

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

September 2, 2014

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. Roger Dale DeHart, President, presiding, and the following members present: Mr. Richard Jackson, Vice-President, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Gregory Harding, Ms. Debi Benoit, Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux.

ABSENT: None

Mr. Jackson led the Board and audience in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Lynda Champagne, retired school teacher, and Elmer Fournier, retired maintenance employee, who recently passed away.

At this time, President DeHart recognized Ms. Rachel Perez, Staff Assistant in Senator David Vitter's Office, who was in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meeting of August 19, 2014, as recorded.

The following report of the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting was presented to the Board with Mr. Duplantis, Chairman, presiding:

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 Monday, August 18, 2014, with the following members present: Mr. Donald Duplantis, Chairman, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Debi Benoit. Also in attendance were Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Board President, Mr. Richard Jackson, Vice-President, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

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

Mrs. Carolyn Champagne, Purchasing Agent, addressed the Committee regarding an assignment Lease No. 2013-2 on Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 17 East (see attached).

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

### **RECOMMENDATION NO. 1**

**The Committee recommends** that the Board adopt the following resolution granting permission for Gray Production Company (Assignor), whose address is P. O. Box 53403, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505, to assign all their rights, title, and interest in Terrebonne Parish School Board Lease No. 2013-2 on Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 17 East, unto Manti, LP (Assignee), whose address is 800 N. Shoreline Blvd., Suite 900 South, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401,

and further, authorize the Board President and/or Superintendent to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto:

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, By instrument dated effective February 22, 2013, recorded in File No. 1429760, Book No. 2335, Page No. 801, of the public records of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, the Terrebonne Parish School Board granted an oil, gas, and mineral lease to and in favor of Gray Production Company, whose address is P. O. Box 53403, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505, containing eighty-five (85) acres, more or less, excluding the beds and bottoms of all navigable waters in Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 17 East, Louisiana Meridian, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Gray Production Company is now desirous of assigning all of its rights, title, and interest to Manti, LP, whose address is 800 N. Shoreline Blvd., Suite 900 South, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401; and

**WHEREAS**, The Terrebonne Parish School Board has not made an examination or determination that all of the provisions and conditions in the Subject Lease have been met, and accordingly, this resolution is not intended to, nor shall it act in any manner as a ratification of the Subject Lease, nor as a waiver of any right which this Board may have, including prescriptive rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** By the Terrebonne Parish School Board that the assignment from Gray Production Company to Manti, LP is hereby approved and accepted by this Board.

Mr. Jack Moore, Risk Manager, addressed the Committee regarding an offer from Symetra Life Insurance, Co., for Disability Income Insurance benefits (see attached).

Mr. Tony Alford, Insurance Agent of Record, also presented information concerning Disability Income Insurance benefits.

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION NO. 2**

**The Committee recommends** that the Board accept the offer from Symetra Life Insurance, Co. (Alford, Staples, Lapeyre and Robichaux Insurance Services, Agent of Record) for Disability Income Insurance benefits, effective November 1, 2014.

Mr. Moore presented information to the Committee relative to the Towers Watson Actuarial Report for 2014 (see attached).

Superintendent Martin addressed the Committee requesting approval for the purchase of forty (40) acres of property adjacent to South Terrebonne High School (see attached).

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Benoit, offered the following motion:

#### **RECOMMENDATION NO. 3**

**The Committee recommends** that the Board authorize the purchase of forty (40) acres of property, adjacent to South Terrebonne High School, for \$35,000.00 per acre, funds to be derived from the capital portion of the One-Cent Sales Tax Fund, subject to Board attorney review, and further, authorize

the Board President and/or Superintendent to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mrs. Rebecca Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Committee requesting certain outdated, unserviceable, and/or broken items be declared as surplus and sold at a future surplus sale (see attached).

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Benoit, offered the following motion:

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 4**

**The Committee recommends** that the Board declare as surplus certain outdated, unserviceable, and/or broken items, as per attached list, and authorize that these items be sold at a future surplus sale.

Mrs. Breaux addressed the Committee regarding the adoption of the resolution in reference to the attached Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year.

