

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

January 9, 2018

The Terrebonne Parish School Board met today at 6:00 P.M. in regular session at its regular meeting place, the Terrebonne Parish School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, Houma, Louisiana, with Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, president, presiding, and the following members present: Ms. Vicki Bonvillain, vice president; Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Richard Jackson, Mrs. Debi Benoit, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, and Mr. Donald Duplantis.

ABSENT: Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin

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 Tommy Thompson, former Terrebonne Parish School Board Member, supervisor, and principal; Kathy Tamplain, retired central office supervisor; Jeanette T. Boudreaux, retired teacher aide; Amelia L. Breaux, retired school food service employee; Barbara L. Malbrough, retired school teacher; Eugene J. Aycock, retired custodian; Rose Dell Franklin, retired custodian, and Marguerite C. Pellegriin, retired school food service employee, who recently passed away.

Motion of Ms. Bonvillain, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meeting of December 5, 2017, as recorded.

President DeHart announced that the first order of business was the election of the president and vice president of the Terrebonne Parish School Board for a one-year term beginning this date.

Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, placed in nomination for the presidency the name of Mr. Roger Dale DeHart.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the nominations for the office of president were closed.

A roll call vote having been taken for the election of Mr. Roger Dale DeHart as president, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Harding, Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Benoit, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, Mr. Duplantis, and Ms. Bonvillain

NAYS: Mr. Thomas

ABSENT: Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin

Mr. Roger Dale DeHart was declared elected president of the Terrebonne Parish School Board for a one-year term beginning this date.

President DeHart announced that nominations were open for the office of vice president of the Board for a one-year term beginning this date.

Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, placed in nomination for the vice presidency the name of Ms. Vicki Bonvillain.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Benoit, placed in nomination for the vice presidency the name of Mrs. Debi Benoit.

The nominations for the office of vice president were closed.

A roll call vote having been taken for the election of the vice president, the vote thereon was as follows:

For Ms. Vicki Bonvillain – Mr. Jackson, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, Mr. Duplantis, and Ms. Bonvillain

For Mrs. Debi Benoit – Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harding, and Mrs. Benoit

ABSENT: Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin

Ms. Vicki Bonvillain was declared elected vice president of the Terrebonne Parish School Board for a one-year term beginning this date.

Several announcements were made by President DeHart relative to upcoming meetings.

The following report of the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee Meeting was presented to the Board with Mr. Jackson, chairman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

The Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee met at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, December 11, 2017, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Richard Jackson, chairman, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, vice chairman, and Mr. Gregory Harding. Also in attendance were Mr. Donald Duplantis, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Board president, Ms. Vicki Bonvillain, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mrs. Rebecca Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Committee regarding the option to continue the service agreement with Professional Safety Consultants for environmental consulting and testing (attached).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board approve the option to extend the service agreement providing environmental consultant and testing services with Professional Safety Consultants, LLC, Marrero, LA, for an approximately three (3) year period from January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2020, funds to be derived from the General Fund.

Mr. Curtis Constrantiche, Purchasing Agent, addressed the Committee regarding the Outdoor Advertising Lease Extension (attached).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board grant Bayou Signs Outdoors, LLC, 1305 Ridgefield Road, Thibodaux, LA 70301, a one (1) year Lease Agreement extension (December 1, 2017, to November 30, 2018), at the current rental rate of \$6,100.00 per year for the outside advertising sign located on Southdown Elementary School property, all terms and conditions of the current Lease Agreement to remain the same, and further, authorize the Board president to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Merlin Lirette, AIA, CEFP, The Merlin Group, Ltd., addressed the Committee regarding an update on construction of the new Electrical Building at Louis Miller Terrebonne Career and Technical High School (attached).

Mr. Lirette addressed the Committee regarding construction updates of the new Southdown Elementary School (attached).

Mr. Daniel Bruce, AIA, Cheramie and Bruce Architects, APC, addressed the Committee with updates regarding the re-roofing of the Ellender Memorial High School Auditorium (attached).

Superintendent Martin addressed the Committee regarding maintenance updates.

There being no further business to come before the **Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee**, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Jackson, Chairman

L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice Chairman

Gregory Harding

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Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board approved the option to extend the service agreement providing environmental consultant and testing services with Professional Safety Consultants, LLC, Marrero, LA, for an approximately three (3) year period from January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2020, funds to be derived from the General Fund.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board granted Bayou Signs Outdoors, LLC, 1305 Ridgefield Road, Thibodaux, LA 70301, a one (1) year Lease Agreement extension (December 1, 2017, to November 30, 2018), at the current rental rate of \$6,100.00 per year for the outside advertising sign located on Southdown Elementary School property, all terms and conditions of the current Lease Agreement to remain the same, and further, authorized the Board president to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

The report of the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meeting was concluded, and President DeHart reassumed the Chair and presided for the remainder of the proceedings.

