

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

School Board Meeting – January 7, 2020

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 December 3, 2019

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the minutes of School Board Meeting of December 3, 2019, as recorded.

6. Election of Board Officers
 1. President
 2. Vice President
7. Announcements

1/09

5:00 ERC (Employee Representative Committee)

1/20

Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday (Holiday)

1/21

5:00 Buildings, Food Service, & Transportation Committee
Finance, Insurance, & Section 16 Lands Committee
Executive Committee

Education, Technology, & Policy Committee

1/25

6:00 "Teenager of the Year" Program (Sponsored by American Legion - to be held at Regional Military Museum - Barrow Street)

1/29

6:00 Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet (Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center)

1/30

6:00 Title VI Indian Ed. Parent Meeting (A.D. Martin, Jr. Special Education and Federal Building)

2/1-29 African American History Month

2/04

6:00 Regular School Board Meeting

8. Superintendent's Agenda

A. Agenda Items

(1) Banking and Investment Resolution

The President of the Terrebonne Parish School Board and the Superintendent of Schools are the parties authorized to jointly exercise signature authority over Board-demand deposit accounts. Whenever there is a change in the President and/or the Superintendent, the Board must grant the new officer(s) signatory power by adopting the pertinent resolution and providing new signature documents to its fiscal depositories.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt the following Banking and Investment Resolution:

RESOLUTION

Whereas in a regular session of the Terrebonne Parish School Board

held on January 7, 2020, the Board, by viva voce vote, elected _____ to serve as President of the Terrebonne Parish School Board for the one-year term beginning this date;

Whereas in a regular session of the Terrebonne Parish School Board held on January 20, 2009, the Board, by viva voce vote, appointed Mr. Philip Martin to serve as Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer of the Terrebonne Parish School Board beginning January 20, 2009;

Whereas Mr. Philip Martin, on January 20, 2009, upon furnishing bond as required by law, did assume the office and functions of Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer of the Terrebonne Parish School Board; and

Whereas on January 7, 2020, _____, upon furnishing bond as required by law, did assume the office and functions of President of the Terrebonne Parish School Board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that copies of this resolution, certified by the Secretary of the Terrebonne Parish School Board, be furnished to any and all interested parties, including fiscal depositories, directing and authorizing said institutions to grant full faith and credit to the acts and signatures of Mr. Philip Martin as Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer of the Terrebonne Parish School Board and _____ as President of the Terrebonne Parish School Board;

Resolved that all fiscal depositories are directed and authorized to honor negotiable instruments drawn upon the accounts of the Terrebonne Parish School Board bearing the facsimile signature of Mr. Philip Martin and Mrs. Debi Benoit until such time as a signature plate bearing the facsimile signatures of both _____ and Mr. Philip Martin is procured and placed into service;

Resolved that the Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer, or the duly authorized subordinate employee of each or any of the foregoing appointed officers be and is authorized to individually conduct and transact the business of purchasing, redeeming, or reinvesting

certificates of deposit and other types of interest-bearing investments, as well as pledging matters and wire transfers relating thereto;

Resolved that the Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer, or the duly authorized subordinate employee of each or any of the foregoing appointed officers be and is authorized and directed to accept physical custody of such interest-bearing investments and monetary returns on same in the name and on behalf of the Terrebonne Parish School Board; and be it further

Resolved that said Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer be and are authorized to release any safekeeping receipt and/or security pledged to the Terrebonne Parish School Board provided that each release will bear the signatures of both of the above-authorized individuals.

- (2) Resolution Ordering and Calling a Special Election to be held in Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt the following resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as

the governing authority of Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 30 thereof the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on **SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of five and forty-one hundredths (5.41) mills on all the property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030 (an estimated \$5,400,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for the purpose of giving additional support to public schools in the District?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in *The Courier*, a newspaper of general circulation within the District, published in Houma, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the District, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, Houma, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020**, at **SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts set forth in Terrebonne Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Terrebonne Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Terrebonne Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 7th day of January 2020.

/s/ Philip Martin
Secretary

/s/ Debi Benoit
President

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of

Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on January 7, 2020, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

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Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Terrebonne, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$102,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, Houma, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020**, at **SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Houma, Louisiana, on this, the 7th day of January 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/ Debi Benoit
President

/s/ Philip Martin
Secretary

- (3) Resolution Declaring January 2020 as "Local School Board Member Recognition Month"

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the following resolution recognizing January 2020 as "Local School Board Member Recognition Month" in the State of Louisiana:

RESOLUTION

**Louisiana School Board Recognition Month
January 2020**

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 2020 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.

- (4) Approval of Resolution recognizing February 2020 as African American History Month

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the following resolution recognizing February 2020 as African American History Month in Terrebonne Parish Schools:

RESOLUTION

Whereas the month of February is traditionally observed as African American History Month;

Whereas the observance of a special period to recognize achievements and contributions by African Americans dates back to February 1926; and

Whereas the observance period is ultimately the recognition of America's struggle to become a more perfect union; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board recognizes February 2020 as African American History Month in the Terrebonne Parish Public Schools and encourages administrators, teachers, and students to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs that raise awareness and appreciation of African American History; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Terrebonne Parish Public Schools and office buildings.

- (5) Approval of Proclamation recognizing February 3-7, 2020, as National School Counseling Week

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the following proclamation recognizing February 3-7, 2020, as National School Counseling Week in Terrebonne Parish Schools:

PROCLAMATION

Whereas School Counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential;

Whereas School Counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development;

Whereas School Counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal, and social growth of their children;

Whereas School Counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves;

Whereas School Counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

Whereas comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in schools; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board recognizes February 3-7, 2020, as National School Counseling Week in Terrebonne Parish Public Schools; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this proclamation be forwarded to all Terrebonne Parish Public Schools and office buildings.

(6) Matter pertaining to Request for Proposals for Internet Access Service

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the proposal meeting the highest criteria of the Request for Proposals for Internet Access Service, for district-wide 10 Gbps Internet Access Service from AT&T, 208 South Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75202, with an annual cost of

\$54,545.40 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, authorize the Board president to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

(7) Personnel Section

(a) Personnel Actions for Period of November 18, 2019, through December 13, 2019 [list of professional instructional and non-instructional/support personnel (appointments, resignations, and retirements – Information Only)]

(8) Matter bearing upon pending litigation between Brian and Laura Brouillette vs. Terrebonne Parish School Board and James R. Mills, et als, Docket #184062, Division B - 32nd Judicial District Court, Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (Executive Session)

(9) Parent Appeals for Student Readmissions (Executive Session)

- Readmission of Student #139380
- Readmission of Student #145220

9. Adjournment

Philip Martin, Superintendent
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