

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

September 2, 2003

The Terrebonne Parish School Board met today at 7:00 P.M. in regular session at its regular meeting place, the Terrebonne Parish School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, Houma, Louisiana, with Mr. Clark J. Bonvillain, President, presiding, and the following members present: Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice-President; Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Richard Jackson, Mr. Rickie Pitre, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes Badeaux.

ABSENT: None

Mr. Pitre led the Board and audience in the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. Abraham Wallis, Jr., retired custodian, who recently passed away.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Pitre, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of the School Board meeting of August 19, 2003, as recorded.

Mr. Joseph Pinero, Citizens for Good Government, addressed the Board regarding "Refusal of Terrebonne Parish School Board to allow 7th/8th Graders at Lacache Middle School to have a Girls' Basketball Team."

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board forwarded the matter of a Girls' Basketball Team at Lacache Middle School to the October Education and Policy Committee meeting, and further, during the interim, directed the staff to conduct a survey to determine the interest, including cost.

The following Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee report was presented to the Board with Mr. Duplantis, Chairman, 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 Monday, August 18, 2003, with the following members present: Mr. Donald Duplantis, Chairman, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Hayes Badeaux. Also in attendance were Mr. Richard Jackson, Superintendent Elizabeth Scurto, and members of the staff.

Mr. Duplantis called the meeting to order. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Horace Thibodaux, T. Baker Smith & Sons, addressed the Committee relative to Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 16 East. He stated that this Section involves the Falgout Canal area. A map of the Section was presented to the Committee. He also stated that for some time this area has been reviewed for being a possible site to having dredge material placed on it. He further stated that application is being made to the Department of Natural Resources to receive dredge material, and if approved, the Department of Natural Resources will return to the School Board to obtain permission.

Mr. Herbert Carreker reviewed a letter from the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District advising the School Board of topographic surveys and soil boring work in connection with the Houma Navigation Canal Deepening Study, which is to begin on August 18, 2003, in Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 17 East.

Mr. Thibodaux addressed the Committee in response to the Tidewater Conservation District requesting permission to access certain areas in the Section to determine which areas possibly on School Board property that could be used or would be suitable for the receipt of dredge material, relative to the deepening of the Houma Navigation Canal and that deepening is associated with the Morganza-to-the-Gulf project with relation to the flood gates. He also stated that other areas within that Section 16 Lands were being studied to utilize the dredge material so that additional habitation can be created.

Mr. Carreker discussed the matter pertaining to an abandoned camp located in Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 19 East. Working with Board attorney, he indicated that Mr. Rudolph Hutcherson had been contacted in reference to removing the camp and/or other structures from his campsite lease within 90 days from January 22, 2003. He stated that Mr. Hutcherson had not made any contact nor effort of restoration. He further said that Board attorney suggested the State Land Office be contacted first, since the State Land Office was designated as the "Lessor" under the original campsite lease.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Superintendent or her designee to contact the State Land Office and have the State Land Office assign its rights under Mr. Rudolph Hutcherson's campsite lease to the Terrebonne Parish School Board.

Ms. Pam Lemoine presented information pertaining to the Child Care Program. She reviewed the comparison of revenue and expenditure statements for the 2002-2003 school year involving all the schools that currently participate. She indicated that this program must be self-supportive and the schools showing a loss of revenue for the year are probable not to continue with child care.

There being no further business to come before the **Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee**, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Donald Duplantis, Chairman
 /s/ L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice-Chairman
 /s/ Hayes Badeaux

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Harding, with the exception of Mr. DeHart and Mr. Badeaux who objected, the Board authorized the Superintendent or her designee to contact the State Land Office and have the State Land Office assign its rights under Mr. Rudolph Hutcherson's campsite lease to the Terrebonne Parish School Board.

The Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee report was concluded, and the President 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. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board received the following Executive Committee report in its entirety:

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Executive Committee** met at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 19, 2003, in the Board Conference Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Clark Bonvillain, President, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice-President, Mr. Richard Jackson, and Mr. Rickie Pitre. Others in attendance were Superintendent Elizabeth Scurto, Mr. Harris Henry, and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

The meeting began with a prayer 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).

