

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

November 13, 2012

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. L. P. Bordelon, III, President, presiding, and the following members present: Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Vice-President, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Richard Jackson, Ms. Debi Benoit, Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux.

ABSENT: None

Dr. Babin led the Board and audience in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Ernest Matherne, retired school administrator; Roy Joyce, retired school teacher; Logan Bergeron, student at Evergreen Junior High School; and Bertha Lynn Griffin, student at South Terrebonne High School, who recently passed away.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meeting of October 16, 2012, as recorded.

The following Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee report was presented to the Board with Mr. Badeaux, Chairman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee** met on Monday, November 12, 2012, at 5:00 P. M. in the Board Room of the School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, with the following members present: Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux, Chairman, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Gregory Harding. Others in attendance were Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Donald Duplantis, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

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

Mrs. Monica Walther, Supervisor of Child Nutrition, addressed the Committee regarding Spring Bids for Meat and Frozen Items (see attached).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the lowest bids meeting all specifications received on Meat and Frozen Items for the 2012-2013 Spring Session from Bell Foods, Harahan, LA, in the amount of \$90,043.94; Diamond Food Distributors, Inc., Jefferson, LA, in the amount of \$367,172.76; F. Christiana & Company, Marrero, LA, in the amount of \$188,486.30; Food Way, Shreveport, LA, in the amount of \$24,500.00, and Lacassagne's, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA, in the amount of \$5,348.00, funds to be derived from the Child Nutrition Fund, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mrs. Walther addressed the Committee regarding Spring Bids for Canned and Dry Items (see attached).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the lowest bids meeting all specifications received on Canned and Dry Items for the 2012-2013 Spring Session from Bell Foods, Harahan, LA, in the amount of \$17,201.76; Diamond Food Distributors, Inc., Jefferson, LA, in the amount of \$133,456.52; F. Christiana & Company, Marrero, LA, in the amount of \$9,129.50; Groetsch, Inc., Harahan, LA, in the amount of \$52,788.70, and Lacassagne's, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA, in the amount of \$5,248.60, funds to be derived from the Child Nutrition Fund, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Chuck Haynes, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, addressed the Committee requesting to purchase servitude for utility right-of-way on Terrebonne Parish School Board's Grand Caillou Road property (next to Saia Motor Freight - see attached).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the offer from Entergy Louisiana, LLC, in the amount of \$27,387.00 for a thirty (30) foot wide servitude for utility right-of-way on Terrebonne Parish School Board's Grand Caillou Road property (next to Saia Motor Freight), pending all insurance requirements being met, consult with the Board attorney for review, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Donald Chamberlain, Plant Operations Manager, addressed the Committee with an update on South Terrebonne High School's Elevator Project. He stated the bid opening is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2012, for this project (see attached).

Mr. Harold LeRay, PE, GSE Associates, LLC, addressed the Committee requesting acceptance of the warranty offered by Cool Water Technologies, LLC for the Ellender Memorial High School Cooling Tower Project. Substantial Completion request will be presented at the next Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meeting (see attached).

Mr. Merlin Lirette, AIA, REFP, The Merlin Group, LTD, addressed the Committee with an update on H. L. Bourgeois High School's Freshman Center (see attached).

Superintendent Philip Martin addressed the Committee with an update on the New Grand Caillou Middle School (see attached).

A lengthy discussion ensued.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the lowest responsible bidder received meeting all specifications, reviewed and approved by The Merlin Group, LTD, for the New Grand Caillou Middle School, from Thompson Construction, Inc., for a total base bid of \$14,365,000.00, plus Alternate #1 for \$30,000.00 (terrazzo flooring on second floor), increase the budget by \$3,766,527.00 (from \$12,000,000.00 to \$15,766,527.00), including architectural, engineering and on site project representative fees, funds to be derived from previously approved Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB), and

dedicated portion of the One Cent Sales Tax, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

There were no building updates.

There being no further business to come before the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee, the meeting was adjourned (6:28 p. m.).

