

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

February 3, 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. Richard Jackson, Mr. Rickie Pitre, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes Badeaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Gregory Harding

Mr. DeHart led the Board and audience in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Kendra Smith, Acadian Elementary School student, and Vivian Hampton, retired teacher, who recently passed away.

Mr. Harding entered the meeting at this time and was present for the remainder of the proceedings.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried the Board approved the minutes of the School Board Meeting of January 20, 2004, as recorded.

The following 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, January 26, 2004, with the following members present: Mr. Donald Duplantis, Chairman, Mr. Richard Jackson, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Roosevelt Thomas. Also in attendance were Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Rickie Pitre, 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. Christopher Babin presented a contract for Cajun-Net to continue as the Internet provider for the Terrebonne Parish School System.

Mr. Jeff Giles, Chief Executive Officer, AccessCom, requested that his company be considered as an Internet provider.

Mr. Michael A. Winters represented to the Committee that BellSouth Business was also capable of handling the total needs of the Terrebonne Parish School System.

A general discussion ensued.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board continue contracting with Cajun Internet Services, a division of Intelcomp Systems, Inc., to furnish Internet access to the Terrebonne Parish School System for a sum of \$54,491.00, effective July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005, and authorize the Board President to sign the necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. John McCollam, Attorney representing Anadarko E&P, LP, requested that the Committee recommend to the Board a lesser damage amount than was calculated by the Board Attorney.

A general discussion ensued in which the reasons for the oversight were stated. The Committee requested that Anadarko submit, in writing, what they would be amenable to pay and present this item at the next Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting which is scheduled for February 16, 2004.

Mr. Harris Henry briefly discussed the application received from Robert A. Schroeder to nominate for the June 9, 2004, State of Louisiana Lease Sale, an oil, gas and mineral lease on acreage available in Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 18 East, located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the nomination by Robert A. Schroeder, adopt the attached resolution authorizing the State Mineral Board to advertise for bids the nominated acreage in Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 18 East and execute an oil, gas and/or other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbon mineral rights lease on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish School Board; further, authorize the Superintendent to sign said resolution and authorize the Board President to sign all the necessary documents pertaining thereto.

There being no further business to come before the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the continuance of contracting with Cajun Internet Services, a division of Intelcomp Systems, Inc. to furnish Internet access to the Terrebonne Parish School System for a sum of \$54,491.00, effective July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005, and authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the nomination by Robert A. Schroeder, adopted the resolution, as presented, authorizing the State Mineral Board to advertise for bids the nominated acreage in Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 18 East, and execute an oil, gas and/or other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbon mineral rights lease on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish School Board, authorized the Superintendent to sign said resolution, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

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. Badeaux, 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, January 20, 2004, 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, and Mr. Hayes Badeaux. 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/ Hayes Badeaux

The Executive Committee report was concluded.

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

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, 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, January 20, 2004, 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, and Mr. Hayes Badeaux. Others in attendance were Superintendent Elizabeth Scurto, Mr. Harris Henry, and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

The **Board of Directors** decided to retain the same officers as 2003 along with the use of the same banking institution.

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

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/ Hayes Badeaux

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

Motion of Mr. Harding, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution recognizing February 2004 as African American History Month:

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 2004 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.

Mr. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, that the Board approve the personnel appointment of Mr. Mac Sevin, Assistant Principal at Lacache Middle School, as recommended by the Superintendent, effective February 4, 2004.

Following a lengthy discussion, a roll call vote having been called for on the motion, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Jackson, Mr. Bonvillain, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, and Mr. Duplantis

NAYS: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harding, Mr. Pitre, and Mr. Badeaux

ABSENT: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board approved a sabbatical leave (for professional improvement) in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.1) for Ms. Dodie Doiron, teacher at Oaklawn Jr. High School, for the 2004-2005 school session.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board ratified the following list of professional and non-instructional/support personnel actions (contract renewals, appointments, retirements, resignations, and terminations) for January and February 2004:

Contract Renewal - Professional Supervisory Personnel

Louise Whipple, Assistant Supervisor of Personnel, Personnel Department - 2/18/04 - 2/18/06

New Employee Appointments - Non-Instructional/Support Personnel

Robin LeBlanc, Special Ed Paraprofessional, Evergreen - Theresa Sample, Transferred, 1/26/04

Retirements, Resignations, Terminations - Professional Instructional Personnel

Teresa Engeran, Gifted Elementary Teacher, Legion Park - Resigned, 2/06/04

Sheila Rusich, Reading Teacher, Houma Junior High - Contract Completed, 1/09/04

Barbara Stinson, 7th Grade Teacher, Oaklawn - Service Retirement, 2/03/04

Brenda Washington, 8th Grade Teacher, Evergreen - Service Retirement, 1/27/04

Wendy Wunstell, Creative Writing/DynamEffect Study, H. L. Bourgeois - Contract Completed, 1/09/04

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

Howard Calloway, III, Grounds Care Worker, Maintenance Department - Resigned, 1/28/04

Cynthia Cunningham, Special Ed Paraprofessional, Lisa Park - Service Retirement, 1/24/04

Virginia Duet, Secretary 1, Central Office - Service Retirement, 2/14/04

Julie Guidry, Special Ed Paraprofessional, H. L. Bourgeois - Resigned, 2/20/04

Robin Johnson, School Bus Driver, Transportation Department - Resigned, 1/16/04

Robert Sandolph, General Maintenance Laborer, Maintenance Department - Resigned, 1/14/04

The following employees have processed the necessary paperwork for a maternity leave of absence:

Cheryl Degruise - Assistant Principal - Houma Junior High

Carrie Theriot - Teacher - Houma Junior High

Margaret Cage - Teacher - Oaklawn Junior High

Superintendent Scurto announced that the week of February 2-6, 2004, has been proclaimed "National School Counseling Week."

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Pitre, unanimously carried, the Board deviated from the regular order of the agenda.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Pitre, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Ms. Mary A. Boudreaux, teacher at Lisa Park School, to attend the McGraw Hill Mathematics Symposium in New York City, New York, February 9-10, 2004 (Monday-Tuesday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be paid by McGraw Hill.

The Board returned to the regular order of the agenda.

At this time, President Bonvillain brought up for discussion the "Matter Pertaining to Board Policy (FILE: C-3.3), Superintendent Election."

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Pitre, with the exception of Mr. Duplantis who objected, the Board ordered the following "Superintendent Vacancy" announcement spread across the minutes; said announcement to appear in *The Courier* and *Times Picayune* on Sunday, February 1, 2004; Wednesday, February 4, 2004; Sunday, February 8, 2004; and Wednesday, February 11, 2004:

Terrebonne Parish School Board
P. O. Box 5097
Houma, LA 70361

V A C A N C Y

SUPERINTENDENT
TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM
HOUMA, LOUISIANA

42 Schools, 20,000 Students

Must be Certified in Louisiana for Superintendent Position
Effective Starting Date: July 1, 2004

Contractual Period: 2 - 4 years

Salary Range: \$85,000 - \$110,000

For Application Contact:

Mr. Philip Martin, Assistant Superintendent
Terrebonne Parish School Board
P. O. Box 5097
Houma, Louisiana 70361

PHONE: (985) 876-7400 (ext. 219)

E-MAIL: pmartin@tpsb.net

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Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 31, 2004

A COMPLETE APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2004, TO BE CONSIDERED.

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Mr. Berwick Duval, Board Attorney, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting (7:55 P.M.).

/s/ Elizabeth Scurto, Secretary
President

/s/ Clark J. Bonvillain,

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