

**TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
201 STADIUM DRIVE
HOUMA, LOUISIANA 70360**

School Board Meeting – March 3, 2015

Order of Business

6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Minutes of School Board Meeting of February 10, 2015

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the minutes of School Board Meeting of February 10, 2015, as recorded.

6. Citizens' Concerns
 - A. Darryl DiMaggio, Sr. – Common Core
 - B. Candace LaJaunie – Opting Out Common Core, Resolution, PARCC
 - C. Stacy Hargenrader – Common Core
 - D. David Mounts – Common Core Parent Concerns
7. Board Committee Meeting Reports
 - A. Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee (See Attached Committee Report of February 9, 2015, Meeting)

- B. Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee (See Attached Committee Report of February 11, 2015, Meeting)
 - C. Executive Committee (See Attached Committee Report of February 10, 2015, Meeting)
 - D. Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc. (See Attached Committee Report of February 10, 2015, Meeting)
8. Superintendent's Agenda
- A. Agenda Item
 - (1) Matter Pertaining to Pending Litigation – Jessie D. Authement and Jean LeBoeuf vs. Terrebonne Parish School Board, Yvette B. Hebert, ACE American Insurance Company, and Progressive Security Insurance Company, Docket No. 165,794, Div. E., 32nd Judicial District Court, Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (Possible Executive Session)
9. Individual School Board Member
- A. Ms. Vicki Bonvillain – Matter Pertaining to Consideration of Approval of Resolution as it Relates to Removal of the Implementation of CCSS and PARCC Testing in the Terrebonne Parish School System

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve and authorize the following Resolution to request that Governor Bobby Jindal and State Superintendent of Education John White respectfully request members of the Louisiana Legislature use their authority to remove the Terrebonne Parish Public School System from the implementation of CCSS and PARCC testing until these programs have been thoroughly reviewed and understood by teachers, parents, community leaders, and approved by School Board Members:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Public School System provides a caring environment for learning, a challenging, relevant and data driven curriculum, based upon progress monitoring to assess student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the Terrebonne Parish School Board members were not familiar with the Common Core State Standards since the idea was first introduced to the State of Louisiana through the rejection of a Race to the Top agreement in January of 2010; and its adoption was accepted without fully being completed and remains fluid; and

WHEREAS, constant commitment to improvement and high performance has made the Terrebonne Parish Public School System develop and implement numerous initiatives to progress monitor student achievement in an effort to ensure rigor and excellence within the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Terrebonne Parish School Board, duly elected by the citizens of the parish, believe that education is not the mandate of the Federal Government or any national board; but an obligation to each state to meet the local culture, in economic growth and local prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish School Board believes that the Common Core State Standards were implemented too quickly, were not a consensus or reviewed by top educators, parents, administrators or school board members in our state; therefore, the common core standards do not reflect the norms of our teachers, parents or the community values of Terrebonne Parish; and

WHEREAS, significant time, effort and expense on the district and employees have been associated with the modification of Terrebonne Parish's Guaranteed Curriculum to comply with the Common Core requirements and its implementation for a curriculum that remains incomplete; and

WHEREAS, major investments in equipment and upgrades to our infrastructure are required to comply with the requirements of PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and

Careers) without any federal or state relief for the technology and training needed; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the actual assessments is significantly more expensive than the current assessment especially since it will cover all grade levels and this will be an ongoing expense that imposes an undue burden to our School System; and this is another unfunded federal mandate; and

WHEREAS, we do not currently believe that the Terrebonne Parish Public School System has objectionable material in any of our existing and proposed curriculum; although the state has approved some inappropriate literature; however, we do furthermore encourage all parents, teachers, and administrators to elevate concerns of material in the curriculum to the Principals, Superintendent, and School Board Members; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish School Board objects to the collection and sharing of the 400 data points related to the “Learner” element of the National Education Data Model (NEDM) of which students' data is required to be shared through the PARCC with individuals who do not have a vested interest or obligation to individual student growth; further, any agreement of this nature breaches students' rights to privacy without parental permission; and

