

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

May 4, 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. Rickie Pitre, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes Badeaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Roger Dale DeHart

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Robert Johnson, West Park Elementary School student; Ms. Ruth Kopejzna, retired teacher; and Mr. Hilton Normand, retired custodian, who recently passed away.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Pitre, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meetings of April 6 and 20, 2004, as recorded.

Mr. Joseph Waitz, Jr., District Attorney, addressed the Board and gave an "Update on T.R.I.P. (Truancy Reduction Intervention Program)."

Ms. Judy Gaspard addressed the Board relative to the "Importance of Recent United Nations Invitational Presentation."

The following report of the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meeting 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, April 19, 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; Mr. Gregory Harding, Vice-Chairman; and Mr. Roger Dale DeHart. Others in attendance were Mr. Richard Jackson, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Rickie Pitre, Superintendent Elizabeth Scurto, 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.

Mr. Kirby Bonvillain addressed the Committee relative to a request from the Terrebonne Rockets to waive School Board policy for the use of the Thomas B. Smith Memorial Stadium track and field.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board grant the request of the Terrebonne Rockets to waive School Board policy relative to the usage fee for the Thomas B. Smith Memorial Stadium track and field from May 8, 2004, to July 30, 2004, provided that the necessary insurance, non-profit status and all other Terrebonne Parish School Board policy requirements are met, all costs associated with janitorial services are paid, and security is provided, if necessary.

The Committee deviated from the agenda to allow Mr. George Ribble, Weatherford Gemoco, to address the Committee and then revert to the regular order of the agenda. He stated that Weatherford Gemoco has adopted three schools: Pointe-aux-Chenes Elementary School, Village East Elementary School,

and Grand Caillou Middle School. They have invited students and teachers from these schools to attend "The Manufacturing Experience," presented by Weatherford Gemoco, at their facility. This event will give all students and teachers a good insight into the manufacturing world and expose them to all types of work performed within the facility.

Mr. Matthew Ridley, Siemens Building Technologies, Inc., presented a summary of the quarterly utility report. He stated that for the first three-quarters of the FY 2003-2004, approximately \$367,624.00 in energy savings have been accumulated. He addressed an adjustment to the base line energy savings to the Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. contract. He stated that due to the addition of equipment (computers, etc.) there may be an adjustment of \$46,000.00 to the base line energy savings. He also informed the Committee relative to Siemens' building education program for students which includes job skills training. Terrebonne Parish students are eligible for this program.

Mr. Merlin Lirette, The Merlin Group, LTD, addressed the Committee relative to the Comprehensive Master Facility Plan. He presented preliminary forms and drawings, facility assessment reports, educational evaluation sheets, demographic information and maps, and a project schedule. These will be revised as the project continues and the final report is prepared upon the completion of all work.

Mr. Ira Davis addressed the ongoing drainage projects at four schools. At H. L. Bourgeois High School, the drainage improvements have been completed, with more dressing of the area needed during the summer months; at East Houma Elementary School, the sub-surface drainage project has been completed; at Dularge Middle School, the yard drainage repair was attempted, and a re-evaluation of this is necessary; and at Mulberry Elementary School, a notice to proceed was reissued to the contractor to remove the tree stumps.

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, III, Chairman
 /s/ Gregory Harding, Vice-Chairman
 /s/ Roger Dale DeHart

Mr. Harding moved, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, that the Board grant the request of the Terrebonne Rockets and waive School Board policy relative to the usage fee for the Thomas B. Smith Memorial Stadium track and field from May 8, 2004, to July 30, 2004, provided that the necessary insurance, non-profit status, and all other Terrebonne Parish School Board policy requirements are met, all costs associated with janitorial services are paid, and security is provided, if necessary.

Mr. Kirby Bonvillain, representing the Terrebonne Rockets, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Thomas, offered a substitute motion, that the Board grant the request of the Terrebonne Rockets and waive School Board policy relative to the usage fee, including a waiver of subrogation, for the Thomas B. Smith Memorial Stadium track and field from May 8, 2004, to July 30, 2004.

A roll call vote having been called for on the substitute motion, the vote thereon was as follows (requires two-thirds vote):

YEAS: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harding, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Pitre, and Mr. Bonvillain

NAYS: Mr. Bordelon, Mr. Duplantis, and Mr. Badeaux

ABSENT: Mr. DeHart

The Chairman declared the substitute motion failed to carry (lack of two-thirds vote).

