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc.
7. Superintendent's Agenda
 - A. Information Items
 - (1) National School Counseling Week: February 6-11, 2006
 - (2) Terrebonne Parish School Board Finance Department Recognition by ASBO (Association of School Business Officials)

B. Agenda Items

- (1) Approval of Resolution Recognizing February 2006 as African American History Month
- (2) Requests for Professional Leave
 - (a) Teacher at H. L. Bourgeois High School
 - (b) Teacher at Terrebonne High School
 - (c) School Psychologist in Special Education Department
 - (d) Data Processing Manager, Technical Support Specialist, Computer Programmer/Operator, Instructional Technology Specialist, Chief Accountant, and Payroll Manager in Central Office
- (3) Personnel Section
 - (a) Personnel Appointment
 - 1) Qualified Examiner-Educational Diagnostician in Special Education Department
 - (b) Personnel Actions for January 2006 (Contract Renewals, Appointments, Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations)
 - (c) Leaves of Absence
 - 1) Sabbatical Leave (Medical)
 - 2) Family and Medical Leaves
 - 3) Leave Without Pay
- (4) Purchasing Section
 - (a) Request Board Authorization to Advertise for Bids on Materials and Supplies for Teaching for 2006-2007 School Session

- (b) Request Board Authorization to Advertise for Bids on Hunting and Trapping Privileges on all Available Section 16 Lands
- (c) Request Board Authorization to Advertise for Bids on Large Kitchen Equipment for Child Nutrition Department

8. Individual Board Members

- A. Mr. Rickie Pitre – Matter Bearing on “Smoking Ban in Public Schools and School Board Property”
- B. Mr. Clark Bonvillain – Matter Bearing Upon Waiving Board Policy (FILE: B-12.2 - Agenda) and Reschedule Agenda Deadline (Due to Mardi Gras Holidays) for March 7, 2006, School Board Meeting from Noon Wednesday, March 1, 2006, to Noon Friday, February 24, 2006

9. Announcements

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- 5:00 ERC
- 6:30 44-Parent Committee

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- 5:00 Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee

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- 5:00 Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee

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- 5:30 Executive Committee
- 6:00 Board of Directors/Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc.
- 7:00 Regular School Board Meeting

10. Adjournment

INFORMATION ITEMS

(1) NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK: FEBRUARY 6-11, 2006

Governor Kathleen B. Blanco has proclaimed the week of February 6-11, 2006, as "National School Counseling Week" in the State of Louisiana. This special week is designed to promote school counseling in schools and communities.

Copies of Governor Blanco's proclamation will be forwarded to all schools and departments.

(2) TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD FINANCE DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION BY ASBO (ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS)

The Terrebonne Parish School Board Finance Department has received the Association of School Business Officials' Meritorious Budget Award for its 2005-2006 annual budget. The awards program was designed by (ASBO) International and school business management professionals to enable school business administration to achieve excellence in budget presentation, as well as developing and analyzing a budget. The award is only conferred to school systems that have met or exceeded the award program criteria. This award reflects the commitment to achieving the highest standards of school budgeting. The staff of the Finance Department is to be congratulated for this significant achievement.

AGENDA ITEMS

(1) APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2006 AS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the following resolution recognizing February 2006 as African American History Month in Terrebonne Parish Schools:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The month of February is traditionally observed as African American History Month; and

WHEREAS, The observance of a special period to recognize achievements and contributions by African Americans dates back to February 1926; and

WHEREAS, The observance period is ultimately the recognition of America's struggle to become a more perfect union; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Terrebonne Parish School Board recognizes February 2006 as African American History Month in the Terrebonne Parish Public Schools and encourages administrators, teachers, and students to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs that raise awareness and appreciation of African American History; and

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

(2) REQUESTS FOR PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

(a) Teacher at H. L. Bourgeois High School

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve a request to allow Mr. James Gauthreaux, Teacher at H. L. Bourgeois High School, to attend the Pre-AP U.S. History Conference in Woodland, Texas, February 24-25, 2006 (Friday-Saturday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by Title II Funds.

(b) Teacher at Terrebonne High School

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve a request to allow Mr. Sean LeBlanc, Teacher at Terrebonne High School, to attend the Pre-AP U. S. History Conference in Woodland, Texas, February 24-25, 2006 (Friday-Saturday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by Title II Funds.

(c) School Psychologist in Special Education Department

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve a request to allow Ms. Nancy Flaspohler, School Psychologist in Special Education Department, to attend the Conference on Positive Behavior Support in Reno, Nevada, March 23-25, 2006 (Thursday-Saturday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by IDEA Funds.

(d) Data Processing Manager, Technical Support Specialist, Computer Programmer/Operator, Instructional Technology Specialist, Chief Accountant, and Payroll Manager in Central Office

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve a request to allow Mr. Walt Prejean, Data Processing Manager; Mr. Travis Bourg, Technical Support Specialist; Mr. Bryan Guidroz, Computer Programmer/Operator; Ms. Bernadette Mabile, Instructional Technology Specialist; Ms. Judy Martin, Chief Accountant; and Ms. Debbie Bourgeois, Payroll Manager, Central Office, to attend the Annual Carter^Pertaine National Users' Group Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, April 3-5, 2006 (Monday-Wednesday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by Finance, System Networking, and Data Processing budgeted funds.

(3) PERSONNEL SECTION

(a) Personnel Appointment

1) Qualified Examiner-Educational Diagnostician in Special Education Department

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the personnel appointment (recommendation to be placed at desks), as recommended by the Superintendent, effective on or about February 8, 2006.

(b) Personnel Actions for January 2006 (Contract Renewals, Appointments, Retirements, Resignations, and 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 January 2006.

(c) Leaves of Absence

1) Sabbatical Leave (Medical)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve a sabbatical leave of absence (medical) in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.1) for Ms. Jennifer Dugas, Teacher at Southdown School, beginning February 8, 2006, through May 24, 2006.

2) Family and Medical Leaves

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for:

- a) Ms. Kimi Gautreaux, School Food Service Technician at Lacache Middle School, beginning January 17, 2006, through April 13, 2006
- b) Ms. Diane Pellegrin, School Food Service Technician at Schriever Elementary School, beginning February 8, 2006, through May 15, 2006, and
- c) Ms. Emelda Williams, School Bus Driver in the Transportation Department, on an intermittent basis during the remainder of the 2005-2006 school session, beginning February 1, 2006, for the purpose of caring for her critically ill sister.

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. Roslyn Calloway, School Bus Driver in the Transportation Department, beginning January 4, 2006, through January 3, 2007.

(4) PURCHASING SECTION

(a) Request Board Authorization to Advertise for Bids on Materials and Supplies for Teaching for 2006-2007 School Session

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board authorize the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids on materials and supplies for teaching for 2006-2007 school session.

(b) Request Board Authorization to Advertise for Bids on Hunting and Trapping Privileges on all Available Section 16 Lands

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(c) Request Board Authorization to Advertise for Bids on Large Kitchen Equipment for Child Nutrition Department

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