

**PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**August 7, 2012**

Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Board President, apprised the Board and audience that a public hearing was in session at this time, 7:00 P.M., as advertised, at the Terrebonne Parish School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, Houma, Louisiana, 70360 to discuss increase of adjusted millage rate not to exceed the prior year's maximum rate.

Following three requests for public comments by President Bordelon and getting no response, the public hearing was closed and adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Terrebonne Parish School Board began at 7:05 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, Ms. Brenda Leroux Babin, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux.

ABSENT: None

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 Sally Giroir and Onesia Authement, retired custodians, and Eldon Martin, Superintendent Philip Martin's father, who recently passed away.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meeting of July 17, 2012, as recorded.

The Board, by roll call vote, adopted the following resolution adopting the adjusted millage rates for the Regular School Tax (Constitutional) and the Special School Tax (Maintenance) of the entire school system, all effective for 2012:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1844**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Terrebonne Parish School Board of the Parish of Terrebonne, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on August 7, 2012, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2012, for the purpose of raising revenue:

**ADJUSTED MILLAGE**

**Regular School Tax – (Constitutional)** **3.710 mills**

**Special School Tax – (Maintenance)** **5.200 mills**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Assessor of the Parish of Terrebonne, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2012 the taxes herein levied,

and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**YEAS:** Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Richard Jackson, Ms. Debi Benoit, Ms. Brenda Leroux Babin, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

President Bordelon declared the adoption of the foregoing resolution carried.

The Board, by roll call vote, adopted the following resolution designating the adjusted millage rate and rolling forward to the increased rate allowed by law for the Regular School Tax (Constitutional) and the Special School Tax (Maintenance) Millage for 2012:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1845**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Terrebonne Parish School Board of the Parish of Terrebonne, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on August 7, 2012, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2012, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

	<b><u>Adjusted Rate</u></b>	<b><u>2012 Levy</u></b>
<b><u>Regular School Tax – (Constitutional)</u></b>	<b><u>3.710 mills</u></b>	<b><u>3.860 mills</u></b>
<b><u>Special School Tax - (Maintenance)</u></b>	<b><u>5.200 mills</u></b>	<b><u>5.410 mills</u></b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Assessor of the Parish of Terrebonne, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2012 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**YEAS:** Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Richard Jackson, Ms. Debi Benoit, Ms. Brenda Leroux Babin, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

President Bordelon declared the adoption of the foregoing resolution carried.

The following Executive Committee report was presented to the Board. Prior to reading Recommendation No. 1 in the report, President Bordelon stated that Superintendent Philip Martin had sent a letter to each School Board Member requesting that the issue relative to Superintendent Compensation be pulled from consideration.

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Executive Committee** met at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 17, 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. Others in attendance were Mr. Richard Jackson, Mrs. Debi Benoit, Superintendent Philip Martin, and Mrs. Judy 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** discussed Superintendent Martin’s Compensation.

Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux entered the meeting.

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

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1**

**The Committee recommends** that the Board increase the Superintendent Contractual Base Salary Agreement to \$155,000.00 with a \$10,000.00 auto allowance.

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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No motion to accept the foregoing Committee recommendation was made by any Board Member, therefore, the recommendation failed.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board then approved the foregoing Executive Committee report, as presented.

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. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. DeHart, 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, July 17, 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. Others in attendance were Mr. Richard Jackson, Mrs. Debi Benoit, Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux, Superintendent Philip Martin, and Mrs. Judy Martin.

The **Board of Directors** received the June 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,

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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. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved a request to allow Brenna Barthel, Adult Education Teacher at Bayou Cane Adult Education Center, to attend the Regional Meeting of Project STar in Boston, Massachusetts, August 20-22, 2012 (Monday-Wednesday), in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.2), expenses to be borne by Project STar.

Ms. Carol Davis, Assistant Superintendent, then announced, for informational purposes, the following personnel appointments and gave introductions:

- 1) Assistant Principal, Southdown Elementary School – Kanika Smith
- 2) Assistant Principal, Grand Caillou Elementary School – Tonia Guidry

- 3) Master Teacher, Southdown Elementary School – Valerie Hebert
- 4) Curriculum Specialist, Central Office – Nathan Cotten
- 5) Extracurricular Personnel Appointments:
  - Raindance Sponsor, H. L. Bourgeois High School – Chelsea Carlos
  - Assistant Football Coach (CECP), H. L. Bourgeois High School – Kyle David
  - Head Boys Soccer Coach, H. L. Bourgeois High School – Toney Linn
  - Head Girls Soccer Coach, H. L. Bourgeois High School – Michael Melancon
  - Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, H. L. Bourgeois High School – Christine Vitter

Ms. Davis and Dr. Debra Yarbrough, Supervisor of Personnel, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing personnel announcements.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Babin, unanimously carried, the Board approved a leave of absence without pay in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.10) for Cheramie Jupiter, Teacher at Evergreen Junior High School, for the 2012-2013 school session (medical).

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board accepted, as presented, the proposal submitted for a Comprehensive Secondary Instructional Software Program from Education 2020, 7303 E. Earl Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85251, in the amount of \$189,500.00 for the first year, and \$164,000.00 thereafter for years 2 and 3, funding to be provided by previously budgeted technology funds, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto. (NOTE: The District has the option to renew at their discretion for years 4 and 5 at the contracted price.)

Ms. Davis and Mr. Nason Authement, Supervisor of Secondary Education, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Mr. DeHart moved, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, that the Board allow Student #103062, Student #128100, Student #153993, Student #128053, Student #128651, Student #133470, and Student #128745 to return to their base school at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school session, subject to signing a contract.

Mr. Ernest Brown, Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

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

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

**NAYS:** Mr. Thomas, Ms. Benoit, and Ms. Babin

**ABSENT:** None

President Bordelon declared the foregoing motion carried.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, 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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