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

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

NAYS: Mr. Harding

ABSENT: Mr. DeHart

The Chairman declared the original motion carried.

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

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board received the following Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting report (#1) in its entirety 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, March 29, 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. Hayes Badeaux, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Roger DeHart, Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Rickie Pitre, Superintendent Elizabeth Scurto, 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.

Mr. Berwick Duval, Board Attorney, addressed the Committee relative to Board Policy File: F-9.14a *Reduction in Force Procedures*. He then reviewed his opinion letter dated March 15, 2004, relative to this topic (copy attached).

A general discussion ensued.

Superintendent Scurto addressed the Committee relative to the potential "shortfall" in the upcoming 2004-2005 General Fund budget. She stated that with the decline in Sales Tax collections, increased costs of group insurance, and increased contribution rates of not only the Teachers Retirement System but also that of the School Employees Retirement System; the Terrebonne Parish School System is faced with a large deficit in spending and a potential negative fund balance. She also stated that in order to overcome this situation various cost-cutting measures are being recommended. She then reviewed a list (attached) prepared by the staff of various items, functions, and positions that were suggested for either cutting or reducing.

A general discussion ensued in which various members of the public addressed the Committee regarding their opposition to cutting certain items such as sports (soccer, etc.), paraprofessional positions, part-time clericals, and other positions of interest.

A motion was offered that the Board authorize the Administration to implement the attached cost-saving measures for the 2004-2005 fiscal year budget.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Committee recommends that action on the foregoing motion being offered be postponed at this time and to refer said proposed cost-cutting measures to the next Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting on April 26, 2004.

There being no further business to come before the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The first report of the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting was concluded.

The second 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, April 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. Clark Bonvillain, President, Mr. Hayes Badeaux, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Roger DeHart, Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Rickie Pitre, Superintendent Elizabeth Scurto, 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.

Superintendent Scurto addressed the Committee relative to a request from the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG) for the use of eight (8) buses for its 2004 Summer Camp Program. The Committee was presented with an alternative intergovernmental agreement, which places the burden of liability on TPCG rather than the School Board. She further stated that the Consolidated Government would pay seventy-five (75¢) cents per mile for the use of the buses and that they would also hire the drivers and operate the buses.

Mr. Peter Rhodes, TPCG Council Vice-Chairman, thanked the Committee for their cooperation but indicated that the revised agreement would have to be brought back to the Council for acceptance or rejection.

Mr. Darrel Waire, Housing and Human Services Director for TPCG, thanked the Committee for their cooperation and said that the new agreement will have to be reviewed.

A general discussion ensued.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the President to sign the revised (attached) intergovernmental agreement with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the use of up to eight (8) school buses for the 2004 TPCG Summer Day Camp Program.

Mrs. Rebecca Breaux reviewed the revised 2003-2004 budget for the ¾-Cent Sales Tax Fund.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the following 2003-2004 revised budget for the 3/4-Cent Sales Tax Fund:

REVISED 2003-2004 ¾-CENT SALES TAX FUND BUDGET

	2003/2004		2003/2004
	FEBRUARY		APRIL
	REVISION	CHANGES	REVISION
Revenues			
Sales Tax	\$12,166,977	\$0	\$12,166,977
Interest	<u>16,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,000</u>
TOTAL	12,182,977	0	12,182,977
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses			
Expenditures	1,825,472	306,484	2,131,956
Other Financing Uses	<u>10,739,577</u>	<u>(600)</u>	<u>10,738,977</u>
TOTAL	<u>12,565,049</u>	<u>305,884</u>	<u>12,870,933</u>
Excess of Revenue or (Expenditures)	(382,072)	(305,884)	(687,956)
FUND BALANCE			
Beginning	1,721,792	0	1,721,792
Ending Fund Balance			
Designated for Band Uniforms	85,500	173	85,673
Reserved for Instructional Programs	<u>1,254,220</u>	<u>(306,057)</u>	<u>948,163</u>
Total Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$1,339,720</u>	<u>(\$305,884)</u>	<u>\$1,033,836</u>

