

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**December 4, 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, Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Richard Jackson and Ms. Debi Benoit

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Judith Henry, retired school secretary and wife of Mr. Harris Henry, Executive Director of Finance and Auxiliary Services, who recently passed away.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meeting of November 13, 2012, as recorded.

The Executive Committee report was presented to the Board.

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

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Executive Committee** met at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, in the Board Conference Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, President, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Vice-President, and Mr. Donald Duplantis. Also in attendance was Superintendent Philip Martin.

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,

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L. P. Bordelon, III, President

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Roger Dale DeHart, Vice-President

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Donald Duplantis

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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 Dr. Babin, 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, November 20, 2012, in the Board Conference Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, President, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Secretary/Treasurer, and Mr. Donald Duplantis. Also in attendance was Superintendent Philip Martin.

The **Board of Directors** received the October 2012 financial statement (attachment).

The **Board of Directors** allowed the Superintendent and/or his designee to negotiate a new lease with B.E.C.D.A. Ventures, LLC, DBA, The Salon Rubicon, at 252 Barrow Street for an advance security deposit of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars and a monthly lease of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for the period of December 1, 2012, through November 30, 2013, with three (3) one-year options to renew contract at the end of each said period, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

There being no further business to come before the **Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc.**, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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L. P. Bordelon, III, President

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Roger Dale DeHart, Secretary/Treasurer

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Donald Duplantis

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

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Greta Hebert, Paraprofessional at Upper Little Caillou Elementary School, beginning November 20, 2012, through March 7, 2013 (medical).

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Tasha Ryals, Teacher at Houma Junior High School, beginning January 3, 2013, through April 11, 2013 (care for newborn).

Motion of Dr. Babin, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time **(7:07 P.M.)**, relative to a parent appeal for readmission of Student #130162.

Motion of Dr. Babin, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session with all members present, with the exception of Mr. Jackson who was absent **(7:35 P.M.)**. Ms. Benoit entered the meeting during executive session and was present for the remainder of the proceedings.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Dr. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board denied the parent appeal for readmission of Student #130162.

Motion of Dr. Babin, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time **(7:40 P.M.)**, relative to a parent appeal for readmission of Student #134640.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Dr. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session with all members present, with the exception of Mr. Jackson who was absent **(8:00 P.M.)**.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, with the exception of Ms. Benoit who objected, the Board allowed Student #134640 to return to the base school in January 2013, subject to signing a contract.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time **(8:05 P.M.)**, relative to "Matter Pertaining to Pending Litigation – Joel Williams versus Docket No. 161506, Terrebonne Parish School Board, 32<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana."

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session with all members present, with the exception of Mr. Jackson who was absent **(8:20 P.M.)**.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board authorized Mr. Bernard Levy, Attorney, to execute a settlement relative to "Pending Litigation – Joel Williams versus Docket No. 161506, Terrebonne Parish School Board, 32<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana."

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Harding, unanimously carried, the Board rescheduled the School Board Meeting of January 1, 2013, to January 8, 2013 (Due to Christmas Holidays), and rescheduled the agenda deadline from noon Wednesday, December 26, 2012, to 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

At this time, Mr. Thomas addressed the Board regarding the 1965 Consent Decree and the recent ruling by Judge Timothy Kelley that the diversion of public tax dollars dedicated for public education to private entities (voucher program) is unconstitutional based on the provisions of the Louisiana Constitution.

Mr. Clayton Lovell, Board Attorney, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing matter.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Thomas requested that School Board Members be kept informed of any future developments as it relates to the voucher program.

President Bordelon reminded School Board Members of the upcoming "Teenager of the Year" Recognition Award Ceremony which will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. at the American Legion Home on Legion Avenue.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(8:45 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

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

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