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Clark Bonvillain, President
 /s/ L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice-President
 /s/ Richard Jackson
 /s/ Rickie Pitre

The Executive Committee report was concluded.

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

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, with the exception of Mr. DeHart who objected, 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 at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 19, 2003, in the Board Conference Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Clark Bonvillain, President, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Richard Jackson, and Mr. Rickie Pitre. Others in attendance were Mr. Hayes Badeaux, Superintendent Elizabeth Scurto, Mr. Harris Henry, and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

The **Board of Directors** received the July 2003 financial statement (attachment).

The **Board of Directors** declared a \$25,000.00 dividend from Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc. to the Terrebonne Parish School Board and authorized that these funds be designated to assist in the preparation of schools for the 2003-2004 school year.

There being no further business to come before the **Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc.**, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Clark Bonvillain, President
 /s/ L. P. Bordelon, III, Secretary-Treasurer
 /s/ Richard Jackson
 /s/ Rickie Pitre

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

Motion of Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board deviated from the regular order of the agenda to discuss a request by the Neighborhood Watch Group.

Motion of Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Pitre, unanimously carried, the Board waived Policy (FILE: E-1.6), Use of School Facilities, and approved the request by the Neighborhood Watch Group for use of the H. L. Bourgeois High School cafeteria on September 19, 2003, subject to the approval of the principal.

The Board returned to the regular order of the agenda.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board entered into an agreement with Nicholls State University and authorized the Superintendent to sign the Clinical Affiliation Agreement for the Athletic Training Science Program in the Department of Allied Health Sciences.

Mr. Gerard White, representing Nicholls State University, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Ms. Debbie Cook and Ms. Karen Geist, Reading Recovery Teachers at Grand Caillou Elementary School, and Ms. Katherine Richard, Reading Recovery Teacher at Dularge Elementary School, to attend the Reading Recovery/Early Literacy Conference on October 15-17, 2003 (Wednesday-Friday), in Dallas, Texas, in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be paid through IASA Title I Fund.

Motion of Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board approved the personnel appointment, as recommended by the Superintendent, of Mr. Alton Johnson, Assistant Principal at Southdown Elementary School, effective September 3, 2003.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved the personnel appointment, as recommended by the Superintendent, of Ms. Sandra Hebert, Master Teacher at Honduras Elementary School, effective September 3, 2003.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board approved family and medical leaves of absence in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Ms. Penny Gleason, Homeless Liaison in the Federal Department, on an intermittent basis during the 2003-2004 school session for the purpose of adoption, and for Mr. Donald Gleason, Social Worker in the Special Education Department, on an intermittent basis during the 2003-2004 school session for the purpose of adoption.

Mr. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas, that the Board ratify the list of professional instructional and non-instructional/support personnel actions (contract renewals, appointments, retirements, resignations, and terminations), as presented by the Superintendent, for June, July, August, and September 2003.

Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Harding, offered a substitute motion, that the Board ratify the following list of professional instructional and non-instructional/support personnel actions (contract renewals, appointments, retirements, resignations, and terminations) for June, July, August, and September 2003, with the exception of removing Mr. Katrell Dixon from the list, to be voted upon separately:

Contract Renewal - Professional Administrative Personnel

Carmen Robinson, Assistant Principal, Terrebonne High - 9/05/03 - 9/05/05

Thomas Turner, III, Assistant Principal, H. L. Bourgeois High - 9/05/03 - 9/05/05

New Employee Appointments - Professional Instructional Personnel

Judith Carlos, 3rd Grade Teacher, Certified, Bourg - Barbara St. Amant, transferred - 8/14/03

Tressa Hebert, Special Ed Teacher, Certified, Bourg - Pamela Boquet, resigned - 8/14/03

Amy Crochet, Computer Science & Math, Pract., H. L. Bourgeois - David Fernandez, resigned - 8/14/03

Shaun Crochet, Gifted Secondary, OFAT, H. L. Bourgeois - Robbin Hamner, retired - 8/14/03

Estelle Foret, DynamEffectStdy/English, Pract., H. L. Bourgeois - Cassandra Courrege, resigned - 8/14/03

