

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

June 17, 2008

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. Hayes Badeaux, President, presiding, and the following members present: Mr. Gregory Harding, Vice-President; Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Richard Jackson, Mr. Rickie Pitre, Mr. Clark J. Bonvillain, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, and Mr. Donald Duplantis.

ABSENT: None

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Frances Cathleen Baker Chaisson, Teacher at Acadian Elementary School, who recently passed away.

Motion of Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meetings of May 27, and June 3, 2008, as recorded.

Charlotte Bollinger, on behalf of John Warner Smith, Education's Next Horizon, addressed the Board and gave an introduction of the Organization.

The following report of the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting was presented to the Board with Mr. Bonvillain, 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, May 26, 2008, with the following members present: Mr. Clark Bonvillain, Chairman; Mr. Rickie Pitre, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III. Also in attendance were Mr. Richard Jackson, Superintendent Ed Richard, Jr., and members of the staff.

Mr. Bonvillain called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A partial report of the Committee meeting was presented to the Board at its May 27, 2008, meeting.

Matter relative to Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 16 East was not discussed since Helis Oil & Gas Co, LLC did not have a representative at the meeting.

Mr. Herbert Carreker reviewed a request from Castex Energy 2005, L.P. for consent to assign TPSB Lease No. 2006-1 to Castex Energy Partners, L.P.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board grant permission for Castex Energy 2005, L.P. to assign TPSB Lease No. 2006-1 to Castex Energy

Partners, L.P., and authorize the Superintendent to sign the attached resolution pertaining thereto.

Mr. Carreker then discussed the situation regarding the campsite lease on Minors Canal in Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 16 East. Since the lease payment was in arrear, the Board Attorney was asked to review the matter and advise the administration as to what procedure to follow at this point (see copy of letter from Mr. Clayton Lovell). The Committee was then informed that all the necessary steps were taken.

Mr. Robert Belanger, Co-Lessor, appeared before the Committee and explained what happened and the reason the payment was not made. He requested that he and his father be allowed to bring the lease up-to-date and continue the lease. He also stated that they were two years behind in the lease payment but were in the third year of a ten (10) year lease.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board allow Mr. Norris Belanger and Mr. Robert Belanger to continue the current campsite lease located on Minors Canal in Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 16 East, provided the lease payments are brought up to current status, and subject to Board Attorney review.

Mr. Pitre discussed the manner in which legal counsel is engaged and who is to represent the school system in matters outside the scope of regular legal counsel, including the requirement that the State Attorney General has to approve the engagement of any such attorney. He suggested that administration review School Board legal cost, along with the agreements with the various attorneys. He further suggested that whatever agreements we currently have should be reviewed on a periodic basis. Mr. Pitre stated a review of the current agreements should be made particularly since there is a new State Attorney General.

Mr. Pitre discussed the request from Lanaux and Felger, CPA's, for extension of the audit contract. He stated that in the future if there are any requests for contract extension, that the request be submitted directly to either the Board or to the Committee of the Board, especially when the extension is for five (5) years.

Mr. Jack Moore presented several locations that were up for renewal regarding the flood insurance policy. He stated that prior to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Board only had flood insurance on certain low-lying schools that are vulnerable to water intrusion. The schools that were added after the hurricanes are now due for renewal. He said the other schools covered under the flood policy do not become due until January of next year. He also said because coverage costs have increased slightly that combining the whole flood insurance program at this point is not merited.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the renewal offer for Flood Insurance through Ledet Agency, Inc., as per attached schedule, with an annual premium of \$58,512.00, effective July 1, 2008.

The Student Accident Insurance was the next topic covered by Mr. Moore, who indicated that the spread sheet depicted the various proposals and also other alternatives that were offered. He stated that the renewal coverage has all the four (4) caps removed, along with the fact that the deductible has also been removed.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the proposal offer from Gulf South Agency, Inc. (Agent of Record) and underwritten by UnitedHealthcare for Student Accident Insurance, including Volunteer Workers and Catastrophic Athletic Accident Insurance, with limits of \$25,000.00 per Student Accident/\$1,000,000 per Athletic Accident, effective August 1, 2008, with an annual premium of \$164,790.00.