Respectfully submitted,

Hayes J. Badeaux, Chairman

Roger Dale DeHart, Vice-Chairman

Gregory Harding

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Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the lowest bids meeting all specifications received on Meat and Frozen Items for the 2012-2013 Spring Session from Bell Foods, Harahan, LA, in the amount of \$90,043.94; Diamond Food Distributors, Inc., Jefferson, LA, in the amount of \$367,172.76; F. Christiana & Company, Marrero, LA, in the amount of \$188,486.30; Food Way, Shreveport, LA, in the amount of \$24,500.00, and Lacassagne's, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA, in the amount of \$5,348.00, funds to be derived from the Child Nutrition Fund, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Harding, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the lowest bids meeting all specifications received on Canned and Dry Items for the 2012-2013 Spring Session from Bell Foods, Harahan, LA, in the amount of \$17,201.76; Diamond Food Distributors, Inc., Jefferson, LA, in the amount of \$133,456.52; F. Christiana & Company, Marrero, LA, in the amount of \$9,129.50; Groetsch, Inc., Harahan, LA, in the amount of \$52,788.70, and Lacassagne's, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA, in the amount of \$5,248.60, funds to be derived from the Child Nutrition Fund, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the offer from Entergy Louisiana, LLC, in the amount of \$27,387.00 for a thirty (30) foot wide servitude for utility right-of-way on Terrebonne Parish School Board's Grand Caillou Road property (next to Saia Motor Freight), pending all insurance requirements being met, Board attorney review, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. DeHart moved, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, that the Board accept the lowest responsible bidder received meeting all specifications, reviewed and approved by The Merlin Group, LTD, for the New Grand Caillou Middle School, from Thompson Construction, Inc., for a total base bid of \$14,365,000.00, plus Alternate #1 for \$30,000.00 (terrazzo flooring on second floor), increase the budget by \$3,766,527.00 (from \$12,000,000.00 to \$15,766,527.00), including architectural, engineering and on site project representative fees, funds to be derived from previously approved Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB), and dedicated portion of the One Cent Sales Tax, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Superintendent Philip Martin addressed the Board and gave an overview of the proposed New Grand Caillou Middle School construction project.

Mr. Merlin Lirette, Architect, also addressed the Board regarding the proposed New Grand Caillou Middle School construction project.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Babin, offered a substitute motion that the Board accept the lowest responsible bidder received meeting all specifications, reviewed and approved by The Merlin Group, LTD, for the New Grand Caillou Middle School, from Thompson Construction, Inc., for a total base bid of \$14,365,000.00, plus Alternate #1 for \$30,000.00 (terrazzo flooring on second floor), increase the budget by \$3,766,527.00 (from \$12,000,000.00 to \$15,766,527.00), including architectural, engineering and on site project representative fees, funds to be derived from previously approved Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB), and dedicated portion of the One Cent Sales Tax, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto, and further, that the Board allow any FEMA funding received in the future (relative to the repetitive flooding of the old Grand Caillou Elementary School) be used for the building of a gymnasium at the New Grand Caillou Middle School.

A roll call vote having been called for on the substitute motion, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Thomas

NAYS: Mr. Harding, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Benoit, Dr. Babin, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. DeHart, Mr. Duplantis, and Mr. Badeaux

ABSENT: None

President Bordelon declared the substitute motion failed to carry.

Discussion continued.

A roll call vote then having been called for on the original motion, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: Mr. Thomas and Dr. Babin

ABSENT: None

President Bordelon declared the original motion to accept the lowest responsible bidder received meeting all specifications, reviewed and approved by The Merlin Group, LTD, for the New Grand Caillou Middle School, from Thompson Construction, Inc., for a total base bid of \$14,365,000.00, plus Alternate #1 for \$30,000.00 (terrazzo flooring on second floor), increase the budget by \$3,766,527.00 (from \$12,000,000.00 to \$15,766,527.00), including architectural, engineering and on site project representative fees, funds to be derived from previously approved Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB), and dedicated portion of the One Cent Sales Tax, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto carried.

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

The Executive Committee report was presented to the Board.

