

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

October 4, 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. Bordelon led the Board and audience in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

At this time, Supt. Ed Richard, Jr., in the absence of Mr. Ben Meyers, citizen, announced that every second Friday of the month, the Bayou Region CHADD (Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) Support Group Meetings are held at 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. at the Terrebonne General Medical Center Outreach Center – Southland Mall, Houma, LA.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board deviated from the regular order of the agenda to take up Agenda Item 7.A (4) (b) – Personnel Actions for August and September 2005 (Contract Renewals, Appointments, Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations).

The Board recognized and Supt. Richard presented certificates, at this time, to the following retirees:

Professional Administrative Personnel

Nancy LeBlanc, Assistant Principal, South Terrebonne - Service Retirement, 33 years, 08/28/05

Professional Instructional Personnel

Annette Beaudry, Adult Ed Teacher, Bayou Cane Adult Center - Service Retirement, 20 years, 09/23/05

Roberta Boudreaux, 7/8 Teacher Combination, Oaklawn Jr. High - Service Retirement, 17 years, 09/10/05

Arnold Ferguson, Math & Science Teacher, South Terrebonne - Service Retirement, 12.19 years, 09/03/05

Pauline Fleming, Master Teacher, South Terrebonne - Service Retirement, 33 years, 09/02/05

Anna Mire, Homebound Teacher, Southdown - Service Retirement, 10.5 years, 09/07/05

Gail Torbert, Secondary Guidance Counselor, Evergreen Jr. High - Service Retirement, 31 years, 09/01/05

Non-Instructional Support Personnel

Mary Clark, Indian Ed Paraprofessional, Grand Caillou Middle - Disability Retirement, 17 years, 08/11/05

Brent Falgout, A/C – Heat/Vent Tech 1, Maintenance Dept. - Service Retirement, 32 years, 09/10/05

Gloria Pitre, Sp Ed Bus Attendant, Transportation Dept. - Service Retirement, 10 years, 09/16/05

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, 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 August and September 2005:

New Employee Appointments – Professional Instructional Personnel

Alayna Adams, 3rd Grade Teacher, Practitioner, Acadian - Kimberly Marchand, Resigned, 08/25/05

Sharon Picou, Special Ed Teacher, TAT, Acadian - Vacant Position, 08/23/05

Carla Ortego, Special Ed Teacher, TAT, H. L. Bourgeois - Added Position, 08/22/05

Jane Ohlmeyer, Special Ed Teacher, Certified, Coteau-Bayou Blue - Lynn Simmons, Resigned, 09/12/05

David Jefferson, Instrumental Music Teacher, Certified, Coteau-Bayou Blue - Eric Zelasko, Resigned, 09/28/05

Eric Zelasko, Instrumental Music Teacher, Certified, Coteau-Bayou Blue - Vacant Position, 08/24/05

Allison Oriol, Special Ed Teacher, OFAT, East Houma - Added Position, 08/08/05

Renee' Miller, Vocal Music & Reading Tchr, OFAT, Ellender Memorial - Allen Williams, Resigned, 08/08/05

Tamara Branch, Math Teacher, Certified, Evergreen Jr. High - Vacant Position, 08/12/05

Brandy Jackson, 7/8 Teacher Combination, Certified, Evergreen Jr. High - Meg Barnes, Resigned, 08/22/05

Brenda Goulas, Special Ed Teacher, OFAT, Greenwood - Vacant Position, 08/29/05

Michael Kraemer, 7th Grade Teacher, Certified, Greenwood - Susan Schenken, Resigned, 09/28/05

Susan Schenken, 7th Grade Teacher, Certified, Greenwood - Patricia Johnson, Resigned, 09/13/05

Jacqueline Taylor, Special Ed Teacher, Certified, Greenwood - Vacant Position, 09/13/05

Anne Barrios, 7/8 Teacher Combination, OFAT, Houma Junior High - Added due to Katrina, 09/12/05

Noble Garner, Special Ed Teacher, Certified, Houma Junior High - Added due to Katrina, 09/09/05

Karen Moore, 3rd Grade Teacher, Practitioner, Lisa Park - Added due to Katrina, 09/26/05

Paula Smith, 5th Grade Teacher, OFAT, Mulberry - Added Position, 08/26/05

Dorothy Davis, 8th Grade Teacher, Certified, Oaklawn Jr. High - Vacant Position, 09/09/05

Jose' Herrera, 7/8 Teacher Combination, Certified, Oaklawn Jr. High - Vacant Position, 09/13/05

Sandra Markey, Special Ed Teacher, Certified, Oaklawn Jr. High - Cory Butler, Resigned, 08/15/05

