

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

APRIL 21, 2015

The Terrebonne Parish School Board met today at 6:00 P.M. in regular session at its regular meeting place, the Terrebonne Parish School Board Office, 201 Stadium Drive, Houma, Louisiana, with Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, President, presiding, and the following members present: Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin, Vice-President; Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Richard Jackson, Ms. Debi Benoit, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Ms. Vicki Bonvillain.

ABSENT: None

Ms. Benoit led the Board and audience in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Hilda Duplantis, retired School Food Service employee; Karen Larpenter, retired School Bus Driver in the Transportation Department, and Angeline Taylor, retired School Teacher, who recently passed away.

Mr. John Hebert, citizen, addressed the Board regarding Common Core.

Ms. Monica Compeaux, citizen, addressed the Board regarding Common Core and Resolution.

Ms. Amanda Guillot, citizen, addressed the Board regarding EOY/PARCC/Letter I Received/Summer School/Misunderstandings.

Ms. Sharon Henry, citizen, addressed the Board regarding Common Core.

Mr. Darryl DiMaggio, Sr., citizen, addressed the Board regarding Common Core.

Mr. David Mounts, citizen, addressed the Board regarding Common Core, PARCC, Data Mining, Bias Treatment of Citizens by the Current School Board, T.P.S.B. Ethics, Superintendent.

The report of the Education, Technology, and Policy Committee meeting was presented to the Board.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the following report of the Education, Technology, and Policy Committee meeting in its entirety, with Dr. Babin, Chairwoman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

The EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, and POLICY COMMITTEE met at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 13, 2015, in the Board Room of the School Board Office, with the following members present: Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin, Chairwoman, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Vicki Bonvillain. Also in attendance were: Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Board President, Mr. Richard Jackson, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

Dr. Babin called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A motion offered by Mrs. Bonvillain to consider the approval of a resolution,

as it relates to removal of the implementation of CCSS and PARCC Testing in the Terrebonne Parish School System, failed to carry due to lack of a second (see attached).

Dr. Debra Yarbrough, Supervisor of Personnel, presented information on the 2015-2016 Teacher Recruiting Plan, "*Teach for Terrebonne*." She explained the following programs and how they relate to teacher recruitment: District Job Fair, Target School Initiative, STAR (I, II), Tuition Exemption Program, and Praxis Tutorial Program, etc. Dr. Yarbrough stated that the Terrebonne Parish School Board was awarded a *Believe and Prepare Grant* that aligns with the "*Teach for Terrebonne*" Recruiting Plan. The Grant will fund a year-long residency program for Nicholls State University's seniors in the teacher education program (see attached).

Dr. Myra Austin, Assessment & Accountability Administrator, presented an update on Spring State Testing. She stated that although PARCC (Phase I) testing is complete, our students will continue testing--LAA2, LEAP/iLEAP in April, End-of-Course in April-May, and PARCC (Phase II) in May (see attached).

There being no further business to come before the **Education, Technology, and Policy Committee**, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Leroux Babin, Ph.D., Chairwoman

L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice-Chairman

Vicki Bonvillain

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The report of the Education, Technology, and Policy Committee meeting was concluded, and President Thomas reassumed the Chair and presided for the remainder of the proceedings.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution recognizing May 18-22, 2015, as Educational Bosses Week:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The week of May 18-22, 2015, has been proclaimed as Educational Bosses Week; and

WHEREAS, Terrebonne Parish's educational administrators are dedicated to promoting the cause of education; and

WHEREAS, The role of the administrator is increasingly demanding, complex, and a vital part of the entire educational process; and

WHEREAS, Administrators are responsive to the needs of students and the community; and

WHEREAS, Administrators must often participate unselfishly in professional and civic activities; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Terrebonne Parish School Board hereby recognizes the week of May 18-22, 2015, as Educational Bosses Week in appreciation of the many contributions of school and office administrators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Terrebonne Parish public schools and office buildings.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board approved a leave of absence without pay in accordance with Policy (FILE: F-11.10) for Cindy Collins, Instrumental Music Director at H. L. Bourgeois High School, beginning May 4, 2015, through May 3, 2016 (medical).

At this time, Superintendent Philip Martin presented the following personnel actions for the period of March 11, 2015, through April 15, 2015 [list of professional instructional and non-instructional/support personnel (appointments, resignations, and retirements – Information Only)]:

New Employees – Professional Instructional Personnel

Ruby Manuel, 3rd Grade Teacher, Certified, Schriever Elementary - Cotrice Henry, Resigned, 04/15/15

New Employees – Non-Instructional Personnel

Candice Smith, Custodian III-A, H. L. Bourgeois High - Chantel Celestine, Transferred, 03/24/15

Gwendolyn Nixon, Custodian III-A, Lisa Park Elementary - Selena Nelton, Transferred, 04/01/15

Kelly White, Custodian III-A, Schriever Elementary - Earl Neil, Resigned, 04/13/15

Resignations – Professional Instructional Personnel

Jill Brewer, 1st Grade Teacher, Certified, Grand Caillou Elementary - Resigned, 03/20/15

Charles Cherry, 6th Grade Teacher, Certified, Grand Caillou Middle - Return to Retiree Status, 04/13/15

Monica Herrera, 6th Grade Teacher, Non-Certified, Southdown Elementary - Resigned, 03/20/15

Rhonda Rogers, Elementary Computer Lab, Certified, Schriever Elementary - Resigned, 03/13/15

Vanessa Thibodeaux, 7th Grade Teacher, Non-Certified, Evergreen Junior High - Resigned, 03/27/15

Resignations – Non-Instructional Personnel

Elissia Brown, Bus Driver, Transportation Department - Resigned, 03/13/15

Kristi Dupre, School Secretary I, Bayou Black Elementary - Resigned, 03/13/15

Rachel Sims, Bus Driver, Transportation Department - Resigned, 03/30/15

Retirements – Professional Instructional Personnel

Christine Bergeron, Business Teacher, Ellender Memorial High - Disability Retirement, 18.73 Years, 03/12/15

Retirements - Non-Instructional/Support Personnel

Kathy Crappel, Bus Driver, Transportation Department - Service Retirement, 24.22 Years, 03/27/15

Levenia Fleming, Custodian III, Grand Caillou Elementary - Service Retirement, 14.85 Years, 04/15/15

Zenobia Griffin, Bus Driver, Transportation Department - Service Retirement, 21.63 Years, 03/19/15

President Thomas addressed the Board relative to rescheduling the School Board Meeting of May 19, 2015, to May 12, 2015 (due to H. L. Bourgeois High School Graduation), and reschedule the agenda deadline from noon Wednesday, May 13, 2015, to noon Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

Motion of Dr. Babin, seconded by Mr. DeHart, unanimously carried, the Board rescheduled the School Board Meeting of May 19, 2015, to May 12, 2015 (due to H. L. Bourgeois High School Graduation), and rescheduled the agenda deadline from noon Wednesday, May 13, 2015, to noon Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

At this time, Superintendent Martin announced that fifteen (15) students from Terrebonne Career and Technical High School received "Gold" at the recent Louisiana SkillsUSA Competition. These students will now compete on the National level in Louisville, Kentucky in July. Superintendent Martin encouraged School Board Members to attend the National Competition.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(6:45 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ Roosevelt Thomas, President

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