

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

November 15, 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 opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Haroldnesha "Faith" Neville, Honduras Elementary School student, and Charles Detiveaux, retired custodial leaderman, who recently passed away.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meeting of November 1, 2005, as recorded.

At this time, the Board recognized Ms. Simonne Lanigan, teacher at Little Caillou Elementary School, for recently being selected Parish and Regional Finalist for the 2006 Teacher of the Year Program. The Terrebonne Parish School Board hereby recognizes the honors bestowed on Ms. Lannigan and has invited her to tonight's meeting for further acknowledgement.

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, November 7, 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, Superintendent Ed Richard, Jr., and members of the staff.

Ms. Pamela Lemoine, Supervisor of Elementary Education, presented information to the Committee regarding the recommended make-up strategies for the schools that were closed past Tuesday, September 27, 2005, as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (see attachment).

RECOMMENDATION #1

The Committee recommends that the Board approve the make-up time strategies for schools closed past September 27, 2005, as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, as presented.

Mrs. Cindy Hebert, Educational Technology Facilitator, presented information to the Committee relative to the Web-based Lesson Plan Management System (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. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board delayed action on the recommendation submitted by the Committee as it relates to make-up time strategies for schools closed past September 27, 2005, as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and referred said matter back to the staff for additional review and report back at the next Committee meeting.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, 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.

The following partial 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, November 14, 2005, 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, and Mr. Roger Dale DeHart. Mr. Gregory Harding, Vice-Chairman, was absent. Others in attendance were Mr. Richard Jackson, 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. Ira Davis addressed the Committee relative to the Grand Caillou Middle School HVAC chilled water unit replacement project.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board award the Grand Caillou Middle School HVAC chilled water unit replacement project to the lowest responsible bidder meeting all specifications, Volute, Inc., in the amount of \$103,700.00, increase the budget including architectural/engineering fees by \$3,825.00 (from \$114,419.00 to \$118,244.00), monies to be derived from the One Cent Sales Tax Fund, 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 be presented to the Board at the November 15, 2005, meeting.

Superintendent Richard addressed the Committee relative to the donation of fifteen (15) acres of property either adjacent to or south of Terrebonne-Vocational Technical High School on Patriot Drive, or fronting Grand Caillou Road south of and adjacent to the Saia Motor Freight office at the corner of Grand Caillou Road and Woodlawn Ranch Road.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Superintendent and staff to contact the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning and Zoning Commission in order to determine if an elementary or middle school can be constructed in the zoning district (C-5 Commercial Business Park), and further, establish a budget not to exceed \$3,000.00 for an environmental study relative to the fifteen (15) acres of property fronting Grand Caillou Road south of and adjacent to the Saia Motor Freight office.

A final report of the Committee meeting will be presented to the Board at the December 6, 2005, meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ L. P. Bordelon, III, Chairman

/s/ Roger Dale DeHart

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board awarded the Grand Caillou Middle School HVAC chilled water unit replacement project to the lowest responsible bidder meeting all specifications, Volute, Inc., in the amount of \$103,700.00, increased the budget including architectural/engineering fees by \$3,825.00 (from \$114,419.00 to \$118,244.00), monies to be derived from the One Cent Sales Tax Fund, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. DeHart moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that the Board authorize the Superintendent and staff to contact the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning and Zoning Commission in order to determine if an elementary or middle school can be constructed in the zoning district (C-5 Commercial Business Park) and establish a budget not to exceed \$3,000.00 for an environmental study relative to the fifteen (15) acres of property fronting Grand Caillou Road south of and adjacent to the Saia Motor Freight office.

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

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. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, and Mr. Duplantis

NAYS: Mr. Bonvillain and Mr. Badeaux

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. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Pitre, unanimously carried, the Board approved the personnel appointment of Ms. Lisa Thibodeaux, Social Worker in the Special Education Department, as recommended by the Superintendent, effective on or about November 16, 2005.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved a sabbatical leave of absence in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.1) for Ms. Paula Graff, teacher at H. L. Bourgeois High School, for the second semester of the 2005-2006 school session (professional improvement).

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved a sabbatical leave of absence in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.1) for Ms. Patty Koch, teacher at Andrew Price School, for the second semester of the 2005-2006 school session (medical).

