

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

OCTOBER 18, 2005

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. 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 Edward J. Richard, Sr. (Supt. Ed Richard, Jr.'s father); Suzanne Peters, retired school teacher; Murphy Dupre, Sr., retired custodian, and Geraldine Pugh, retired school teacher, who recently passed away.

At this time, President Bonvillain recognized Mr. David Ohlmeyer, former School Board Member, who was in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meetings of September 6, and 20, and October 4, 2005, as recorded.

The following 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, October 3, 2005, 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. L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice-President, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Gregory Harding, Superintendent Ed Richard, Jr., and members of the staff.

A partial report was submitted to the Board at its October 4, 2005, meeting.

Mrs. Louise Whipple, Supervisor of Personnel, presented information to the Committee regarding sick leave donations as a result of the devastation caused by Hurricane Rita (see attachment).

RECOMMENDATION #1

The Committee recommends that the Board allow employees whose primary residence flooded as a result of Hurricane Rita, to receive donated days following the established guidelines as outlined in FILE: F-11.4b, Sick Leave Donations.

Mr. Philip Martin, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Student Support Services, presented information to the Committee relative to the BESE Board waivers (see attachment).

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

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board allowed employees whose primary residence flooded as a result of Hurricane Rita to receive donated days following the established guidelines as outlined in Policy (FILE: F-11.4b, Sick Leave Donations).

The Education and Policy Committee report was concluded, and the President reassumed the chair and presided for the remainder of the proceedings.

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

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution as it relates to a request to have fees waived for high school graduation ceremonies:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Terrebonne Parish School Board has experienced unusual circumstances this school session with the devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita striking Terrebonne Parish within three weeks of each other, and

WHEREAS, The Terrebonne Parish School Board and the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government are partners in serving the public and currently have existing mutually cooperative agreements, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Terrebonne Parish School Board is hereby requesting that the traditional fees for utilizing the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center for high school graduation ceremonies be waived, due to the current extenuating circumstances caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said resolution be forwarded to the Terrebonne Parish Council in hope that the request of the Terrebonne Parish School Board shall be granted.

The Board returned to the regular order of the agenda.

At this time, Supt. Richard gave an update to the Board on the current situation as it relates to schools due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution recognizing October 16-22, 2005, as School Bus Safety Week:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Louisiana parish and city systems provide free transportation for approximately 494,000 students each school day, and

WHEREAS, The citizens of this state recognize the efforts and dedication of the administrators, teachers, school bus drivers, and other employees, who make the school systems operational on a daily basis, and

WHEREAS, All officials of public and non-public schools strive for the efficient and safe transportation of all students, and

WHEREAS, The State of Louisiana, the Department of Education, and the Office of School and Community Support, recognize the commendable efforts displayed by all involved in the school transportation program, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Honorable Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, does hereby proclaim the week of October 16-22, 2005, as "School Bus Safety Week" in the State of Louisiana, and

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

Motion of Mr. DeHart, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution declaring the month of November 2005 as Native American Indian Month in the Terrebonne Parish School System:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Title VII Indian Education Program is a viable part of the Terrebonne Parish educational system, and

WHEREAS, Emphasis on the cultural heritage of Indian students is one of the four goals of the Title VII Indian Education Grant, and

WHEREAS, The month of November has been observed as "National American Indian Heritage Month" since 1990, and

WHEREAS, Instructional lessons on Indians and their heritage are traditionally taught to students during the month of November, and

WHEREAS, The Title VII Indian Education staff and the Title VII Indian Education Parent Committee are requesting that the month of November 2005, be recognized as Native American Indian Month in the Terrebonne Parish School System, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Terrebonne Parish School Board does hereby declare the month of November 2005, as Native American Indian Month in the Terrebonne Parish School System, and

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

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Pitre, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Ms. Carrie Delorge, Educational Facilitator in the Special Education Department, to attend The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH) Conference in Milwaukee, WI, November 9-12, 2005 (Wednesday-Saturday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be paid by the State Department of Education.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board waived Policy (FILE: F-9.11-D) as it relates to furnishing names of applicants and their qualifications to School Board Members one week in advance of the next School Board Meeting, and approved the personnel appointment of Ms. Andrea Gautreaux, Master Teacher at Acadian Elementary School, as recommended by the Superintendent, effective on or about October 19, 2005.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board waived Policy (FILE: F-9.11-D) as it relates to furnishing names of applicants and their qualifications to School Board Members one week in advance of the next School Board Meeting, and approved the personnel appointment of Ms. Lois Carter, Master Teacher at Grand Caillou Elementary School, as recommended by the Superintendent, effective on or about October 19, 2005.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Pitre, unanimously carried, the Board approved a sabbatical leave of absence for Ms. Gretta Jo Calongne, teacher at Broadmoor Elementary School, for the second semester of the 2005-2006 school session.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board approved a sabbatical leave of absence for Ms. Christy Gregg, teacher at South Terrebonne High School, beginning October 19, 2005, and ending on December 22, 2005.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave of absence in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Ms. Mary Blanchard, teacher at Houma Jr. High School, on an intermittent basis during the 2005-2006 school session, for the purpose of adoption.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board approved a leave of absence without pay in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.10) for Ms. Donna LaBauve, School Food Service Technician in the Child Nutrition Department, beginning October 6, 2005, and ending on March 6, 2006.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, that the Board accept the proposal received for a Lesson Plan Management System from Schoolworksite.com, 875 Kings Hwy., Suite 216, Woodbury, NJ 08096, and further, authorize the staff to buy user subscription fees at \$19.00 per user, and trainer training in the amount of \$125.00 per hour, funding to be derived from the One Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Mr. Herbert Carreker, Purchasing Agent, and Mr. Philip Martin, Assistant Superintendent, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

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, Mr. DeHart, Mr. Duplantis, and Mr. Badeaux

NAYS: Mr. Pitre and Mr. Bonvillain

ABSENT: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Harding, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(8:04 P.M.)**.

/s/ Ed Richard, Jr., Secretary

/s/ Clark J. Bonvillain, President

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