

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

November 16, 2004

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. Roger Dale DeHart, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes Badeaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Rickie Pitre

Mr. Thomas 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 Michael Domangue, Lisa Park School student, who recently passed away.

At this time, the Board recognized Ms. Stacy Solet, Principal at Lisa Park School, who was recently selected Parish (middle school) Principal of the Year and also Region III (middle school) Principal of the Year (2004-2005). As a result of being a regional winner, Ms. Solet is now a finalist for the State Principal of the Year Award. The Terrebonne Parish School Board hereby recognizes the prestigious honors bestowed on Ms. Solet and has invited her to tonight's meeting for further acknowledgement.

The Board recognized Ms. Tessie Adams, Teacher at Acadian Elementary School, who was recently selected Terrebonne Parish's 2004-2005 Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Ms. Adams was also selected as a regional winner. She further went on to compete for the State's Elementary School Teacher of the Year title. State winners were announced in Baton Rouge, LA, on October 20, 2004. As a result, Ms. Adams was selected the overall "2005 Louisiana Teacher of the Year." The Terrebonne Parish School Board hereby recognizes the prestigious honors bestowed on Ms. Adams and has invited her to tonight's meeting for further acknowledgement.

The Board recognized Ms. Janice Grisham, Teacher at Houma Jr. High School, who was recently selected Terrebonne Parish's 2004-2005 Middle/Junior High School Teacher of the Year. Ms. Grisham was also selected as a regional winner. She further went on to compete for the State's Middle/Junior High School Teacher of the Year title. State winners were announced in Baton Rouge, LA, on October 20, 2004. As a result, Ms. Grisham was selected "2005 Louisiana Middle/Junior High School Teacher of the Year." The Terrebonne Parish School Board hereby recognizes the prestigious honors bestowed on Ms. Grisham and has invited her to tonight's meeting for further acknowledgement.

The following Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee report was presented to the Board with Mr. Bordelon, Chairman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee** met on Monday, November 8, 2004, at 5:00 P. M. in the Board Room of the School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, with the following members present: Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Chairman, and Mr. Roger Dale DeHart. Mr. Gregory Harding, Vice-Chairman, was absent. Others in attendance were Mr. Clark Bonvillain, President, Mr. Richard Jackson, Mr. Rickie Pitre, Mr. Donald Duplantis, Superintendent Ed Richard, Jr., and members of the staff.

Mr. Bordelon called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A partial report of the Committee meeting was presented to the Board at the November 9, 2004, meeting.

Mr. Harris Henry addressed the Committee relative to transportation fuel.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Superintendent and staff to engage the Board Attorney to petition the Bankruptcy Court to void the existing agreement with Hill City Oil Co., Inc., in the event the agreement is not honored and fuel becomes difficult to obtain for school buses and other vehicles owned by the Terrebonne Parish School Board.

Mr. Gerald Picou addressed the Committee relative to a request for bus usage.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board allow the usage of a school bus to transport thirty (30) parents to Nicholls State University on December 9, 2004, for a workshop presented by Region III Education Service Center, with monies to be derived from the NCLB Title 1 Fund.

The Committee deviated from the agenda to take up the matter of the erosion of the rear slab of the main building at Grand Caillou Middle School and return to the regular order of the agenda.

Mr. Ira Davis addressed the Committee relative to the erosion of the rear slab of the main building at Grand Caillou Middle School.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize Ellender Back Hoe & Dozer Service, Inc. (BL# 2476-04/05-81) to construct a concrete gutter system and modify two (2) catch basins relative to Grand Caillou Middle School, for a total project budget not to exceed \$12,000.00, monies to be derived from the Building Fund.

Mr. Merlin Lirette, The Merlin Group, LTD, addressed the Committee relative to a deduction/close-out change order for the East Street School roof project.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Committee recommends that the Board approve a deduction/close-out change order for the East Street School roof project in the amount of \$3,441.60 decreasing the contract price of Laperouse Metal Works, Inc. from \$568,162.00 to \$564,720.40, and authorize the Board President to sign all the necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Lirette addressed the Committee relative to the substantial completion of the East Street School roof project.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

The Committee recommends that the Board approve the substantial completion of the East Street School roof project, subject to the punch list, authorize the Board President to sign all the necessary documents pertaining thereto and, upon completion of the punch list items, final inspection, and receipt of the lien-free certificate, authorize the release of retainage.

Mr. Lirette presented information to the Committee relative to the Comprehensive Master Facility Plan, including preliminary summary analysis, renovation cost analysis, and school summaries for the nine (9) middle schools. Elementary schools and other facilities will be presented in the near future.

These will be revised as the project continues and the final report is prepared upon completion of the work.

Mr. Davis presented information to the Committee relative to the roof survey.

The Committee was presented with a monthly update on projects and maintenance issues.

