

TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
201 STADIUM DRIVE
HOUMA, LOUISIANA 70360

School Board Meeting – July 17, 2012

Order of Business

7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Minutes of School Board Meetings of June 19, June 26, and July 3, 2012
6. Superintendent's Agenda
 - A. Agenda Items
 - (1) Personnel Section
 - (a) Leave of Absence
 - 1) Military Leave Extension

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve an extension to a military leave of absence in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.7) for Latoya Authement, Teacher at Evergreen Junior High School, beginning August 6, 2012, through October 12, 2012.
 - (b) Personnel Actions for Period of June 14, 2012,

through July 11, 2012 [list of professional instructional and non-instructional/support personnel actions (contract renewals, appointment, resignations, and retirements – Information Only)]

(c) Personnel Announcements and Introductions (Information Only)

- 1) Principal, Legion Park School – Andrea Rodrigue
- 2) Principal, Grand Caillou Middle School – Cindy Gray
- 3) Assistant Principal, Ellender Memorial High School – Scotty Dryden
- 4) Master Teacher, H. L. Bourgeois High School – Jennie Toups
- 5) Guidance Counselor, Evergreen Junior High School – Shannon Benoit
- 6) Educational Technology Facilitator, Central Office – Tricia Corbin
- 7) Extracurricular Personnel Assignments:
 - Assistant Football Coach, Terrebonne High School – Zachary Chauvin
 - Head Boys' Track Coach, Terrebonne High School – Zachary Chauvin
 - Head Girls' Track Coach, Terrebonne High School – Craig Hamner

- Assistant Track Coach, Terrebonne High School – Daniel Roane
- Head Girls' Soccer Coach, Terrebonne High School – Ray LeCompte
- Golf Coach, Terrebonne High School – Gary Hill
- Bowling Coach, Terrebonne High School – Kenneth Fountain
- Drill Squad Sponsor, Terrebonne High School – Cindy Callahan
- Head Boys' Track 9th Grade Coach, South Terrebonne High School – Scott Guidroz
- Head Varsity Baseball Coach, South Terrebonne High School – Jay Gabehart
- Varsity Softball Coach, Ellender Memorial High School – Janie Trosclair
- Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, Ellender Memorial High School – Leah Gaudet
- Volleyball Coach, Evergreen Junior High School – Ashley Soudelier
- Softball Coach, Evergreen Junior High School – Ashley Soudelier

(2) Student Readmissions (Executive Session)

- (a) Readmission of Student #103062
 - (b) Readmission of Student #128100
 - (c) Readmission of Student #127742
 - (d) Readmission of Student #147034
 - (e) Readmission of Student #127683
 - (f) Readmission of Student #128628
 - (g) Readmission of Student #132507
- (3) Matter Pertaining to Employment of Law Firm of Hammonds & Sills of Baton Rouge and Monroe, Louisiana as Special Legal Counsel to Represent the Terrebonne Parish School Board, and the Adoption of a Resolution as it Relates to Act 2 Litigation Proposed by the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the employment of the Law Firm of Hammonds & Sills of Baton Rouge and Monroe, Louisiana as Special Legal Counsel to represent the Terrebonne Parish School Board, and the adoption of the following resolution as it relates to Act 2 Litigation proposed by the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA), all in accordance with State Law and Board Policy:

**RESOLUTION OF TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 42:263 authorizes the retention of special counsel by any school board upon a statement of reasons why such counsel is necessary and upon the approval by the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish School Board is in need of special counsel with experience, training, and expertise in school law issues, including, but not limited to, special education, school personnel matters, public bid law, and general school board policy matters

involving compliance with the federal and state laws and regulations, including due process hearings, tenure hearings, misconduct investigations, and the handling of administrative hearings and litigation in state and federal courts; and

WHEREAS, through its representations of various school boards throughout the State of Louisiana, the law firm of Hammonds & Sills of Baton Rouge and Monroe, Louisiana, has special experience, training, and expertise in school law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED by the Terrebonne Parish School Board in regular session duly convened:

Section I – This School Board does hereby employ the law firm of Hammonds & Sills of Baton Rouge and Monroe, Louisiana as special counsel with training, experience and expertise in school law issues including, but not limited to, special education, school personnel matters, public bid law and general policy matters to include administrative hearings and litigation with respect thereto for the purpose of advising, consulting with, and representing this School Board in connection with such legal matters involving the school system.

Section II – Said law firm shall be paid for their services at hourly rates equal to the maximum hourly fee schedule for special counsel published by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana in effect at the time of the services, except that the paralegal rate shall be \$75.00 per hour, and to be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses for long distance telephone calls, document duplication, expert witness fees, court reporter fees, printing costs, travel expenses and other expenses as a result of the legal services to and for this School Board.

Section III – Said law firm shall keep itemized time records for presentation to the Superintendent with respect to services rendered at said hourly rates and the expenses incurred, and the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to pay same upon submission and receipt thereof.

Section IV – This employment is effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

- (4) Matter Pertaining to Pending Litigation – Suit #167158, The Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux vs. Terrebonne Parish School Board, 32nd Judicial District Court, Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (Possible Executive Session)
- (5) Matter Pertaining to Exploring Revenue Generating Measures

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve allowing the Superintendent to form a strategic committee(s) comprised of various community members and staff to explore, develop strategies, and devise a plan for a revenue generating initiative, with any and all plans subject to Board approval.

7. Announcements

8/06

5:00 Education & Policy Committee

8/07

7:00 Regular School Board Meeting

8. Adjournment

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