Katheryn Rink, Kindergarten Teacher, Certified, Oakshire - Added Position, 08/25/05

Laura Champagne, Special Ed Teacher, TAT, Andrew Price - Vacant Position, 08/26/05

Evelyn Washington, Special Ed Teacher, TAT, S. E. C. - Vacant Position, 08/22/05

Deborah Cohen, 3rd Grade Teacher, Practitioner, Schriever - Vacant Position, 08/26/05

Kim Curole, 3rd Grade Teacher, Certified, Schriever - Vacant Position, 08/22/05

Tamara Bay, 4th Grade Teacher, Certified, Southdown - Vacant Position, 09/12/05

Christina Boudreaux, Speech Therapist, Certified, Southdown - Judith Maclean, Sabbatical Leave, 09/21/05

Wendy Gaudet, 1st Grade Teacher, Certified, Southdown - Added Position, 08/22/05

Rebecca Harding, 4th Grade Teacher, Certified, Southdown - Vacant Position, 08/08/05

Virgie Hebert, Special Ed Teacher, Practitioner, Grand Caillou Middle – Vacant Position, 08/08/05

New Employee Appointments – Non-Instructional/Support Personnel

Laura Authement, School Bus Driver Reg. Ed., Transportation Dept. - Consuela Duthu, Resigned, 08/22/05

Heidi Callahan, School Bus Driver Sp. Ed., Transportation Dept. - Added Special Ed Route, 08/22/05

Shonda Cormier, School Bus Driver Reg. Ed., Transportation Dept. - Ellastine Wesley, Deceased, 08/22/05

Clinton Cunningham, School Bus Driver Reg. Ed., Transportation Dept. - New Bus Route School Choice, 08/22/05

Karen George, School Bus Driver Reg. Ed., Transportation Dept. - Kristy Domangue, Leave Without Pay, 08/22/05

Michelle Luke, School Bus Driver Reg. Ed., Transportation Dept. - Burwick Simms, Retired, 08/08/05

Andrea Piazza, School Bus Driver Reg. Ed., Transportation Dept. - New Bus Route School Choice, 08/22/05

Danielle Turner, School Bus Driver Reg. Ed., Transportation Dept. – Natasha Crappel, Leave Without Pay, 08/22/05

Stacey Williams, School Bus Driver Reg. Ed., Transportation Dept. - Vacant Position, 08/08/05

Caul Hutchinson, Driver/General Maint. Laborer, Purchasing/Warehouse - Anthony Richard, Leave Without Pay, 08/29/05

Resignations or Terminations – Supervisory Personnel

Lauren Fletcher, Supervisor, Child Nutrition Program, Auxiliary Services – Resigned, 09/12/05

Resignations or Terminations – Professional Instructional Personnel

Meg Barnes, 7/8 Teacher Combination, Evergreen Jr. High – Resigned, 09/02/05

Cory Butler, Special Ed Teacher, Oaklawn Jr. High – Resigned, 08/12/05

Theresa Clement, English Teacher, South Terrebonne – Resigned, 09/16/05

Marilyn Gravois, 1st Grade Teacher, Schriever – Resigned, 08/19/05

Angela Guidry, 6th Grade Teacher, Greenwood - Resigned , 09/16/05

Patricia Johnson, 7th Grade Teacher, Greenwood – Resigned, 09/07/05

Kimberly Marchand, 3rd Grade Teacher, Acadian – Resigned, 08/26/05

Susan Schenken, 7th Grade Teacher, Greenwood – Resigned, 09/21/05

Lynn Simmons, Special Ed Teacher, Coteau-Bayou Blue – Resigned, 08/26/05

Allen Williams, Vocal Music & Reading Teacher, Ellender Memorial – Resigned, 09/09/05

Eric Zelasko, Instrumental Music Teacher, Coteau-Bayou Blue – Resigned, 09/16/05

Resignations or Terminations – Non-Instructional/Support Personnel

Cynthia Allen, Custodian III 9 M, Oakshire – Resigned, 09/19/05

Bonnie Bourg, Sp Ed Paraprofessional, Oaklawn Jr. High – Resigned, 08/19/05

Linda Bull, Sp Ed Paraprofessional, Southdown – Resigned, 08/17/05

Carrie Lindsey, School Food Service Technician, Gibson – Terminated, 08/22/05

Dorothy Knightshead, Sp Ed Paraprofessional, Elysian Fields – Resigned, 08/05/05

Debra Pitre, Sp Ed Paraprofessional, West Park – Terminated, 08/05/05

Jeri Portier, Early Childhood Paraprofessional, Grand Caillou Elem. – Resigned, 08/11/05

Frank Toussaint, General Helper, Maintenance Dept. – Resigned, 08/01/05

Jerri Villavaso, Health Nurse, South Terrebonne High – Resigned, 08/05/05

The Board returned to the regular order of the agenda.