Mr. Moore then reviewed the proposals for the Property Insurance. He stated that the Insurance market this year loosened somewhat whereby more insurance was obtainable at a lesser rate. He informed the Committee that limits were increased from \$35,000,000.00 to \$50,000,000.00 total limit. The new proposal covers all perils, except a three (3%) percent deductible for named storms, subject to \$500,000.00 minimum deductible per occurrence. The USI Insurance Services, Inc. proposal includes a code change enhancement with a limit of one million dollars.

Mr. Ed Daigle, USI representative, appeared before the Committee to answer questions regarding the proposal submitted by USI.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the proposal offer from USI Insurance Services, Inc. (Agent of Record) and underwritten by AmRisc for Property Insurance with limits of \$50 million, subject to \$100,000.00 per occurrence deductible, all perils except for named storms, which shall be subject to three (3%) percent Total Insured Values with a minimum of \$500,000.00 per occurrence, with an annual premium of \$861,575.00, effective July 1, 2008.

Mr. Moore presented an updated Casualty Loss Summary.

A general discussion ensued. During the discussion it was suggested that a case-by-case summary of settled claims be presented to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

The Committee recommends that the staff include in the monthly liability claims report, a summary of settled claims on a case-by-case basis, such summary to include the litigant(s) against the Terrebonne Parish School Board and the settlement amount.

Mr. Harris Henry reviewed the sales tax collection for the month of March 2008. He said that the collections for March 2008 were slightly lower than March of 2007, however, so far this year collections are as anticipated in the budgets (see attachments).

Mr. Henry then discussed the setting of millages for calendar 2008. He said since 2008 is a reassessment year that extra steps have to be followed.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the administration to advertise, as per the attached notice, and to set August 19, 2008, as a public hearing for the adoption of the 2008 millages.

There being no further business to come before the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark J. Bonvillain, Chairman

Rickie Pitre, Vice-Chairman

L. P. Bordelon, III

Motion of Mr. Pitre, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board granted permission for Castex Energy 2005, L.P. to assign TPSB Lease No. 2006-1 to Castex Energy Partners, L.P., and authorized the Superintendent to sign the resolution, as presented.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board allowed Mr. Norris Belanger & Mr. Robert Belanger to continue the current campsite lease located on Minors Canal in Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 16 East, provided the lease payments are brought up to current status within thirty (30) days, and subject to Board Attorney review.

Mr. Herbert Carreker, Purchasing Agent, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the renewal offer for Flood Insurance through Ledet Agency, Inc., as per schedule presented, with an annual premium of \$58,512.00, effective July 1, 2008.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the proposal offer from Gulf South Agency, Inc. (Agent of Record) and underwritten by UnitedHealthcare for Student Accident Insurance, including Volunteer Workers and Catastrophic Athletic Accident Insurance, with limits of \$25,000.00 per Student Accident/\$1,000,000 per Athletic Accident, effective August 1, 2008, with an annual premium of \$164,790.00.

Mr. Jack Moore, Risk Manager, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the proposal offer from USI Insurance Services, Inc. (Agent of Record) and underwritten by AmRisc for Property Insurance with limits of \$50 million, subject to \$100,000.00 per occurrence deductible, all perils except for named storms, which shall be subject to three (3%) percent Total Insured Values with a minimum of \$500,000.00 per occurrence, with an annual premium of \$861,575.00, effective July 1, 2008.

Mr. Ed Daigle, representing USI Insurance Services, Inc., addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Mr. Pitre, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board directed the staff to include in the monthly liability claims report, a summary of settled claims on a case-by-case basis, such summary to include the litigant(s) against the Terrebonne Parish School Board and the settlement amount.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the administration to advertise, as per notice presented, and set August 19, 2008, as a public hearing for the adoption of the 2008 millages (Regular School Tax-Constitutional; and Special School Tax-Maintenance).

The Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee report was concluded, and the President reassumed the chair.

The following report of the Education and Policy Committee meeting was presented to the Board with Mr. Thomas, Chairman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

The Education and Policy Committee met on Monday, June 2, 2008, at 5:00 P.M., in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Chairman; Mr. Clark Bonvillain, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Donald Duplantis. Also in attendance were Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Mr. Rickie Pitre, Superintendent Ed Richard, Jr., and members of the staff.