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board approved a sabbatical leave of absence in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.1) for Ms. Rebecca Mauldin, librarian at Houma Jr. High School, for the 2006-2007 school session (professional improvement).

Mr. Badeaux left the meeting at this time (7:31 P.M.) and was absent for the remainder of the proceedings.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, 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, September, October, and November 2005:

Contract Renewals – Professional Administrative Personnel

Riley Vordick, Principal, Upper Little Caillou - August 1, 2005 - July 31, 2007

Kenneth Delcambre, Principal, South Terrebonne - August 8, 2005 - August 7, 2007

Alton Johnson, Principal, Southdown - September 2, 2005 - September 1, 2007

Peggy Evans, Assistant Principal, Schriever - August 6, 2005 - August 5, 2007

Carmen Robinson, Assistant Principal, Terrebonne High - September 5, 2005 - September 4, 2007

Thomas Turner, Assistant Principal, H. L. Bourgeois - September 5, 2005 - September 4, 2007

Rochelle Walker, Social Studies Curriculum Specialist, Central Office - August 20, 2005 - August 19, 2007

Tonya Allen, Reading Curriculum Specialist, Central Office - November 4, 2005 - November 3, 2007

New Employee Appointments – Professional Instructional Personnel

Reni Guidry, 4th Grade Teacher, Certified, Broadmoor - Colette Jefferson, Resigned - 10/25/05

Mary Kellis, Vocal Music & Reading Tchr, OFAT, Ellender Memorial - Renee Miller, Resigned - 11/03/05

Patricia Johnson, Reading & Study Skls Tchr, Certified, Houma Jr. High - Danielle Degruise, Resigned - 10/27/05

Jarod Martin, 7th Grade Teacher, Certified, Houma Jr. High - Returning From Military Leave - 10/31/05

Jennifer Breaux, 7th Grade Teacher, Certified, Montegut Middle - Sheila Arceneaux, Retired - 10/17/05

Daniel Pate, 8th Grade Teacher, Certified, Oaklawn Jr. High - Charles Bergeron, Promoted - 11/08/05

Cornell Williams, 7/8 Teacher Combination, Certified, Oaklawn Jr. High - Jose'Herrera, Resigned - 11/03/05

Katie Pierre, Special Ed Teacher, Certified, South Terrebonne - Vacant Position - 11/04/05

New Employee Appointments – Non-Instructional/Support Personnel

Hurley Frye, Custodian III – A – 12M, Oaklawn Jr. High - James Fanguy, Promoted - 10/31/05

Ione Dillard, Custodian III – A – 12M, Oakshire - Cynthia Allen, Resigned - 10/31/05

Resignations or Terminations – Professional Instructional Personnel

Erica Annis, 6th Grade Teacher, Coteau-Bayou Blue – Resigned - 11/04/05

Danielle Degruise, Reading & Study Skls Tchr, Houma Jr. High – Resigned - 10/24/05

Shenelle Ellis, Special Ed Teacher, Acadian – Resigned - 11/04/05

Jose' Herrera, 7/8 Teacher Combination, Oaklawn Jr. High – Resigned - 10/27/05

Claude Jeffrey, 6th Grade Teacher, Elysian Fields – Resigned - 11/11/05

Renee Miller , Vocal Music & Reading Tchr, Ellender Memorial – Resigned - 10/28/05

James Peerson, Instrumental Music Teacher, Mulberry - Resigned - 11/04/05

Ms. Louise Whipple, Supervisor of Personnel, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Thomas left the meeting at this time (7:38 P.M.) and was absent for the remainder of the proceedings.

Motion of Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the bid received, meeting all specifications, for the Schriever Elementary School Parish sewer connection and removal of mechanical sewer plant from B & B Underground Services, Houma, LA, for the total amount of \$110,456.00 and authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

At this time, President Bonvillain addressed the Board regarding the formation of a Special Committee to meet with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Committee relative to intergovernmental use of facilities.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved the appointments of Mr. Hayes Badeaux, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, and Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, School Board Members, to serve on the Special Committee to meet with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Committee regarding intergovernmental use of facilities.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(7:57 P.M.)**.

/s/ Ed Richard, Jr., Secretary

/s/ Clark J. Bonvillain, President

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