The Executive Committee report was presented to the Board.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the following Executive Committee report in its entirety:

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Executive Committee** met at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 20, 2005, 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 Ed Richard, Jr., Mrs. Louise Whipple, Mr. Harris Henry, and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

The meeting began with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The **Executive Committee** deviated to examine and authorize payment of invoices for the current month (including supplemental payroll and travel expenses), then returned to the regular order of the agenda.

The **Executive Committee** granted a request from Ms. Charlene Foret to use a personal business day from 2005/2006 and if personal business days are not available, to use one (1) day of sick leave, provided sick leave days are available, to attend her granddaughter's high school graduation in Texas.

The **Executive Committee** granted a request for up to four (4) days; any available personal business days from 2005/2006 are to be used first, and the remaining days from sick leave, provided sick leave days are available, for Ms. Nancy Flaspohler to spend time with her son returning permanently from Iraq.

Matter bearing upon agenda items 4 & 5, relative to requests due to Hurricane Katrina, were removed and are covered by Policy FILE: F-11.4.

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. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, 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, September 20, 2005, 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 Ed Richard, Jr., Mr. Harris Henry, and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

The **Board of Directors** received the August 2005 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.

The following partial report of the Education and Policy Committee meeting was then 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.

The following is a partial report of the Committee meeting.

Mr. Philip Martin, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Student Support Services, presented information to the Committee relative to make-up time as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (see attachment).

RECOMMENDATION #1:

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Superintendent to submit the following plan to the State Department of Education for make-up days:

- 1) Make-up 3 full days
 - October 31, 2005—Staff Development Day (1 day)
 - December 21, 22, 2005—2 days included in the fall semester as make-up days (2 days)
 - 2) Add 10 instructional minutes per day beginning 10/5/05 until the end of the fall semester (1½ days)
- Total make-up 4½ days**
- 3) Request a waiver of 2½ days

Ms. Pamela Lemoine, Supervisor of Elementary Education, presented information to the Committee regarding school reorganization due to flooding from Hurricane Rita (see attachment).

The final report of the Committee meeting will be presented to the Board at its October 18, 2005, meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Pitre, with the exception of Mr. Duplantis who objected, the Board authorized the Superintendent to submit the following plan to the State Department of Education for make-up days:

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 - October 31, 2005—Staff Development Day (1 day)
 - December 21, 22, 2005—2 days included in the fall semester as make-up days (2 days)
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Total make-up 4½ days

3) Request a waiver of 2½ days

Mr. Philip Martin, Assistant Superintendent, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

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

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

Ms. Dawn LaFont, Principal at Pointe-aux-Chenes Elementary School; Ms. Patty Lajaunie, Principal at Grand Caillou Middle School, and Ms. Peggy Marcel, Principal at Grand Caillou Elementary School, also gave an update to the Board regarding their individual schools as it relates to Hurricane Rita.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board suspended the section of Policy (FILE: D-8, School Fundraising Activities) entitled Humanitarian Organizations, and further, directed that a Consolidated School Drive not be conducted in the public schools for fiscal year 2005-2006.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Ms. Roslyn Dempster, Staff Development Coordinator in the Federal Department, to attend the National Staff Development Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 3-7, 2005 (Saturday-Wednesday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be paid by NCLB Title II Funds.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Ms. Judy Martin, Chief Accountant in the Central Office, to attend the annual Carter^Pertaine National Users' Group Board Meeting in Houston, Texas, November 3-5, 2005 (Thursday-Saturday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be paid by Carter^Pertaine National Users' Group.

Mr. DeHart moved, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, that the Board approve the personnel appointment of Ms. Monica Walther, Supervisor of Child Nutrition, as recommended by the Superintendent, effective on or about October 5, 2005.

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. DeHart, and Mr. Badeaux

NAYS: Mr. Bordelon and Mr. Duplantis

ABSENT: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board approved the personnel appointment of Mr. Dane Voisin, Master Teacher at South Terrebonne High School, as recommended by the Superintendent, effective on or about October 5, 2005.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids on one (1) satellite delivery truck for the Child Nutrition Department.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(8:13 P.M.)**.

/s/ Ed Richard, Jr., Secretary

/s/ Clark J. Bonvillain, President

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