Constance Guarisco, English & Teen Leadership, OFAT, H. L. Bourgeois - Andrea Liner, contract completed - 8/14/03

Byron Tabor, Science Teacher, Certified, H. L. Bourgeois - Julie Stagg, resigned - 8/14/03

Laura Winters, Creative Writing/Dynam, Certified, H. L. Bourgeois - Shelly Fernandez, resigned - 8/14/03

Tracy Lovell, 2nd Grade Teacher, Certified, Broadmoor - Lydia Frisella, transferred - 8/14/03

Stacy Blakeman, 4th Grade Teacher, Certified, Caldwell - Kathryn Miller, transferred - 8/14/03

Donna Gauthreaux, 4th Grade Teacher, Certified, Caldwell - Teresa Hoffman, retired - 8/14/03

Clair Giordano, 7th Grade Teacher, Certified, Caldwell - Lee Crochet, interim assignment - 8/14/03

Virginia Jones, 4th Grade Teacher, Certified, Caldwell - Dawn Renfro, transferred - 8/14/03

Stacy Gautreaux, Speech Therapist, Certified, Coteau-Bayou Blue - Christy Pellegrin, resigned - 8/14/03

Heidi Theriot, Special Ed Teacher, Certified, Coteau-Bayou Blue - April Boquet, transferred - 8/14/03

Holly Moffett, 1st Grade Teacher, Certified, Dularge Elementary - Wanda Dupre, transferred - 8/14/03

Mary Douglas, Kindergarten Teacher, Certified, East Houma - Shane Degruise, transferred - 8/14/03

Leah Nordenstam, Special Ed Teacher, OFAT, East Houma - Jennifer Beeson, contract completed - 8/14/03

Corey Bourg, English Teacher, Certified, Ellender - Thanh Rhodes, transferred - 8/14/03

Vaughn Luquette, Jr., Instrumental Music, Certified, Ellender - Vacant Position - 7/31/03

Jennifer Broussard, 6th Grade Teacher, Certified, Elysian Fields - Joseph Woodard, contract completed - 8/14/03

Sheri Ezell, Special Ed Teacher, TAT, Elysian Fields - Dawn Gilcrease, contract completed - 8/14/03

Charles Guillote, 6th Grade Teacher, Pract., Elysian Fields - Vacant Position - 8/14/03

Valerie Heumann, 4th Grade Teacher, Certified, Elysian Fields - Michelle Clement, transferred - 8/14/03

Bonnie Martiny, Elementary Librarian, OFAT, Elysian Fields - Misty Naquin, resigned - 8/14/03

Lakisha Nelson, 6th Grade Teacher, Pract., Elysian Fields - Vacant Position - 8/14/03

Jessica Allen, Vocal Music Teacher, TAT, Evergreen - Robert Townsend, resigned - 8/14/03

Kajuan Billings, Special Ed Teacher, TAT, Evergreen - Charles Cherry, transferred - 8/14/03

Lettie Hebert, Special Ed Teacher, Certified, Evergreen - Dudley Stadler, resigned - 8/14/03

Joey Trahan, Instrumental Music, TAT, Evergreen - John Barrilleaux, resigned - 7/31/03

Timothy Aupied, Special Ed Teacher, Certified, Grand Caillou Elementary - Kelly Duplantis, transferred - 8/14/03

Cindy Trahan, 6th Grade Teacher, Certified, Greenwood - Dorothy Greenwood, resigned - 8/14/03

Jacqueline Badeaux, 8th Grade Teacher, Certified, Houma Junior High - Amy Jenkins, Sabbatical Leave - 8/14/03

Alicia Dupre, 8th Grade Teacher, Certified, Lacache - Gwen Carlos, transferred - 8/14/03

Nicole Hymel, 6th Grade Teacher, Certified, Lacache - Lisa Authement, transferred - 8/14/03

Casandra Trahan, 6th Grade Teacher, Certified, Lacache - Dallashean Theriot, contract completed - 8/14/03

Charles Domino, 6th Grade Teacher, Certified, Legion Park - James Frank, transferred - 8/14/03