Mrs. Breaux also reviewed the 2003-2004 revised budget for the Building Fund.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the following 2003-2004 revised budget for the Building Fund:

REVISED 2003-2004 BUILDING FUND BUDGET

REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:

Revenue

Interest Income \$5,000.00

Transfers from General Fund

Exterior Door Replacements 10,000.00

	<u>14,000.00</u>
PA Systems - Parishwide	
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	<u>29,000.00</u>
APPROPRIATIONS:	
General Administration: Audit Fee	10.00
Ditch - H.L. Bourgeois	14,500.00
HVAC - H.L. Bourgeois Computer Lab	7,000.00
Sewer - Auxiliary Services	90,926.46
PA/Intercom - Parishwide	16,484.00
Stadium Lighting - STHS	38,427.00
Exterior Door Replacements	30,206.79
Siding - Gibson Elementary	24,938.99
Kitchen Hood - East Houma Elementary	17,535.00
Ventilation - Terrebonne High Old Gym	65,720.00
	<u>34,900.00</u>
Waterproofing Main Building - Lacache Middle	
	<u>340,648.24</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	
EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS OVER REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN	(311,648.24)
FUND BALANCE	
Beginning	<u>327,785.08</u>
Ending - Designated for Future Projects	<u>\$16,136.84</u>

Mrs. Breaux then reviewed the 2003-2004 revised budgets for several Special Revenue Funds.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the 2003-2004 revised budgets for the following Special Revenue Funds:

<u>FUND NUMBER</u>	<u>FEDERAL FUNDS</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
320	NCLB-TITLE IV FUND			
	PART A AND PART B			
	MOVE I			
	-Current Year	620,000		0
			620,000	
	-Donation	1,285	0	1,285
	-Tuition	2,669	0	2,669
	MOVE II			
	-Current Year	382,894		0
382,894				
	-Prior Year	42,832	0	42,832
	-Donation	198	0	198

-Tuition	4,298	0	4,298
United Way for South Louisiana Venture Grant	5,000	0	5,000
Safe and Drug-Free Schools And Communities-State Grants			
-Current Year	158,720	0	
158,720			
-Prior Year	40,042	0	40,042
-FY03 Carryover	0	8,597	8,597
-Donation	200	0	200
Total	1,258,138	8,597	1,266,735

<u>FUND NUMBER</u>	<u>STATE FUNDS</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
450	STATE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUND			
	-K-12 Accountability Rewards	\$212,625	-0-	\$212,625
	-Rewards-Prior	499	-0-	499
	-School Improvement	80,950	16,807	97,757
	TOTAL	\$ 294,074	\$ 16,807	
	\$310,881			

<u>FUND NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCAL FUNDS</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
180	MINERAL TRUST FUND			
	FUND BALANCE:BEGINNING	\$ 98,113	\$ -0-	\$ 98,113
	REVENUE	658	(425)	233
	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	-0-	98,346	98,346
	FUND BALANCE:ENDING	98,771	(98,771)	-0-

Mrs. Lauren Fletcher, Child Nutrition Supervisor, addressed the Committee relative to increasing some of the meal prices by ten (10¢) cents. She stated that the prices for meals have not been changed since the 1991-1992 school year. She indicated that this increase was needed to help School Food Service with current increasing costs, along with helping to acquire needed materials and assets. She then reviewed meal prices charged by other surrounding parishes.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Administration to increase the following meal prices, effective for the 2004-2005 school year:

<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Reduced	.20¢	.30¢
Paid (Students)	.50¢	.60¢
<u>Lunches</u>		
Paid (Students)	\$1.05	\$1.15
High & Jr. High Schools		
Paid (Students)	\$1.00	\$1.10
Elementary Schools		

Mr. Harris Henry informed the Committee that Anadarko has paid the requested settlement amount of \$105,700.00 relative to State Agency Lease No. 15373.