A partial report of the Committee meeting was presented to the Board at its June 3, 2008, meeting.

Mrs. Carol Davis, Supervisor of Federal Programs, and Mrs. Melissa Adams, Supervisor of Special Education, presented information relative to NCLB/IDEA Consolidated Application for Federal Funds for the 2008-2009 school year (see attachment).

Recommendation #1

The Committee recommends that the Board approve the NCLB/IDEA Consolidated Application for Federal Funds for the 2008-2009 school year, in the amount of \$11,163,520.00, as presented.

Mr. Pitre discussed the matter pertaining to policy FILE: H-3.5b, Suspension/Expulsion (see attachment).

Recommendation #2

The Committee recommends that the Board approve revised policy FILE: H-3.5b, Suspension/Expulsion, as presented.

FILE: H-3.5b

SUSPENSION/EXPULSION

SUSPENSION

The Terrebonne Parish School Board recognizes its authority to maintain good order and discipline within the schools of the school district.

Therefore, the Board recognizes the principal's authority to suspend a pupil in accordance with statutory provisions. The term of suspension may carry over into the next school year, when necessary, unless otherwise provided for in state statutes. In each case of suspension, the school principal or designee shall contact the parent, tutor, or legal guardian of the pupil to notify him/her of the suspension and establish a date and time for a conference with the principal or designee as a requirement for readmitting the pupil.

EXPULSION

Expulsion is defined as a removal from all regular school settings for a period of not less than one school semester. The Board shall authorize the Superintendent to expel a pupil from school if an offense committed by the pupil is serious enough to warrant such action or is in violation of state law. Upon the recommendation for expulsion of a pupil by the principal, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct a hearing to determine the facts of the case and make a finding of whether or not the student is guilty of conduct warranting a recommendation of expulsion. Upon the conclusion of the hearing and upon finding the student guilty of conduct warranting expulsion, the Superintendent shall determine whether such student shall be expelled and the specified period of expulsion, or if other disciplinary action shall be taken. Unless otherwise stipulated by state statutes, the period of expulsion shall not be less than one (1) school semester and may carry over into the next school year, if necessary.

At the hearing, the teacher shall be permitted to attend and present any relevant information. Until the hearing, the pupil shall remain suspended. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Superintendent or designee shall determine whether expulsion or other corrective action is necessary.

REASONS FOR SUSPENSION/EXPULSION

Reasons for suspending or expelling a student from school shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. Is guilty of willful disobedience
- B. Treats with intentional disrespect school employees or members of the local school board
- C. Makes unfounded charges against school employees or members of the local school board
- D. Uses unchaste or profane language
- E. Is guilty of immoral or vicious practices or of conduct or habits injurious to his/her associates
- F. Uses tobacco or possesses alcoholic beverages or any controlled dangerous substance governed by the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance Law, in any form, in school buildings, on school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, or on school buses owned by, contracted to, or jointly owned by the Board
- G. Disturbs the school and/or habitually violates any rule

- H. Cuts, defaces, or injures any part of public school buildings, any property belonging to the buildings, or any school buses owned by, contracted to, or jointly owned by the Board
- I. Writes any profane or obscene language or draws obscene pictures in or on any school material or on any public school premises or on any fence, pole, sidewalk, or building on the way to or from school or on any school bus, including those owned by, contracted to, or jointly owned by the Board
- J. Is found carrying firearms, knives, or other implements which can be used as weapons, the careless use of which might inflict harm or injury
- K. Throws missiles liable to injure other persons on the school grounds or while on any school bus, including those owned by, contracted to, or jointly owned by the Board
- L. Instigates or participates in fights while under school supervision
- M. Violates traffic and safety regulations
- N. Leaves the school premises without permission
- O. Leaves his/her classroom during class hours or detention without permission
- P. Is habitually tardy or absent
- Q. Is using, distributing, or is in possession of weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, and unauthorized telecommunication devices
- R. Commits assault or battery of a school employee
- S. Commits any other serious offense.

School officials, in accordance with statutory provisions, shall have total discretion and shall exercise such discretion in imposing on a pupil any disciplinary actions authorized by state law for possession by a pupil of a firearm or knife on school property when such firearm or knife is stored in a motor vehicle, and there is no evidence of the pupil's intent to use the firearm or knife in a criminal manner.

