

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MAY 17, 2011

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. Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-President, Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Richard Jackson, Ms. Debi Benoit, Ms. Brenda Leroux Babin, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux.

ABSENT: None

Ms. 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 Judy Davis Navarre, retired school teacher; Joan Brunet, paraprofessional at East Houma Elementary School, and Gwendolyn Turpeau, school food service employee at H. L. Bourgeois High School, who recently passed away.

Motion of Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meetings of April 19, 2011, and May 3, 2011, as recorded.

The following report of the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meeting 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, May 9, 2011, 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, and Mr. Gregory Harding. Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Vice-Chairman, was absent. Others in attendance were Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Richard Jackson, 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.

Mr. Ryan Williams, Mechanicville Senator Circle Booster Club, dba Louisiana Lady Hornets, addressed the Committee relative to use of H. L. Bourgeois High and Evergreen Junior High Schools' gymnasiums for basketball tournaments.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board grant the request of Mechanicville Senator Circle Booster Club, dba Louisiana Lady Hornets, to waive Terrebonne Parish School Board policy relative to usage fee for H. L. Bourgeois High and Evergreen Junior High Schools' gymnasiums from June 4-5, 2011, for basketball tournaments, provided that the necessary insurance, non-profit status, and all other School Board policy requirements are met, all costs associated with janitorial services are paid, and approval is obtained from the principal.

Mrs. Monica Walther, Supervisor of Child Nutrition, addressed the Committee relative to approval of bids received on Bread, Fruit Juice, Milk and Milk Products for the 2011-2012 School Session.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the lowest bids received meeting all specifications on Bread, Fruit Juice, Milk and Milk Products for the 2011-2012 School Session from Interstate Brands Corporation, B.R. (Bread Items), Baton Rouge, LA; Lacassagne's, Inc. (Fruit Juice), Baton Rouge, LA; and LaFleur Dairy Products (Milk and Milk Products), Houma, LA, 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 relative to approval of bids received on Supplies and Disposables for the 2011-2012 School Session.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the lowest bids received meeting all specifications on Supplies and Disposables for the 2011-2012 School Session from Calico Industries, Inc., Annapolis Junction, MD, in the amount of \$8,886.83; Cintas, Thibodaux, LA, in the amount of \$33,136.00; Economical Paper and Janitorial Supplies, Harahan, LA, in the amount of \$82,520.46; Lotz Culinary Equipment and Supplies, Harahan, LA, in the amount of \$1,193.30; Pon Food Corp., Ponchatoula, LA, in the amount of \$119,482.00; and Schneider Paper Products, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA, in the amount of \$8,436.80, 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 relative to approval of bids received on Meats and Frozen Items for the 2011-2012 Fall Session.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the lowest bids received meeting all specifications on Meats and Frozen Items for the 2011-2012 Fall Session from Bell Foods, Harahan, LA, in the amount of \$13,976.40; Chisesi Brothers, New Orleans, LA, in the amount of \$356,192.28; Diamond Food Distributors, Inc., Jefferson, LA, in the amount of \$274,221.92; F. Christiana & Company, Marrero, LA, in the amount of \$6,305.34; and Lacassagne's, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA, in the amount of \$47,202.55, 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 relative to approval of bids received on Canned and Dry Goods for the 2011-2012 Fall Session.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the lowest bids received meeting all specifications on Canned and Dry Goods for the 2011-2012 Fall Session from Bell Foods, Harahan, LA, in the amount of \$864.00; Chisesi Brothers, New Orleans, LA, in the amount of \$3,407.40; F. Christiana & Company, Marrero, LA, in the amount of \$1,611.25; Diamond

Food Distributors, Inc., Jefferson, LA, in the amount of \$187,923.03; Groetsch, Inc., Harahan, LA, in the amount of \$50,580.02; and Lacassagne's, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA, in the amount of \$12,820.98, 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 relative to extending the contract with Sanitech Systems for concentrated detergents and related items for school cafeterias for the 2011-2012 School Session.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

The Committee recommends that the Board approve the extension of the current 2010-2011 contract for concentrated detergents and related items for school cafeterias with Sanitech Systems, Lakeland, FL, in the amount of \$31,176.00, funds to be derived from the Child Nutrition Fund for the 2011-2012 school year, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Ms. Diane Powell, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, addressed the Committee relative to renewal of an agreement between Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Head Start Program and Terrebonne Parish School Board.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7

The Committee recommends that the Board renew its agreement with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Head Start Program for the preparation of meals at East Houma Elementary, Schriever Elementary, Gibson Elementary, and Southdown Elementary Schools' cooking sites beginning August 15, 2011, and ending May 21, 2012, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto, subject to Board Attorney approval.

Superintendent Philip Martin gave the Committee an update on the H. L. Bourgeois High School Freshman Center. Mr. Gregory Harding requested Superintendent Martin to investigate the possibility of having an additional gym in the plans for the Freshman Center.

Mr. Donald Chamberlain, Plant Operations Manager, gave an update on Ellender Memorial High School's chiller water line repaired by contractors over the Easter holidays.

Superintendent Martin gave an update on the Morganza Spillway opening. He stated preparations are in progress for protecting schools in the Gibson area.