Mr. Herbert Carreker reviewed an application from SunCoast Land Services, Inc. to nominate for the August 11, 2004, State of Louisiana Lease Sale an oil,

gas and mineral lease on acreage available in Section 16 Lands, located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the nomination by SunCoast Land Services, Inc., adopt the attached resolution authorizing the State Mineral Board to advertise for bids the nominated acreage in Section 16, Township 18 South, Range 13 East and execute an oil, gas and/or other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbon mineral rights lease on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish School Board; and further, authorize the Superintendent to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Superintendent Scurto presented a revised list of cost-saving measures. She stated that due to input from the public and Board Members the staff re-visited the list of proposed reductions for the 2004-2005 fiscal year budget. She indicated that as a result of the *Reduction in Force* part of the measures being eliminated, the reduction of part-time nursing assistants, part-time attendance clerks, and part-time technology clerks were also removed from the list. She then said because of the RIF portion being removed, the unemployment cost was also reduced. She stated that the sports originally on the cost-cutting list will be placed in the budget. She further stated that the ending fund balance will be an estimated \$2,600,482.00. She informed the Committee that if the State of Louisiana allows an extension of the Teachers Retirement System shortfall, it would be quite possible the cost to Terrebonne Parish School Board could be one million dollars less per year.

A general discussion ensued in which several members of the public addressed the Committee relative to the proposed cost reduction measures.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Administration to implement the attached cost-saving measures, *with the exception of* "Homework Hotline," for the 2004-2005 fiscal year budget.

There being no further business to come before the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Mr. Bordelon moved, seconded by Mr. Bonvillain, that the Board authorize the President to sign the revised intergovernmental agreement with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the use of up to eight (8) school buses for the 2004 TPCG Summer Day Camp Program.

Mr. Pitre, seconded by Mr. Harding, offered a substitute motion, that the Board work with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government to incorporate the Summer Day Camp Program into the current intergovernmental agreement between the Terrebonne Parish School Board and TPCG/TPR.

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

YEAS: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harding, and Mr. Pitre

NAYS: Mr. Jackson, Mr. Bonvillain, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. Duplantis, and Mr. Badeaux

ABSENT: Mr. DeHart

The Chairman declared the substitute motion failed to carry.

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

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

NAYS: Mr. Harding

ABSENT: Mr. DeHart

The Chairman declared the original motion carried.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board adopted the 2003-2004 revised budgets for the $\frac{3}{4}$ -Cent Sales Tax Fund, as outlined in the foregoing report.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board adopted the 2003-2004 revised budget for the Building Fund, as outlined in the foregoing report.

Motion of Mr. Bonvillain, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board adopted the 2003-2004 revised budgets for several Special Revenue Funds, as outlined in the foregoing report.

Mr. Harding moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the Board authorize Administration to increase the following meal prices, effective with the 2004-2005 school year:

<u>BREAKFAST</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Reduced	.20¢	.30¢
Paid (Students)	.50¢	.60¢
 <u>LUNCHESES</u>		
Paid (Students) High & Jr. High Schools	\$1.05	\$1.15
Paid (Students) Elementary Schools	\$1.00	\$1.10

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. Bordelon, and Mr. Duplantis

NAYS: Mr. Pitre, Mr. Bonvillain, and Mr. Badeaux

ABSENT: Mr. DeHart

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the nomination by SunCoast Land Services, Inc., adopted Resolution No. 1729, as presented, authorizing the State Mineral Board to advertise for bids the nominated acreage in Section 16, Township 18 South, Range 13 East and execute an oil, gas and/or other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbon mineral rights lease on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish School Board, and further, authorized the Superintendent to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Bordelon moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the Board authorize Administration to implement the cost-saving measures, as presented, with the exception of "Homework Hotline," for the 2004-2005 fiscal year budget.

Several citizens addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Mr. Bonvillain, seconded by Mr. Harding, offered an amendment to the original motion that the Board remove the Foster Grandparent Program from the list of proposed cost-saving measures and refer said issue to the next Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting for further discussion.

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

YEAS: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harding, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Pitre, Mr. Bonvillain, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. Duplantis, and Mr. Badaeux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. DeHart

The Chairman declared the amendment to the original motion carried.

Mr. Bonvillain moved, seconded by Mr. Pitre, that the Board authorize Administration to implement the cost-saving measures (including the foregoing amendment), as presented, removing Homework Hotline from the list of proposed cost-saving measures, and further, remove Walgreen's lease proceeds to Honduras Elementary School from said list (to be retained in General Fund).

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

YEAS: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harding, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Pitre, and Mr. Bonvillain

NAYS: Mr. Bordelon, Mr. Duplantis, and Mr. Badaeux

ABSENT: Mr. DeHart

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The second 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 Executive Committee report was presented to the Board.