WHEREAS, our belief is that Common Core State Standards do not justify the disruption to instruction, accountability, professional development and teacher preparation that follows adoption of these standards and PARCC assessments in our system; and we further believe that the shortage of teachers in our district is a direct result of the push and implementation of curriculum that is not at the core of these content areas, and the former Guaranteed Curriculum, state approved, adopted and implemented in the Terrebonne Parish Public School System meets the needs of every child, every day and there is data to prove it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board does hereby request that Governor Bobby Jindal, State Superintendent of Education John White, and members of BESE remove the one-size-fits-all approach to testing and curriculum; allow the state to develop its own education benchmarks that do

not mirror Common Core; that are teacher developed, parent reviewed and school board approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board does hereby request that Governor Bobby Jindal, State Superintendent of Education John White, and members of BESE remove Terrebonne Parish Public School System from implementing the National Assessment (PARCC Testing) as it is an undue financial burden and an example of federal over-reach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board does hereby request that Governor Bobby Jindal, State Superintendent of Education John White, and members of BESE allow Terrebonne Parish to revert back to the Louisiana Comprehensive Curriculum in ELA for one year to restructure the curriculum with teachers, parents, community members and school board members, utilizing the ACT College Entrance Exam as an evaluation of our National Achievement Mandates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that if Governor Bobby Jindal, State Superintendent of Education John White, and members of BESE do not take this action, the Terrebonne Parish School Board does hereby respectfully request members of the Louisiana Legislature use their authority to remove the Terrebonne Parish Public School System from the implementation of CCSS and PARCC testing until these programs have been thoroughly reviewed and understood by teachers, parents, community leaders and approved by school board members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board, with copies being sent to Governor Bobby Jindal, State Superintendent of Education John White, members of BESE, all members of the Louisiana Legislature and all schools in the Terrebonne Parish Public School System.

10. Announcements

3/9

5:00 Buildings, Food Service, & Transportation Committee

3/12

5:00 ERC

3/16

5:00 Finance, Insurance, & Section 16 Lands Committee

3/17

5:00 Executive Committee

5:30 Board of Directors, Terrebonne Construction
Company, Inc.

6:00 Regular School Board Meeting

11. Adjournment

Philip Martin, Superintendent
Terrebonne Parish School Board
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TERREBONNE
Parish School District

201 Stadium Drive, Houma, LA 70360

March 3, 2015

Dear Members of the Board:

The Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee met at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 9, 2015, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Gregory Harding, Chairman, Mr. Richard Jackson, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Roger Dale DeHart. Also in attendance were Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Board President, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Donald Duplantis, Ms. Vicki Bonvillain, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

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

Ms. Kayla Guerrero, Representative, Region 3 Office of Public Health, addressed the Committee regarding Memorandums of Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Public Health and Hospitals.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Region 3 Office of Public Health, for the use of H. L. Bourgeois High School, South Terrebonne High School, Southdown Elementary School, and the School Board Central Office for the purpose of responding to an emergency incident requiring mass vaccination and dispensing of medications and/or supplies, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Ms. Monica Walther, MS, RD, LDN, Supervisor, Child Nutrition Program, addressed the Committee regarding authorization to proceed with the

advertisement of bids for Meats and Frozen Items, and Canned and Dry Goods for the 2015 Fall school session.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Child Nutrition Department to proceed with the advertisement of six month bids (July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015), for Meats and Frozen Items; and Canned and Dry Goods for the 2015 Fall school session.

Ms. Walther addressed the Committee regarding authorization to advertise for yearly bids for Milk and Milk Products; Fruit Juice; Supplies and Disposables; Fresh Fruits and Vegetables; and Bread for the 2015-2016 school year.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Child Nutrition Department to proceed with the advertisement of yearly bids (July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016), for Milk and Milk Products; Fruit Juice; Supplies and Disposables; Fresh Fruits and Vegetables; and Bread for the 2015-2016 school year.

Ms. Carolyn Champagne, Purchasing Agent, addressed the Committee regarding authorization to advertise for bids for Auxiliary Materials, Supplies, Equipment, and Services for the 2015-2016 school year.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Purchasing Department to proceed with the advertisement of bids for Auxiliary Materials, Supplies, Equipment, and Services for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Chip Didier, Director of the Houma-Thibodaux Bayou Bandits, addressed the Committee regarding fees charged, according to the Use of School Facilities Policy (see attached).