There being no further business to come before the **Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee**, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ L. P. Bordelon, Chairman

/s/ Roger Dale DeHart

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Superintendent and staff to engage the Board Attorney to petition the Bankruptcy Court to void the existing agreement with Hill City Oil Co., Inc., in the event the agreement is not honored and fuel becomes difficult to obtain for school buses and other vehicles owned by the Terrebonne Parish School Board.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the usage of a school bus to transport thirty (30) parents to Nicholls State University on December 9, 2004, for a workshop presented by Region III Education Service Center, with monies to be derived from the NCLB Title I Fund.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board authorized Ellender Back Hoe & Dozer Service, Inc. (BL# 2476-04/05-81) to construct a concrete gutter system and modify two (2) catch basins relative to Grand Caillou Middle School, for a total project budget not to exceed \$12,000.00, monies to be derived from the Building Fund.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board approved a deduction/close-out change order for the East Street School roof project in the amount of \$3,441.60, decreasing the contract price of Laperouse Metal Works, Inc. from \$568,162.00 to \$564,720.40, and authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board approved the substantial completion of the East Street School roof project, subject to the punch list, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto, and upon completion of the punch list items, final inspection, and receipt of the lien-free certificate, authorize release of retainage.

The Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee report was concluded, and the President reassumed the chair.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board deviated from the regular order of the agenda to receive a partial report of the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee and then return to the regular order of the agenda.

The following partial report of the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting 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, November 15, 2004, with the following members present: Mr. Donald Duplantis, Chairman, Mr. Richard Jackson, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Roosevelt

Thomas. Also in attendance were Mr. Clark Bonvillain, President, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Rickie Pitre, Superintendent Ed Richard, Jr., and members of the staff.

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

The following is a **partial report** of the Committee meeting.

Several members of the public addressed the Committee regarding the five (5) year dependent rule change in the Terrebonne Parish School Board Group Health Plan.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board return the matter regarding the eligibility of dependent coverage in the Group Health Plan back to the Insurance Advisory Committee and report back to the Board at its December 7, 2004, meeting.

A final report of the Committee meeting will be presented to the Board on December 7, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Donald Duplantis, Chairman
/s/ Richard Jackson, Vice-Chairman
/s/ Roosevelt Thomas

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board referred the matter regarding the eligibility of dependent health insurance coverage in the Group Health Plan back to the Insurance Advisory Committee and report back to the Board at its December 7, 2004, meeting.

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

The Board returned to the regular order of the agenda.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Mr. Arthur Joffrion, Jr., Principal; Ms. Jeannine Bergeron, Librarian; Ms. Christina LeCompte, Ms. Toni Hornsby, and Ms. Patricia Hutchinson, Teachers, Acadian Elementary School, to attend the 2005 National Renaissance Conference in San Antonio, Texas, March 3-6, 2005 (Thursday-Sunday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by NCLB Title I Fund.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Ms. Sandra LaRose, Master Teacher; Ms. Julie Matherne, Ms. Michelle Dupre, and Ms. Misty Naquin, Teachers, Bourg Elementary School, to attend the 2005 National Renaissance Conference in San Antonio, Texas, March 3-6, 2005 (Thursday-Sunday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be paid through school performance reward money, Title II, and school funds.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Ms. Stacy King, Teacher at Caldwell Middle School, beginning January 27, 2005, through May 3, 2005.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved a leave of absence without pay in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-

11.10) for Ms. Shauna Scott, School Bus Driver in the Transportation Department, beginning January 14, 2005, through January 13, 2006.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the bid received, meeting all specifications, for the reroofing/replacement of Building #3 at Lacache Middle School from Ray Bros., Inc., New Orleans, LA, in the amount of \$109,197.00, monies to be derived from previously budgeted One-Cent Sales Tax Fund, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Motion of Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the lowest bid received meeting all specifications for the reroofing/replacement of Building #3 at Gibson Elementary School from Ray Bros., Inc., New Orleans, LA, in the amount of \$155,977.00, monies to be derived from previously budgeted One-Cent Sales Tax Fund, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the lowest bids received meeting all specifications on canned and dry goods from the following vendors, as presented, for the period of January 3, 2005, through June 30, 2005:

Chisesi Bros.	New Orleans, LA
Diamond Food Dist., Inc.	Jefferson, LA
George W. Groetsch, Inc.	Harahan, LA
Lacassagne's, Inc.	New Orleans, LA
LaFleur Dairy Products, Inc.	Morgan City, LA
Lance, Inc.	Charlotte, NC

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Purchasing Department to advertise for Requests for Proposals for an Internet Service Provider.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting (7:40 P.M.).

/s/ Ed Richard, Jr., Secretary
President

/s/ Clark J. Bonvillain,

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