Motion of Mr. Badaeux, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, 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, April 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 Badaeux. Others in attendance were Superintendent Elizabeth Scurto, Mr. Harris Henry, and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

The meeting began with the invocation 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. Bordelon, 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, April 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, Secretary-Treasurer, and Mr. Hayes Badeaux. Others in attendance were Superintendent Elizabeth Scurto, Mr. Harris Henry, and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

The Board of Directors received the March 2004 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. Duplantis, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution recognizing May 16-22, 2004, as Educational Bosses Week:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The week of May 16-22, 2004, has been proclaimed as Educational Bosses Week; and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish’s educational administrators are dedicated to promoting the cause of education; and

WHEREAS, The role of the administrator is increasingly demanding, complex, and a vital part of the entire educational process; and

WHEREAS, Administrators are responsive to the needs of students and the community; and

WHEREAS, Administrators must often participate unselfishly in professional and civic activities; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Terrebonne Parish School Board hereby recognizes the week of May 16-22, 2004, as Educational Bosses

Week in appreciation of the many contributions of school and office administrators; and

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

Mr. Badeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, that the Board adopt the following resolution (as a result of the recently-imposed increased cost of contributions to Teachers/Louisiana School Employees Retirement Systems) agreeing to participate with other public school boards of the State of Louisiana, as a plaintiff in any legal action to be taken against the State of Louisiana relative to duties imposed upon the State by Article 10, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution:

RESOLUTION NO. 1730

WHEREAS, The Terrebonne Parish School Board has been notified that the employers' cost of contributions to the Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana will increase from 13.8% to 17.3% of the salaries of the employees within that system and that such increase shall be effective July 1, 2004, and

WHEREAS, The Terrebonne Parish School Board has been notified that the employers' cost of contributions to the Louisiana School Employees Retirement System will increase from 8.5% to 18.8% of the salaries of the members of that system and that such increase shall be effective July 1, 2004, and

WHEREAS, Article 10, Section 29(E) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that the legislature, in each fiscal year, shall provide an amount necessary to fund the employers' portion of retirement costs, and

WHEREAS, The legislature has not funded the employers' share of retirement contributions as required by the Louisiana Constitution and has given no indication that it intends to fund the increases in the employers' share of retirement contributions which will be effective July 1, 2004, and

WHEREAS, The net affect of the failure of the legislature to fund the employers' share of retirement contributions is to impose another mandated unfunded liability on them, and

WHEREAS, All public school boards of the State of Louisiana are negatively impacted by the failure of the legislature to fulfill its constitutional obligations, now

THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED, By the Terrebonne Parish School Board in regular session duly convened that it agrees to participate with other public school boards of the State of Louisiana as a plaintiff in any legal action to be taken against the State of Louisiana relative to the duties imposed upon the State by Article 10, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a petition be filed with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education asking it to take any and all action necessary to eliminate the additional mandated unfunded costs which are being imposed upon public school systems through increases in the employers' share of retirement contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of the resolution be sent to the Office of the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Office of the State Superintendent, Members of the State Legislature, the Louisiana School Boards Association, and all other public school systems in the State of Louisiana.

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. Duplantis, and Mr. Badeaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. DeHart

The President declared the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution carried.

Mr. Bordelon moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas, that the Board adopt the following resolution regarding employment of special counsel, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:263 (as a result of the recently-imposed increased cost of contributions to Teachers/Louisiana School Employees Retirement Systems) agreeing to participate with other public school boards of the State of Louisiana, as a plaintiff in any legal action to be taken against the State of Louisiana relative to duties imposed upon the State by Article 10, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution:

RESOLUTION NO. 1731

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 42:263 authorizes the retention of special counsel by any school board upon a statement of reasons why such counsel is necessary and upon the approval by the Attorney General, and

WHEREAS, The Terrebonne Parish School Board, its Superintendent of Schools, and its staff are in need of special counsel with experience, training, and expertise in school law issues to participate with other public school boards of the State of Louisiana as a plaintiff in any legal action to be taken against the State of Louisiana relative to the duties imposed on the State by Article 10, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution regarding the funding of retirement costs, and

WHEREAS, Through its representation of the Louisiana School Boards Association and various school boards throughout the State of Louisiana, the law firm of Hammonds and Sills of Baton Rouge and Monroe, Louisiana, has special experience, training, and expertise in those issues of school law, now

THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED, By the Terrebonne Parish School Board in regular session duly convened:

Section I - This School Board does hereby employ the firm of Hammonds and Sills of Baton Rouge and Monroe, Louisiana as special counsel to file such legal pleadings necessary to participate as a plaintiff with other public school boards relative to the duties imposed upon the State by Article 10, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution.

