

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

September 21, 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. Pitre led the Board and audience in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Donald Verret, former Terrebonne Parish School Board Member and retired educator; Janice Babin, retired custodian; and Caleb Knight, Pre-K student at Oakshire Elementary School, who recently passed away.

Mr. Matt Ridley, representing Siemens' Building Technologies, Inc., addressed the Board regarding the Siemens' Career Education Conference and also introduced Clayton Alfonso, Terrebonne High School student, who participated in Siemens' Summer Career Training Program.

Mr. Marcel Fournier, Principal, Vocational-Technical High School, also addressed the Board regarding Siemens' Career Education Conference.

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

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

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution, as presented, in memory of Mr. Donald Verret, former Terrebonne Parish School Board Member and Educator, who recently passed away, and further, requested that said resolution be spread across the minutes, signed by all Members of the Board, and then forwarded to Mr. Verret's immediate family:

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom and goodness to remove from his sphere of usefulness and devotion, *Mr. Donald Verret*, former School Board Member and Educator in the Terrebonne Parish School System, who died on the 11th day of September 2004; and

WHEREAS, *Mr. Donald Verret*, known for his qualities of honesty, justice, and fidelity to principles and responsibilities, was a friend of youth, an exemplary man and citizen, and was at all times interested in the welfare and happiness of the people of the parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish School Board, that this Board deplors the untimely death of *Mr. Donald Verret* and places on its records a deep sense of appreciation for the services he rendered and the life he lived; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board, acting for its members and for the citizens of the parish, extends to his family sentiments of sincere and very deep sympathy in their sorrow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of his immediate family.

The Board returned to the regular order of the agenda.

The Education and Policy Committee report was presented to the Board with Mr. Badeaux, Chairman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

The Education and Policy Committee met on Monday, September 13, 2004, at 5:00 P.M., in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Hayes Badeaux, Chairman; Mr. Rickie Pitre, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Richard Jackson. Also in attendance were Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice-President, Superintendent Ed Richard, Jr., and members of the staff.

Mrs. Melissa Adams, Supervisor of Special Education, addressed the Committee relative to the Interagency Agreement between the Terrebonne Parish School Board and the Terrebonne Parish Head Start Program for the 2004-2005 school year (see attachment).

RECOMMENDATION #1:

The Committee recommends that the Board approve the Interagency Agreement between the Terrebonne Parish School Board and the Terrebonne Parish Head Start Program for the 2004-2005 school year, as presented.

Mr. David Bourg, Supervisor of Secondary/Vocational/Adult/Driver Education, presented information to the Committee relative to H. L. Bourgeois High School's choir performing at Carnegie Hall in March 2005 (see attachment).

Mr. Bourg presented information to the Committee regarding the band transportation expenses (see attachment).

RECOMMENDATION #2:

The Committee recommends that the phrase "at no expense to the Terrebonne Parish School Board" be removed from policy FILE: G-2.4f, School Music Groups.

Ms. Gwen Chapman, Family Involvement Facilitator, presented information to the Committee relative to HIPPY. She informed them of the updates and status of the HIPPY Program (see attachment).

The Committee deviated from the agenda to allow Ms. Pamela Lemoine, Supervisor of Elementary Education, to address the Committee regarding the before and after-school childcare Program, and then returned to the regular order of the agenda. Ms. Lemoine presented to the Committee a summary and updated information on the Childcare Program (see attachment).

Mr. Gerald Picou, Supervisor of Federal Programs, addressed the Committee relative to the contract between the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, Houma Police Department, Young Marines Division, and the Terrebonne Parish School Board. This contract will be paid through the United Way Venture Grant and the Operation Move I 21st Century Fund (see attachment).

RECOMMENDATION #3:

The Committee recommends that the Board approve the contract between the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, Houma Police Department, Young Marines Division, and the Terrebonne Parish School Board, as presented.

There being no further business to come before the Education and Policy Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Hayes Badeaux, Chairman
/s/ Rickie Pitre, Vice-Chairman
/s/ Richard Jackson

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Motion of Mr. Pitre, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved the Interagency Agreement between the Terrebonne Parish School Board and the Terrebonne Parish Head Start Program for the 2004-2005 school year, as presented.

Mr. Pitre moved, seconded by Mr. DeHart, that the Board remove the phrase "at no expense to the Terrebonne Parish School Board" from Policy (FILE: G-2.4f, School Music Groups), as outlined in the foregoing report.

Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, offered a substitute motion, that the Board refer the foregoing issue relative to Policy (FILE: G-2.4f, School Music Groups) to the Board's legal advisor for further review and report back to the Education and Policy Committee.