Mr. Craig Hebert, AIA, A Professional Architect Corp., addressed the

Committee regarding an update of the Press Box Renovation Project at South Terrebonne High School (see attached).

Chairman Harding withdrew agenda Item (8), matter bearing upon artificial turf at South Terrebonne High School and Terrebonne High School Stadiums.

Mr. Donald Chamberlain, Plant Operations Manager, 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 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Harding, Chairman

Richard Jackson, Vice-Chairman

Roger Dale DeHart

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**TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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March 3, 2015

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 Wednesday, February 11, 2015, with the following members present: Ms. Debi Benoit, Chairwoman, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Donald Duplantis. Also in attendance were Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

Ms. Benoit called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Carolyn Champagne, Purchasing Agent, addressed the Committee regarding authorization for the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids for the Office Supply Catalog Contract for the 2015/2016 school year.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids for the Office Supply Catalog Contract for the 2015/2016 school year.

Chairwoman Benoit withdrew agenda Item (3), matter bearing upon 403b and 457 Request for Proposals.

Ms. Rebecca Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2014/2015 revised budget for the General Operating Fund.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the following 2014/2015 revised budget for the General Operating Fund:

**General Operating Fund
Revised Budget
2014/2015 Fiscal Year
February 2015**

Revenues

Local Revenues	\$ 19,948,303
State Revenues	89,910,166
Federal Revenues	<u>102,476</u>
Total Revenues	\$109,960,945

Expenditures

Instructional	\$ 76,497,916
Instructional Support Services	46,732,426
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	1,094,683
Debt Service	<u>74,925</u>
Total Expenditures	\$124,399,950

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Other Sources of Funds	\$ 18,220,086
Other Uses of Funds	<u>(5,579,507)</u>
Total Other Sources (Uses)	\$ 12,640,579

Net Change in Fund Balance (1,798,426)

Beginning Fund Balance \$ 13,045,751

Ending Fund Balance

Assigned - Act 1 Implementation \$ 1,000,000

Assigned - Financial Software 750,000

Unassigned 9,497,325

Total Ending Fund Balance \$ 11,247,325

Ms. Breaux presented the 2014/2015 revised budget for the Child Nutrition Program Fund.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the following 2014/2015 revised budget for the Child Nutrition Program Fund:

**Child Nutrition Program Fund
Revised Budget
2014/2015 Fiscal Year
February 2015**

Revenues

Local Sources	\$1,407,877
State Sources	321,761
Federal Sources	<u>7,198,504</u>
Total Revenues	\$8,928,142

Expenditures

Salaries	\$2,643,182
Employee Benefits	2,073,804
Purchased Services	639,120
Supplies	4,098,089
Property	<u>172,837</u>
Total Expenditures	\$9,627,032

Other Financing Sources

Other Sources of Funds	<u>\$ 447,126</u>
Total Other Sources (Uses)	\$ 447,126

Net Change in Fund Balance (251,764)

Beginning Fund Balance \$ 647,832

Ending Fund Balance

Non-spendable	<u>\$396,068</u>
Total Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$396,068</u>

Ms. Breaux presented the 2014/2015 revised budget for the One Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the following 2014/2015 revised budget for the One Cent Sales Tax Fund:

**One Cent Sales Tax Fund (1996)
Revised Budget
2014/2015 Fiscal Year
February 2015**

Revenues

Local - Sales Tax	\$26,417,335
- Interest	<u>51,000</u>
Total Revenues	\$26,468,335

Expenditures

Compensation & Benefits	\$15,896,774
Technology	2,349,777
Capital & Building Improvements	3,694,612
Debt Service	<u>142,000</u>
Total Expenditures	\$22,083,163

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Other Sources of Funds	\$ 1,453,619
Other Uses of Funds	<u>(7,395,332)</u>
Total Other Sources (Uses)	(5,941,713)

Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,556,541)
Fund Balance	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$11,052,815
Ending Fund Balance	
Restricted	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 8,063,064
Technology/Construction	<u>1,433,210</u>
Total Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$ 9,496,274</u>

Ms. Breaux presented the 2014/2015 revised budget for the ¾ Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the following 2014/2015 revised budget for the ¾ Cent Sales Tax Fund:

**¾ Cent Sales Tax Fund (1976)
Revised Budget
2014/2015 Fiscal Year
February 2015**

Revenues

Local - Sales Tax	\$19,078,854
- Interest	<u>48,000</u>
Total Revenues	\$19,126,854

Expenditures

Purchased Services	\$ 599,369
Supplies & Equipment	3,663,623
Debt Service & Miscellaneous	<u>12,600</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,275,592

Other Sources (Uses) of Funds

Other Financing Sources	0
Other Financing Uses	<u>(15,254,719)</u>
Total Other Sources (Uses) of Funds	(15,254,719)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(403,457)
Fund Balance Beginning	\$ 3,495,794
Ending Fund Balance Restricted	
Instructional Programs	\$ 2,721,105
Committed	
Band Uniforms	<u>\$ 371,232</u>
Total Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$ 3,092,337</u>

Ms. Breaux presented the 2014/2015 original budget for the ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, offered the following motion:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the following 2014/2015 original budget for the ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund:

**½ Cent Sales Tax Fund (2014)
Original Budget
2014/2015 Fiscal Year**

Revenues

Local - Sales Tax	<u>\$3,164,360</u>
Total Revenues	\$3,164,360

Expenditures

Compensation & Benefits	0
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Purchased Services	\$ 28,257
Total Expenditures	\$ 28,257

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Other Sources of Funds	0
Other Uses of Funds	<u>0</u>
Total Other Sources (Uses)	0

Net Change in Fund Balance	\$3,136,103
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Beginning Fund Balance	0
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Ending Fund Balance Restricted	<u>\$3,136,103</u>
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Ms. Breaux presented an update on the Sales Tax collections report (see attached). She stated sales tax collections for the month of December 2014 are 1% higher than December 2013.

There being no further business to come before the **Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee**, motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Benoit, Chairwoman

Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-Chairman

Donald Duplantis

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**TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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March 3, 2015

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Executive Committee** met at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, President, and Ms. Debi Benoit. Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin, Vice-President, entered after the meeting began. Others in attendance were Mr. Richard Jackson, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Superintendent Philip Martin, Dr. Debra Yarbrough, and Ms. 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** granted a request from Ms. Laura Mutz, 5th Grade Science Teacher at Elysian Fields Middle School, to use three (3) additional sick leave days to attend her son's Military Graduation from Basic Training (see attached).

At this time, Dr. Babin entered the meeting.

The **Executive Committee** addressed member concerns.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roosevelt Thomas, President

Brenda Leroux Babin, Ph.D. Vice-President

Debi Benoit

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**TERREBONNE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.
201 STADIUM DRIVE
HOUMA, LOUISIANA 70360**

March 3, 2015

Dear Members of the School Board:

The **Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc.** met immediately following the Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, President, Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin, Secretary/Treasurer, and Ms. Debi Benoit. Others in attendance were Mr. Richard Jackson, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Superintendent Philip Martin, and Ms. Rebecca Breaux.

The **Board of Directors** received the January 2015 financial statement (see attachment).

The **Board of Directors** allowed the Superintendent and/or his designee to renew a lease with Reaves Enterprises, Inc., 625 Belanger Street, for a monthly lease of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for a period of one (1) year, commencing April 1, 2015, and terminating March 31, 2016, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

The **Board of Directors** allowed the Superintendent and/or his designee to renew a lease with Dr. Clarence Bergeron, 623 Belanger Street, for a monthly lease of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for a period of five (5) years, commencing May 1, 2015, and terminating April 30, 2020, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

The **Board of Directors** allowed the Superintendent and/or his designee to renew a lease with Sobear, Inc., 248 Barrow Street, for a monthly lease of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for a period of one (1) year, commencing

May 1, 2015, and terminating April 30, 2016, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

The **Board of Directors** allowed the Superintendent and/or his designee to lease 244 Barrow Street to Terissa Sons, DBA, T's Sweets and Gifts, for a monthly lease of four hundred (\$400.00) dollars for a period of one (1) year, commencing April 1, 2015, and terminating March 31, 2016, with three (3) one-year options to renew contract at the end of each said period, must provide in advance a four hundred (\$400.00) dollar security deposit, required insurance, and all utilities are tenant's responsibility, and further, authorized 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,

Roosevelt Thomas, President

Brenda Leroux Babin, Ph.D. Secretary/Treasurer

Debi Benoit

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