Assault or Battery of School Employees

Whenever a pupil is formally accused of violating state law or school disciplinary regulations, or both, by committing assault or battery on any school employee, the principal shall suspend the pupil from school immediately and the pupil shall be removed immediately from the school premises without the benefit of required procedures, provided, however, that such procedures shall follow as soon as practicable. The student shall not be readmitted to the school to which the employee is assigned until all hearings and appeals associated with the alleged violation have been exhausted.

RECUSAL OF ADMINISTRATOR IN DISCIPLINE MATTERS

Any school administrator or administrator's designee who is required to make a recommendation, decide an issue, or take action in a matter involving the discipline of a student shall recuse himself/herself whenever a member of the immediate family of the administrator or administrator's designee is involved in any manner in the discipline matter. In case of recusal, the action to be taken shall be done so by the Superintendent or an impartial designee of the Superintendent. *Immediate family* means the individual's children, brothers, sisters, parents, and spouse and the children, brothers, sisters, and parents of the spouse.

PROCEDURES

- A. The principal shall immediately suspend a student who is found carrying or possessing a firearm or knife, the blade of which equals or exceeds two (2) inches in length, or other dangerous instrumentality, except as provided below under the section entitled *Suspension Not Applicable*, or who distributes, sells, gives, or loans any controlled dangerous substance governed by the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, in any form. The principal shall immediately recommend the student's expulsion, except that, in the case of a student less than eleven (11) years old in pre-kindergarten through grade five (5) who is found carrying or possessing a knife as described above, the principal may, but shall not be required to recommend the student's expulsion.

A student found carrying or possessing a knife with a blade less than two (2) inches in length may be suspended by the school principal, but, in appropriate cases, at a minimum, shall be placed in *in-school suspension*.

1. Expulsion Involving Firearms

Any student, sixteen (16) or older, or under sixteen (16) and in grades six (6) through twelve (12), who is found guilty of being in possession of a firearm on school property, on a school bus or in actual possession at a school-sponsored event, pursuant to a hearing, shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of four (4) complete school semesters and shall be referred to the district attorney for appropriate action.

Any student in kindergarten through grade five (5) who is found guilty of being in possession of a firearm on school property, on a school bus, or in actual possession at a school-sponsored event, pursuant to a hearing, shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of two (2) complete school semesters and shall be referred to the district attorney for appropriate action.

The Superintendent, however, may modify the length of the minimum expulsion required in the above paragraphs on a case-by-case basis, provided such modification is in writing.

2. Expulsion Involving Drugs

Any student, sixteen (16) years of age or older, found guilty of possession of, or knowledge of and intentional distribution of or possession with intent to distribute any illegal narcotic, drug, or other controlled substance on school property, on a

school bus or at a school-sponsored event, pursuant to a hearing, shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of four (4) complete school semesters.

Any student who is under sixteen (16) years of age and in grades six (6) through twelve (12) and who is found guilty of possession of, or knowledge of and intentional distribution of or possession with intent to distribute any illegal narcotic, drug, or other controlled substance on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored event pursuant to a hearing shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of two (2) complete school semesters.

Any case involving a student in kindergarten through grade five (5) found guilty of possession of, or knowledge of and intentional distribution of or possession with intent to distribute any illegal narcotic, drug, or other controlled substance on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored event, pursuant to a hearing, shall be referred to the Board through a recommendation for action from the Superintendent.

3. Expulsion Involving Knife/Weapon

The Terrebonne Parish School Board requires a student to be immediately suspended when found carrying or possessing a knife, the blade of which equals or exceeds two (2) inches in length, or other dangerous instrumentality.

The principal shall immediately recommend the student's expulsion, except that, in the case of a student less than eleven (11) years old in pre-kindergarten through grade five (5) who is found carrying or possessing a knife, the principal may, but shall not be required to recommend the student's expulsion.

A student found carrying or possessing a knife with a blade less than two (2) inches in length may be suspended, but, in appropriate cases, at a minimum shall be placed in in-school suspension.

Any student who is under sixteen (16) years of age and in grades six (6) through twelve (12) and who is found guilty of being in possession of a knife/weapon on school property, pursuant to a hearing, shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of two (2) complete school semesters and shall be referred to the district attorney for appropriate action.