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

Following a lengthy discussion, the Board voted to cut off debate and call for the question.

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

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

NAYS: Mr. Pitre

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion to call for the question failed to carry and discussion continued.

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

YEAS: Mr. Harding, Mr. Bonvillain, Mr. Bordelon, and Mr. Badeaux

NAYS: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Pitre, Mr. DeHart, and Mr. Duplantis

ABSENT: None

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. Jackson, Mr. Pitre, Mr. Bonvillain, and Mr. DeHart

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

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the original motion failed to carry.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board approved the contract between the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, Houma Police Department, Young Marines Division, and the Terrebonne Parish School Board, as presented.

At this time, Mr. Pitre brought up for discussion the matter pertaining to the before and after-school Childcare Program. A motion was offered by Pitre, but failed for lack of a second.

The Education and Policy Committee report was concluded, and the President reassumed the chair.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board deviated from the regular order of the agenda to receive a partial report of the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee and revert back to the regular order of the agenda upon completion.

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

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee** met on Monday, September 20, 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 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.

The following is a partial report of the Committee meeting.

Mr. Merlin Lirette, The Merlin Group, LTD, addressed the Committee relative to a change order for the Federal Programs Building Parking Lot Improvements project.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board approve a change order to Sealevel Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000.00, increasing the total project budget from \$285,909.00 to \$286,909.00, for breaking, removing, and replacing a portion of the sidewalk along Academy Street, increasing the sidewalk two feet in width under the canopy, and grant an extension of twelve (12) days, extending the contract time from September 26, 2004, to October 8, 2004, authorize Advance Marine Electric to proceed with additional electrical work to supply power to the parking lot lighting system for a cost not to exceed \$3,900.00, monies to be derived from NCLB Title 1 Fund for the Federal Programs Building Parking Lot Improvements project, authorize the Board President to sign all the necessary documents pertaining thereto, and that a partial report of the Buildings, Food Service and Transportation Committee meeting be presented to the Board at the September 21, 2004, meeting.

A final report of the Committee meeting will be presented to the Board at the October 5, 2004, meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ L. P. Bordelon, III, Chairman
 /s/ Gregory Harding, Vice-Chairman
 /s/ Roger Dale DeHart

Mr. DeHart moved, seconded by Mr. Bonvillain, that the Board approve a change order to Sealevel Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000.00, increasing the total project budget from \$285,909.00 to \$286,909.00 for breaking, removing, and replacing a portion of the sidewalk along Academy Street, increasing the sidewalk two feet in width under the canopy, grant an extension of twelve (12) days, extending the contract time from September 26, 2004, to October 8, 2004, authorize Advance Marine Electric to proceed with additional electrical work to supply power to the parking lot lighting system for a cost not to exceed \$3,900.00, monies to be derived from the NCLB Title I Fund for the Federal Programs Building Parking Lot Improvements project, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto, and further, that a partial report of the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meeting be presented to the Board at its regular meeting on September 21, 2004.

Mr. Ira Davis, Supervisor, Plant Maintenance, and Mr. Merlin Lirette, The Merlin Group, LTD, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Following a lengthy discussion, 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. Bonvillain Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, Mr. Duplantis, and Mr. Badeaux

NAYS: Mr. Pitre

ABSENT: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The partial report of the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation 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. Bordelon, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board granted T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc. permission to proceed, in conjunction with Entergy of Louisiana, Inc., with the mitigation project to plant 34.01 acres of Bullwhip plants on Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 16 East, North of Lake Decade, approved the Temporary Easement, Servitude, and Right-of-Way Agreement between the Terrebonne Parish School Board and Entergy of Louisiana, Inc., subject to Board Attorney and Risk Manager's approval, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Horace Thibodaux, representing T. Baker Smith & Son, Inc., addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Jackson, with the exception of Mr. Pitre who objected, the Board approved a request to allow Mr. David Bourg, Supervisor of Secondary/Vocational/Adult/Driver Education, to attend the ACTE Convention and Career Tech Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada, December 9-11, 2004 (Thursday-Saturday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be paid through Region 3 Tech Prep Consortium.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, 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. Leslie Lottinger, Secretary I in the Personnel Department, beginning October 12, 2004, through October 12, 2005.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the bid received from Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, LP for an oil, gas and mineral lease on Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 18 East, containing 619.46 acres in the amount of \$225.00 per acre, totaling \$139,378.50 initial consideration, and a ten percent (10%) fee in the amount of \$13,937.85, with the royalty being twenty-five percent (25%), subject to review by the Board Attorney and approval by the State Mineral Board, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

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

/s/ Ed Richard, Jr., Secretary
President

/s/ Clark J. Bonvillain,

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