Section II - Said law firm shall be paid for their services at hourly rates equal to the maximum hourly fee schedule for special counsel published by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana in effect at the time of the services, out-of-pocket expenses for long distance telephone calls, document duplication, expert witness fees, court reporter fees, printing costs, and other expenses as a result of the legal services to and for this School Board to be apportioned by the Louisiana School Boards Association.

Section III - Said law firm shall keep itemized time records for presentation to the Louisiana School Boards Association with respect to services rendered at said hourly rates and the expenses incurred, and the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to pay same upon submission and receipt thereof from the Louisiana School Boards Association as may be apportioned as agreed by and among the various school boards.

Section IV - This employment shall be effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

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. Duplantis, and Mr. Badeaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. DeHart

The President declared the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution carried.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Mr. Randy Boquet, classroom teacher/head football coach; Mr. Rodney Boudreaux, classroom teacher/football coach; and Mr. Davis Arceneaux, classroom teacher/assistant football coach, H. L. Bourgeois High School, to attend the San Angelo Football Clinic in San Angelo, Texas, June 16-18, 2004 (Wednesday-Friday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by H. L. Bourgeois High School Athletic Fund and H. L. Bourgeois High School Booster Club.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Mr. David McCormick, Mr. Rusty Price, and Mr. Archie Adams, classroom teachers/football coaches, South Terrebonne High School, to attend the San Angelo Football Clinic in San Angelo, Texas, June 16-18, 2004 (Wednesday-Friday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by South Terrebonne High School Athletic Fund.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Ms. Melissa Adams, Principal, Ms. Charlotte Champagne, Ms. Marilyn Gravois, Ms. Denise Orgeron, Ms. Nicole Bourque-Reiss, and Ms. Mona Touts, classroom teachers, Schriever Elementary School, to attend the 20th National Reading Styles Conference (NSRI), San Antonio, Texas, July 9-14, 2004 (Friday-Wednesday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be paid by Title I Fund.

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

New Employee Appointments - Professional Instructional Personnel

Elaine Pellegrin, Gifted Elementary Teacher, Lisa Park - Service Retirement, 3/31/04

Dianne Stelly, Elementary Teacher, Mulberry - Service Retirement, 4/07/04

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

Veida Walcott, Custodian III 9M, Terrebonne High - Resigned, 4/20/04

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

Nikki Fanguy - Teacher - Bayou Black

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board awarded the Federal Programs Building Parking Lot Improvement Project to the lowest responsible bidder meeting all specifications received from Sealevel Construction, Inc., Thibodaux, LA in the amount of \$231,309.00, plus alternate #1 in the amount of \$2,000.00 (realignment of driver entrance) and alternate #2 in the amount of \$40,500.00 (parking lot lighting) for a total

bid, including alternates #1 and #2, of \$273,809.00, increased the project budget, including architectural fees and 5% contingency, by \$26,472.00 (from \$287,087.00 to \$313,569.00) with monies to be derived from the NCLB Title I Fund, and authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

President Bonvillain gave an update and announced that interviews for the "Superintendent Vacancy" will begin May 11, 2004.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Pitre, unanimously carried, the Board voted to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to discuss House Bill 691.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Pitre, unanimously carried, the Terrebonne Parish School Board went on record as opposing House Bill 691, which would allow 16 and 17 year old youngsters, with consent of their parents, to work until 1:30 A.M., and furthermore, that said opposition by the Board be made known and sent to the appropriate persons and organizations at state, parish, and local levels.

The Board returned to the regular order of the agenda.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting (9:18 P.M.).

/s/ Elizabeth Scurto, Secretary
President

/s/ Clark J. Bonvillain,

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