Any student sixteen (16) years or older who is found guilty of being in possession of a knife/weapon on school property, on a school bus, or in actual possession at a school-sponsored event, pursuant to a hearing, shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of four (4) complete school semesters and shall be referred to the district attorney for appropriate action.

A *weapon*, in accordance with federal statutes, means a firearm or any device which is designed to expel a projectile or any destructive device, which in turn means any explosive, incendiary or poison gas, bomb, grenade, rocket, missile, mine or similar device.

- B. The conviction of any student of a felony or the incarceration of any student in a juvenile institution for an act which, had it been committed by an adult, would have constituted a felony, may be cause for expulsion of the student for a period of time as determined by the Board, provided that such expulsion shall require the vote of *two-thirds* of the elected members of the Board.
- C. The parent or tutor of the student may submit a written request within five (5) days after the decision of the hearing is rendered that the Board review the findings of the Superintendent or designee at a time set by the Board; otherwise, the decision of the Superintendent shall be final. If requested, as herein provided, and after reviewing the findings of the Superintendent or designee, the Board may affirm, modify, or reverse the action previously taken.
- D. The principal shall promptly advise the Superintendent or designee of all such suspensions, stating the reasons for the suspensions. No suspended pupil shall be allowed to leave the school premises during the school day until parent, guardian, or other proper authorities assume responsibility for him/her, unless immediate removal from school due to danger or threat of disruption to academic process is warranted.

The principal and other appropriate personnel shall be required to file written documentation of all suspensions. Said documentation shall include the circumstances surrounding any suspension, the reason for suspension, and any other pertinent facts concerning the disciplinary action. The principal shall file copies of his/her report with the Superintendent, other appropriate personnel, and the parent or guardian and retain a copy for his/her records.

READMITTANCE

- A. No student who has been expelled shall be admitted to any public school in any other parish or city school system in the state except upon the review and approval of the Superintendent or the Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance as his/her designee.
- B. Upon request for admittance, any student who has been expelled from any school shall provide the Board information on the dates of any expulsions and the reason or reasons for which the student was expelled. Additionally, the transfer of a student's records by any public school or school system in the state to any other public or nonpublic school or school system shall include information on the dates of any expulsions and the reason or reasons for which the student was expelled.
- C. Any student expelled from school may be readmitted on a probationary basis to school at any time during the specified period of expulsion on such terms and conditions as may be stipulated by the Board and agreed to in writing by the student and by the student's parent or other person responsible for the student's school

attendance. However, any such written agreement shall include a provision that upon the school principal's or Superintendent's making a determination that the student has violated any term or condition agreed to, the student shall be immediately removed from the school premises without the benefit of any hearing or other procedure applicable to student suspensions and expulsions.

- D. In addition to the readmittance provisions for all expulsions stated above, a pupil that has been expelled from any school in or out of state for possessing on school property or on a bus, a firearm, knife, or other dangerous weapon, or possessing or possession with intent to distribute or distributing, selling, giving, or loaning while on school property or a school bus any controlled dangerous substance shall not be enrolled or readmitted to any such school on a probationary basis prior to the completion of the period of expulsion until the pupil has enrolled and participated or is participating in an appropriate rehabilitation or counseling program related to the reason(s) for the expulsion. The rehabilitation or counseling programs shall be provided by such programs approved by the juvenile or family court having jurisdiction, if applicable, or by the School Board. The requirement for enrollment and participation in a rehabilitation or counseling program shall be waived only upon the pupil attesting, in writing, that no appropriate program is available in the area or that the pupil cannot enroll or participate due to financial hardship.
- E. Any student, **who commits assault or battery of a school employee, and/or,** upon serving the minimum time at an alternative school for a gun violation shall be required to appear before the full Board prior to being readmitted to any Terrebonne Parish school.

PARENTAL CONFERENCE

In each case of suspension or expulsion, the principal or designee shall contact the parent, tutor, or legal guardian to notify the parent, tutor, or legal guardian of the suspension or expulsion and to set up a conference. "Notice" shall be given by contacting the parent, tutor, or legal guardian by telephone at the telephone number shown on the pupil's registration card or by sending a certified letter to the address shown on the pupil's registration card. In the case of expulsion, a certified letter must be sent.