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Benoit, offered the following motion:

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 5**

**The Committee recommends** that the Board adopt the following resolution in reference to the attached Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year:

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Terrebonne Parish School Board, in connection with the June 30, 2014, audit, adopts the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for submission to Lanaux and Felger, Certified Public Accountants, and confirms that the representations made therein are to the best of the Board's knowledge and belief, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That Roger Dale DeHart, President of Terrebonne Parish School Board, Philip Martin, Superintendent, and Rebecca Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, be authorized to sign said Questionnaire.

Mrs. Breaux presented an update on the Sales Tax collections report (see attached). She stated sales tax collections for the month of June 2014 are higher than June 2013.

There being no further business to come before the **Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee**, motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Benoit, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donald Duplantis, Chairman

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Roosevelt Thomas, Vice-Chairman

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Debi Benoit

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Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board adopted the following resolution granting permission for Gray Production

Company (Assignor), whose address is P. O. Box 53403, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505, to assign all their rights, title, and interest in Terrebonne Parish School Board Lease No. 2013-2 on Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 17 East, unto Manti, LP (Assignee), whose address is 800 N. Shoreline Blvd., Suite 900 South, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401, and further, authorized the Board President and/or Superintendent to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1866**

**WHEREAS**, By instrument dated effective February 22, 2013, recorded in File No. 1429760, Book No. 2335, Page No. 801, of the public records of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, the Terrebonne Parish School Board granted an oil, gas, and mineral lease to and in favor of Gray Production Company, whose address is P. O. Box 53403, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505, containing eighty-five (85) acres, more or less, excluding the beds and bottoms of all navigable waters in Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 17 East, Louisiana Meridian, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Gray Production Company is now desirous of assigning all of its rights, title, and interest to Manti, LP, whose address is 800 N. Shoreline Blvd., Suite 900 South, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401; and

**WHEREAS**, The Terrebonne Parish School Board has not made an examination or determination that all of the provisions and conditions in the Subject Lease have been met, and accordingly, this resolution is not intended to, nor shall it act in any manner as a ratification of the Subject Lease, nor as a waiver of any right which this Board may have, including prescriptive rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** By the Terrebonne Parish School Board that the assignment from Gray Production Company to Manti, LP is hereby approved and accepted by this Board.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the offer from Symetra Life Insurance, Co. (Alford, Staples, Lapeyre and Robichaux Insurance Services, Agent of Record) for Disability Income Insurance benefits, effective November 1, 2014.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the purchase of forty (40) acres of property, adjacent to South Terrebonne High School, for \$35,000.00 per acre, funds to be derived from the capital portion of the One-Cent Sales Tax Fund, subject to Board attorney review, and further, authorized the Board President and/or Superintendent to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board declared as surplus (per list presented) certain outdated, unserviceable, and/or broken items and authorized that these items be sold at a future surplus sale.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board adopted, as presented, the following resolution in reference to the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1867**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Terrebonne Parish School Board, in connection with the June 30, 2014, audit, adopts the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for submission to Lanaux and Felger, Certified Public Accountants, and confirms

that the representations made therein are to the best of the Board's knowledge and belief, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That Roger Dale DeHart, President of Terrebonne Parish School Board, Philip Martin, Superintendent, and Rebecca Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, be authorized to sign said Questionnaire.

The report of the Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee meeting was concluded, and President DeHart reassumed the Chair and presided for the remainder of the proceedings.

The Executive Committee report was presented to the Board.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board received the following Executive Committee report in its entirety:

Dear Members of the Board:

The **Executive Committee** met at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, President, Mr. Richard Jackson, Vice-President, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux. Others in attendance were Superintendent Philip Martin and Mrs. 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** addressed member concerns.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Dale DeHart, President

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Richard Jackson, Vice-President

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Hayes J. Badeaux

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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. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, 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 Board:

The **Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc.** met at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Roger Dale DeHart,

President, Mr. Richard Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer, and Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux. Others in attendance were Superintendent Philip Martin and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

The **Board of Directors** received the July 2014 financial statement (see attachment).