Crissy Peltier, 5th Grade Teacher, Certified, Legion Park - Elizabeth Joles, transferred - 8/14/03

Heidi Cain, Special Ed Teacher, OFAT, Lisa Park - Jodie Huddleston, promoted - 8/14/03

Lori Portier, 5th Grade Teacher, Certified, Little Caillou - Laura Mutz, transferred - 8/14/03

Julie Shepherd, Special Ed Teacher, Certified, Little Caillou - Susan Grabert, transferred - 8/14/03

Michelle Lapeyrouse, 7th Grade Teacher, Pract., Montegut Middle - Mona Lacour, transferred - 8/14/03

Erin Pitre, 7th Grade Teacher, Certified, Montegut Middle - Christopher Bergeron, transferred - 8/14/03

Terri Matherne, Title 1 Teacher, Certified, Oaklawn - Heidi Saint, contract completed - 8/14/03

Sue Rigsby, Secondary Librarian, Certified, Oaklawn - Bridget Scherrer, resigned - 8/14/03

April Rodenberg, 7th Grade Teacher, TAT, Oaklawn - Kendra Eschete, transferred - 8/14/03

Andrea Trosclair, 7/8 Teacher Combination, Certified, Oaklawn - Lynn Bailey, transferred - 8/14/03

Charlotte Crawford, 4th Grade Teacher, Certified, Oakshire - Nicole Cross, transferred - 8/14/03

Cynthia Dillon, 4th Grade Teacher, Certified, Oakshire - Added Position - 8/14/03

Dorothea Ratliff, Non-Cat Pre-School, Certified, Pointe-aux-Chenes - Deborah Picou, transferred - 8/14/03

Augustus Brown, Special Ed Teacher, Certified, S. E. C. - Clyde McGuire, resigned - 8/14/03

Patty Melancon, Kindergarten Teacher, OFAT, Schriever - Mary Caillouet, transferred - 8/14/03

Nicole Aucoin, Vocal Music Teacher, Certified, South Terrebonne - Amy Aucoin, resigned - 8/14/03

Juliette Gautreaux, Business & English, Certified, South Terrebonne - Tricia Prevost, transferred - 8/14/03

Rene' Ghirardi, Business Teacher, Certified, South Terrebonne - Christine McGehee, resigned - 8/14/03

Timothy Stringer, Special Ed Teacher, TAT, South Terrebonne - Christine Landry, resigned - 8/14/03

Henry Washington, Special Ed Teacher, TAT, South Terrebonne - Vacant Position - 8/14/03

Kristi Tabor, 3rd Grade Teacher, Certified, Southdown - Robyn Lirette, transferred - 8/14/03

Michael Calais, Special Ed Teacher, TAT, Terrebonne - Mark Chauvin, transferred - 8/14/03

John Gatlin, Social Studies, Certified, Terrebonne - Judy Gann, contract completed - 8/14/03

Adrianna Hodges, Science Teacher, Certified, Terrebonne - Shonda Wolfe, resigned - 8/14/03

Danielle Lagarde, Special Ed Teacher, TAT, Terrebonne - Gregory Necaïse, contract completed - 8/14/03

Sean LeBlanc, Social Studies Teacher, Certified, Terrebonne - Jared Degruise, transferred - 8/14/03

Dena LeBoeuf, Business Teacher, Certified, Terrebonne - Barbara Lucas, retired - 8/14/03

Edmand Rachal, Business & DE Teacher, Certified, Terrebonne - Denise Ayo, contract completed - 8/01/03

Tyra Brown, Special Ed Teacher, TAT, Village East - Shannon Bell, contract completed - 8/14/03

Nekki Kreller, 4th Grade Teacher, Certified, Village East - Francisca Nwoko, resigned - 8/14/03

Jean LeBoeuf, Elementary Librarian, Certified, Village East - Judith Landry, retired - 8/14/03

Vera Orgeron, 6th Grade Teacher, Certified, Village East - Valerie T. Commodore, transferred - 8/14/03

Victoria Osborn, 4th Grade Teacher, Certified, Village East - Kim Boudreaux, transferred - 8/14/03