If the parent, tutor, or legal guardian fails to attend the required conference set by the principal within five (5) school days of notification, the truancy laws shall be effective. On not more than one occasion each school year when the parent, tutor, or legal guardian refuses to respond, the principal may determine whether readmitting the pupil is in the best interest of the pupil. On any subsequent occasions in the same school year, the pupil shall not be readmitted unless the parent, tutor, or legal guardian, court or other appointed representative responds.

In any case where a teacher, principal, or other school employee is authorized to require the parent, tutor, or legal guardian of a pupil to attend a conference or meeting regarding the pupil's behavior and after notice, the parent, tutor, or legal guardian willfully refuses to attend, the principal or designee shall file a complaint, in accordance with statutory provisions, with a court exercising juvenile jurisdiction.

SUSPENSION NOT APPLICABLE

Suspension of a student shall not apply to the following:

1. A student carrying or possessing a firearm or knife for purposes of involvement in a school class, course, or school-approved co-curricular or extracurricular activity or any other activity approved by appropriate school officials
2. A student possessing any controlled dangerous substance that has been obtained directly or due to a valid prescription or order from a licensed physician

However, such student shall carry verifiable evidence of that prescription or physician's order on his/her person at all times when in possession of any controlled dangerous substance.

Revised: June 1999

Revised: January 2000

Revised: February 2001

Revised: February 2004

Revised: February 2006

Revised: September 2006

Revised: November 2006

Revised: September 2007

Ref: 18 USC 921 (*Firearms – Definitions*); 20 USC 7151 (*Gun-Free Schools Act*); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§17:223, 17:416, 17:416.1, 17:416.2, 17:416.3, 17:2092; *Goss v. Lopez*, 95 S.Ct. 729 (1973); Regulations for Implementation of the Exceptional Children's Act, Bulletin 1706, Louisiana Department of Education; Board minutes, 1-21-97, 3-17-98, 6-15-99, 1-18-00, 10-17-00, 2-21-06, 8-15-06, 9-18-07.

Mr. Pitre discussed the matter pertaining to graduation ceremonies and devising a standardized, uniform agenda for high school graduation ceremonies (see attachment).

Recommendation #3

The Committee recommends that the Board direct the Secondary Supervisor to devise a committee and critique all high school graduation ceremonies.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roosevelt Thomas, Chairman

Clark Bonvillain, Vice-Chairman

Donald Duplantis

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board approved the NCLB/IDEA Consolidated Application for Federal Funds for the 2008-2009 school year, in the amount of \$11,163,520.00, as presented.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Bonvillain, unanimously carried, the Board approved revised Policy (FILE: H-3.5b, Suspension/Expulsion), as outlined in the foregoing report.

Mr. Russell Triche, Teacher at Evergreen Jr. High School, addressed and thanked the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Mr. Pitre, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board directed the Secondary Supervisor to devise a committee and critique all high school graduation ceremonies.

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

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Geri Parra, Parental Involvement Coordinator in the Federal Department, to attend the "I Care" Conference in Washington, D. C., July 9-11, 2008 (Wednesday-Friday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by LA-4 Pre-K Funds.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board awarded bids received meeting all specifications on hunting and trapping privileges on Section 16 Lands to the following highest bidders, as presented:

Mr. Shane Mayon Berwick, LA 70342	S16, T18S, R12E	\$8,510.99
Mr. Charles Lovell, Jr. Theriot, LA 70397	S16, T18S, R16E	\$7,205.00
K & B Hunting Club Mr. Keith Welch Chauvin, LA 70344	S16, T21S, R12E	\$ 600.00

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the proposal received on Microsoft School Agreements from Dell Marketing, LP, Round Rock, Texas 78682 for a three-year agreement in the amount of \$279,278.64 per year and authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Chris Babin, Network System Administrator, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Purchasing Department to advertise for proposals on cell phone services.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Harding, unanimously carried, the Board postponed the matter pertaining to televising Board meetings until the August 2008 Education and Policy Committee meeting.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(7:58 P.M.)**.

/s/ Ed Richard, Jr., Secretary

/s/ Hayes Badeaux, President

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