The **Board of Directors** voted to allow the Superintendent and/or his designee to renew a lease with Nationwide Consulting Group, LLC, 250 Barrow Street (storage room), for a monthly lease of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars for a period of one (1) year, commencing September 15, 2014, and terminating September 14, 2015, with a one (1) one-year option to renew contract at the end of said period, 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,

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Roger Dale DeHart, President

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Richard Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer

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Hayes J. Badeaux

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The report of the Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc. was concluded.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following proclamation recognizing September 17-23, 2014, as Constitution Week:

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Our Founding Fathers, in order to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity, did ordain and establish a Constitution for the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, It is of the greatest importance that all citizens fully understand the provisions and principles contained in the Constitution in order to support, preserve, and defend it against all encroachment; and

**WHEREAS**, The two hundred twenty-seventh anniversary of the signing of the Constitution provides a historic opportunity for all Americans to realize the achievements of the Framers of the Constitution and the rights, privileges, and responsibilities it affords; and

**WHEREAS**, The independence guaranteed to American citizens, whether by birth or naturalization, should be celebrated by appropriate ceremonies and activities during Constitution Week, September 17 through 23, as designated by proclamation of the President of the United States of America in accordance with Public Law 915;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Terrebonne Parish School Board, in conjunction with the Bayou Lafourche Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, does hereby proclaim the week of

September 17 through 23, 2014, as "Constitution Week" in the schools of Terrebonne Parish and does urge all students to study the Constitution, and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves; and

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

Ms. Joanne Plessala and Ms. Rena Labat, representing the Bayou Lafourche Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion. They both thanked the Board for its continued support.

Superintendent Philip Martin then announced, for informational purposes, the following personnel appointment and gave introduction:

Principal, Caldwell Middle School – Ronald Foret

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 17:493, authorized the Superintendent to furnish the bus operator, Kenya Lyons, a copy of the written grounds for removal from her position, and further, set a tenure hearing for the bus operator on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, at 5:00 P.M., in the Terrebonne Parish School Board meeting room located at 201 Stadium Drive, Houma, Louisiana.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board authorized Mr. Alexander "Kip" Crighton, Attorney, to represent the interest of the Terrebonne Parish School District in a Tenure Proceeding, at a rate of \$125.00 per hour, in accordance with State Law and Board policy.

Motion of Mr. Badeaux, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board deviated from the regular order of the agenda to take up Agenda Item 8. A. Individual Board Member – Mr. Roger Dale DeHart.

President DeHart informed the Board of a recent Special Announcement of acknowledgement by State Superintendent John White, Louisiana State Department of Education, and the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA), in recognition of the following Terrebonne Parish School Board Members who met the criteria for the Louisiana Department of Education "Distinguished School Board Member Designation" in a four-year term, in accordance with LA RS 17:53, which addresses School Board Member training requirements:

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| • | District 4 | Debi Benoit         | 79.5 hours |
| • | District 5 | Dr. Brenda Babin    | 53 hours   |
| • | District 6 | L. P. Bordelon, III | 61 hours   |
| • | District 7 | Roger Dale DeHart   | 82 hours   |

The Board returned to the regular order of the agenda.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (7:26 P.M.), relative to a parent appeal for early readmission of Student #130232.

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session with all members present (7:57 P.M.).

Mr. Duplantis moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas, that the Board allow Student #130232 to return to school in January 2015 at Terrebonne High School, subject to signing a contract.

Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, offered a substitute motion, that the Board allow Student #130232 to return to school, immediately, at Terrebonne High School, subject to signing a contract.

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

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

**NAYS:** Mr. Thomas, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Benoit, Dr. Babin, and Mr. Duplantis

**ABSENT:** None

President DeHart declared the substitute motion failed to carry.

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

**YEAS:** Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harding, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Benoit, Mr. DeHart, Mr. Duplantis, and Mr. Badeaux

**NAYS:** Mr. Bordelon and Dr. Babin

**ABSENT:** None

President DeHart declared the original motion carried.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(8:20 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ Roger Dale DeHart, President

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