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

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Executive Committee** met at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, in the Board Conference Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, President, and Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Vice-President. Mr. Donald Duplantis was absent. Others in attendance were Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux, Superintendent Philip Martin, Mr. Harris Henry, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. Bordelon, III, President

Roger Dale DeHart, Vice-President

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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. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, 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 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, in the Board Conference Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, President, and Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Donald Duplantis was absent. Others in attendance were Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux, Superintendent Philip Martin, Mr. Harris Henry, and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

The **Board of Directors** received the September 2012 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,

L. P. Bordelon, III, President

Roger Dale DeHart, Secretary/Treasurer

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The report of the Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc. was concluded.

At this time, Superintendent Martin presented the following information as it relates to "American Education Week:"

American Education Week will be observed on November 11-17, 2012, in Terrebonne Parish schools. This special week focuses on the importance of education and all that it stands for. Annually, the week preceding the week of Thanksgiving is proclaimed American Education Week.

Educational Support Personnel Day will be observed in Terrebonne Parish schools on November 14, 2012. Annually, the Wednesday in American Education Week is designated as a special day to honor the many contributions of school support employees. School districts, parents, and students will pay tribute to school support personnel on this annual observance of Educational Support Personnel Day.

The Board then recognized the following 2012 Terrebonne Parish Youth Advisory Council Members, as introduced by Ms. Arlanda Williams, Terrebonne Parish Council Chairwoman:

Chance Aucoin	South Terrebonne High School
Dylan Barrios	Terrebonne High School
Gabrielle Cantrelle	Terrebonne High School
Christen Carter	Terrebonne High School
Ashley Dupre	South Terrebonne High School
Brittany Dupre	Terrebonne High School
Gwyneth Engeron	Vandebilt Catholic High School
Amber Gatlin	Terrebonne High School
Bryahna E. Gray	Ellender Memorial High School
Christina McCain	Vandebilt Catholic High School
Megan McCormick	H. L. Bourgeois High School
Barry McGuire	Terrebonne High School
Sasha Patterson	H. L. Bourgeois High School
Sarah Simoneaux	South Terrebonne High School
Jeffery Williams	H. L. Bourgeois High School
Corielle Smith	

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Philip Martin, Superintendent; Dr. Debra Yarbrough, Supervisor of Personnel; Stacy Solet, Supervisor of Elementary Education/State Assessment and Testing; Nason Authement, Supervisor of Secondary Education (Central Office); Graham Douglas, Principal, Terrebonne High School; Kim Vauclin, Principal, Montegut Middle School; Mary Aucoin, Principal, Mulberry Elementary School; Donna Benoit, Teacher, Houma Junior High School; Tamara Melancon, Teacher, Montegut Middle School; and Bambi Billiot, Teacher, Coteau-Bayou Blue Elementary School, to attend the "Teaching is Learning: Creating Systems for Teacher Support and Improvement Forum" in Phoenix, Arizona, January 7-9, 2013 (Monday-Wednesday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Superintendent Philip Martin then announced, for informational purposes, the following personnel appointments and gave introductions:

Master Teacher, Grand Caillou Elementary School – Dian Pellegrin

Master Teacher, Oaklawn Junior High School – LaCest Campbell

Master Teacher, South Terrebonne High School – Trisha Melancon

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medial leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Ramona Kimble, Teacher at Acadian Elementary School, beginning December 10, 2012, through December 21, 2012 (medical).

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Dr. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (8:20 P.M.), relative to a parent appeal for early readmission of Student #126376.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session with all members present (8:42 P.M.).

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, with the exception of Ms. Benoit and Dr. Babin who objected, the Board allowed Student #126376 to return to the base school in January 2013, subject to signing a contract.

Motion of Dr. Babin, seconded by Mr. DeHart, with the exception of Mr. Duplantis who objected, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (8:45 P.M.), relative to a parent appeal for early readmission of Student #135160.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session with all members present (9:05 P.M.).

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, with the exception of Mr. Thomas who objected, the Board denied the parent appeal for early readmission of Student #135160.

At this time Superintendent Philip Martin and Members of the Board took a few minutes to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to the Montegut Elementary School administration, faculty, staff, parents, students, volunteers, and the community for their hard work in the organization and planning for the recognition of the 100 Year Centennial Celebration of Montegut Elementary School held on November 10, 2012. It was certainly well-attended and enjoyed by the hundreds of visitors and former students of the school, and they all deserve to be commended for a quite obvious success.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Dr. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(9:20 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

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

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