Dawn Trahan, 3rd Grade Teacher, Certified, Village East - Krista Pitre, transferred - 8/14/03

Karen LeBlanc, Special Ed Teacher, Certified, West Park - Lori Theriot, Leave Without Pay - 8/14/03

Misty Richard, 4th Grade Teacher, Certified, Grand Caillou Middle - Kristy Ledford, transferred - 8/14/03

New Employee Appointments - Non-Instructional/Support Personnel

Gustave Theriot, Custodian III - A 12M, Oakshire - Tammy Jackson, resigned - 7/21/03

Kathy Boquet, Receptionist, Central Office - Schwanda George, transferred - 7/28/03

Sonya Hamilton, Secretary 1, Central Office - Denise Martin, transferred - 7/28/03

Terry DeHarte, Carpenter, Maintenance Department - Craig Bergeron, resigned - 8/05/03

Retirements, Resignations, Terminations - Professional Instructional Personnel

Annette Beaudry, Displaced Teacher, Gibson/Greenwood - Did not accept offered positions - 8/13/03

Pamela Boquet, Special Ed Teacher, Bourg - Resigned - 6/03/03

Crystal Cantrelle, 5th Grade Teacher, Legion Park - Resigned - 6/03/03

Karrie Collins, Special Ed Teacher, Coteau-Bayou Blue - Resigned - 6/03/03

Jennifer C. Johnson, Business & English, H. L. Bourgeois - Resigned - 6/03/03

Genevieve Dionne, Special Ed Teacher, Honduras - Resigned - 6/03/03

Sarah Ferguson, Computer Science & Math, Terrebonne - Resigned - 6/03/03

Greta Guillot, 4th Grade Teacher, Broadmoor - Retired - 6/03/03

Meloni Hartley, Kindergarten Teacher, Oakshire - Resigned - 6/03/03

Rachel Hoglind, 6th Grade Teacher, Montegut Middle - Resigned - 6/03/03

Janik Martin, Foreign Language, Ellender - Resigned - 6/03/03

Ronald Matherne, GED Prep Teacher, Ellender - Resigned - 6/03/03

Sandy Matherne, 2nd Grade Teacher, Schriever - Resigned - 6/03/03

Amy Noll, Elementary Guidance, Upper Little Caillou - Resigned - 6/03/03

Julie Stagg, Science Teacher, H. L. Bourgeois - Resigned - 6/03/03

Christina Theriot, Social Studies Teacher, H. L. Bourgeois - Resigned - 6/03/03

Kerry Thibodeaux, Special Ed Teacher, Caldwell - Resigned - 6/03/03

Retirements, Resignations, Terminations - Non-Instructional /Support Personnel

Esther Beattie, School Bus Driver, Transportation Department - Resigned - 6/02/03

Mary Champagne, Special Ed Paraprofessional, Broadmoor - Resigned - 6/02/03

Majella Dion, Special Ed Paraprofessional, S. E. C. - Resigned - 6/02/03

Edelia LeBlanc, Multi-Sensory Paraprofessional, Elysian Fields - Resigned - 6/02/03

Lucille Shepherd, School Food Service Technician, Dularge Elementary - Retired - 6/03/03

The following employees have processed the necessary paperwork for a Maternity Leave of Absence:

Rachel Hebert, Teacher - Schriever

Renee' LeCompte, Teacher - Vo-Tech

Farah Thompson, School Psychologist - Special Ed Department

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

YEAS: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Pitre, Mr. Bonvillain, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, and Mr. Badeaux

NAYS: Mr. Harding and Mr. Duplantis

ABSENT: None

The President declared the substitute motion carried.

Mr. Pitre moved, seconded by Mr. DeHart, that the Board defer personnel action on Mr. Katrell Dixon until further information is obtained, for a report back to the Board at its next meeting.

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

YEAS: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harding, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Pitre, Mr. Bonvillain, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, and Mr. Badeaux

NAYS: Mr. Duplantis

ABSENT: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting (8:25 P.M.).

/s/ Elizabeth Scurto, Secretary
President

/s/ Clark J. Bonvillain,

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