The Executive Committee report was presented to the Board.

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

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Executive Committee** met at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, president, Ms. Vicki Bonvillain, vice president, and Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III. Also in attendance were Mr. Donald

Duplantis, Mr. Richard Jackson, Superintendent Philip Martin, and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

The meeting began with an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The **Executive Committee** examined and authorized payment of invoices for the current month (including supplemental payroll and travel expenses).

The **Executive Committee** addressed member concerns.

There being no further business to come before the **Executive Committee**, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Dale DeHart, President

Vicki Bonvillain, Vice President

L. P. Bordelon, III

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The Executive Committee report was concluded.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board approved and ratified the 2018-2019 School Calendar with the school year beginning August 2, 2018 (for employees), August 6, 2018 (for students), and ending May 24, 2019, with the following holidays to be observed during the school session: Labor Day, September 3, 2018; Fall Break, October 5-8, 2018; Thanksgiving, November 19-23, 2018; Christmas, December 24, 2018 - January 4, 2019; students return on January 7, 2019; Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday (observance), January 21, 2019; Mardi Gras, March 4-8, 2019; and Easter/Spring Break, April 19-26, 2019; (Fall make-up days, **if needed**, will be October 5, October 8, and November 19, 2018; Spring make-up days, **if needed**, will be March 7, and March 8, 2019); students' last day will be May 23, 2019, and teachers' last day will be May 24, 2019.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Ms. Bonvillain, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the lowest qualified proposal for District-Wide Area Network (WAN) Services from Hunt Telecommunications d/b/a Uniti Fiber, 107 St. Francis Street, Suite 1800, Mobile, AL 36602, for a total cost of \$2,736,867.04 for five (5) years, with an initial three (3) year contract, plus an option to renew for two (2) additional years, subject to Board attorney review, and further, 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. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Susan Draghici, teacher at Ellender Memorial High School, beginning November 1, 2017, through February 21, 2018 (medical).

Motion of Ms. Bonvillain, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution recognizing January 2018 as "Local School Board Member Recognition Month" in the State of Louisiana:

RESOLUTION**Louisiana School Board Recognition Month
January 2018**

Whereas the education of Louisiana's school-aged children is the foundation upon which the economic, social and intellectual capital of our state is built;

Whereas locally elected school boards play an important and vital role in a representative democracy, and decisions made by local boards of education directly influence instruction in Louisiana's public schools;

Whereas these decisions affect the present and future lives of children, and also set direction to prepare all students to be competitive in a local, state, national, and global 21st century economy;

Whereas local school board members work with parents, businesses, education professionals, all elected officials and other community members to create the educational visions we want for our students;

Whereas this year's theme – **SCHOOL BOARDS MATTER!** - reflects the relevance of local school board members as they advocate for public education with local, state, and federal leaders; and

Whereas School Board Recognition Month provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the thousands of people in Louisiana who champion the mission of public education and school board members; now, therefore be it

Resolved, the Terrebonne Parish School Board recognizes the contributions of the state's local school boards to the academic success of its public school students and expresses its sincerest recognition to the local school board members for their focus on the well-being and achievement of children throughout the state; further

Resolved, the Terrebonne Parish School Board declares January 2018 as School Board Member Recognition Month and encourages local school districts and community leaders to appropriately recognize our state's dedicated school board members; and be it finally

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all local media contacts and Terrebonne Parish public schools and office buildings.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Ms. Bonvillain, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (6:30 P.M.), relative to a parent appeal for early readmission of Student #127292.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session (6:35 P.M.) with all members present, with the exception of Dr. Babin who was absent.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Ms. Bonvillain, unanimously carried, the Board allowed Student #127292 to return to school tomorrow, subject to signing a contract.

President DeHart addressed the Board relative to the rescheduling of School Board Meeting of January 16, 2018, to January 23, 2018, and reschedule the agenda deadline from noon Wednesday, January 10, 2018, to noon Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

Motion of Ms. Bonvillain, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board rescheduled the School Board Meeting of January 16, 2018, to January 23, 2018, and rescheduled the agenda deadline from noon Wednesday, January 10, 2018, to noon Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Ms. Bonvillain, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(6:40 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ Roger Dale DeHart, President

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