There being no further business to come before the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Hayes J. Badeaux, Chairman

Gregory Harding

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Ms. Monica Walther, Supervisor of Child Nutrition Program, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

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Child Nutrition Fund for the 2011-2012 school year, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

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Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board renewed its agreement with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Head Start Program for the preparation of meals at East Houma Elementary, Schriever Elementary, Gibson Elementary, and Southdown Elementary Schools' cooking sites beginning August 15, 2011, and ending May 21, 2012, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto, subject to Board Attorney approval.

At this time, Superintendent Philip Martin addressed the Board regarding the H. L. Bourgeois High School Freshman Center and the acquisition of property.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the purchase of 58.63 acres of property adjacent to H. L. Bourgeois High School for \$1,055,485.20, owned by Blanchard Properties, Inc., for the building of a freshman center at H. L. Bourgeois High School; and further, authorized the Board President and the Superintendent to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto, subject to Board attorney review.

Superintendent Martin then gave an update on the Morganza Spillway opening, in particular, the preparations that are being made for the protection of the district's schools in the Gibson area.

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.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Pamela Dumez, Teacher at Grand Caillou Middle School, beginning April 1, 2011, through May 24, 2011 (medical).

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.4a) for Denise Martin, Secretary II in the Special Education Department, beginning May 25, 2011, through August 18, 2011 (care of newborn child).

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved a leave of absence without pay in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.10) for Valerie Trosclair-Commodore, Teacher at Elysian Fields School, beginning May 10, 2011, through July 20, 2011 (medical).

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board approved a leave of absence without pay in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.10) for Tanial Guidry, Teacher at Lacache Middle School, for the 2011-2012 school session (attend college).

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board approved a leave of absence without pay in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.10) for Michael Burke, Jr., Master Plumber in the Maintenance Department, beginning May 10, 2011, through May 9, 2012 (medical).

Mr. Donald Chamberlain, Plant Operations Manager, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board ratified, as presented, the following list of professional/instructional and non-instructional/support personnel actions (resignation and retirements) for the period of April 14, 2011, through May 11, 2011:

Resignations or Terminations – Non-Instructional Personnel

Linda Davis	Bus Driver	Transportation	Resigned	05/05/11
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At this time, the Board recognized the following employees who recently retired:

Professional Instructional Personnel

Joni Bourg	5 th Grade Teacher	Lacache	Disability Retirement	21.50 Years	05/06/11
Margaret Chancey	Elementary Computer Teacher	East Houma Lab	Service Retirement	33.30 Years	04/13/11

Non-Instructional/Support Personnel

Hattie James	Building Manager	Evergreen	Service Retirement	25.60 Years	04/16/11
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Mr. Thomas addressed the Board regarding "Matter Pertaining to Resolution Requesting Support of Promoting Diversity in Terrebonne Parish."

Mr. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Harding, that the Board adopt the following resolution requesting support of promoting diversity in Terrebonne Parish:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is important that all of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish have fair, equal, and equitable representation on its judicial branch of government; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish School Board understands and appreciates the benefits of diversity and inclusion of all people in the governmental process at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, ensuring diversity is vital to the success of a united world and would be reflective of the cultural make-up of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, diversified representation in Terrebonne Parish can be noted on the Terrebonne Parish Council, the Terrebonne Parish School Board, the Houma Board of Zoning Adjustment, the Terrebonne Economic Development Authority, and the Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1 Board; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish School Board believes, as did the founding fathers and authors of the United States Constitution, that government should always be formulated on the text of "For the people and of the people."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board is in support of expanding diversity consideration in its Judiciary proceedings so that all citizens of our parish can enjoy greater representation in the judicial process and make-up of its Judicial Branch of Government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Terrebonne Parish School Board encourages Terrebonne Parish's Legislative Delegation to introduce legislation to promote diversity in governmental and other entities.

Following a discussion, Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, offered a substitute motion, that the Board refer the "Matter Pertaining to Resolution Requesting Support of Promoting Diversity in Terrebonne Parish" to the Education and Policy Committee for further review.

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

YEAS: Mr. Jackson, Ms. Benoit, Mr. Bordelon, and Mr. Duplantis

NAYS: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harding, Ms. Babin, Mr. DeHart, and Mr. Badeaux

ABSENT: None

President Bordelon declared the substitute motion failed to carry and discussion continued.

Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, offered another substitute motion, that the Board adopt the foregoing resolution, as originally presented, with the exception of the last paragraph, which is to be removed.

Mr. Clayton Lovell, Board Attorney, addressed the Board regarding the substitute motion.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

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

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

NAYS: Mr. DeHart

ABSENT: None

President Bordelon declared the substitute motion to adopt the resolution relative to requesting support of promoting diversity in Terrebonne Parish carried, as originally presented, with the exception of the last paragraph, which is to be removed, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 1831

WHEREAS, it is important that all of the citizens of Terrebonne Parish have fair, equal, and equitable representation on its judicial branch of government; and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish School Board understands and appreciates the benefits of diversity and inclusion of all people in the governmental process at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, ensuring diversity is vital to the success of a united world and would be reflective of the cultural make-up of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, diversified representation in Terrebonne Parish can be noted on the Terrebonne Parish Council, the Terrebonne Parish School Board, the Houma Board of Zoning Adjustment, the Terrebonne Economic Development Authority, and the Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1 Board; and

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Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(8:00 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

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

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