

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

October 7, 2014

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. 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. 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 Cameron Tillman, Ellender Memorial High School student, and Lolita Anderson, retired school teacher, who recently passed away.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meeting of September 16, 2014, and Special School Board Meeting of September 23, 2014, 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 at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, September 15, 2014, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Hayes J. Badeaux, Chairman, and Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III. Mr. Gregory Harding, Vice-Chairman, entered after the proceedings began. Also in attendance were Mr. Richard Jackson, Vice-President, Mr. Donald Duplantis, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, 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. Jack Moore, Risk Manager, addressed the Committee regarding the Bus Lease Agreement between Vandebilt Catholic High School and the Terrebonne Parish School Board (see attached).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The Committee recommends that the Board enter into a Bus Lease Agreement between Vandebilt Catholic High School and the Terrebonne Parish School Board, effective October 8, 2014, through May 31, 2015, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Dwayne Eschete, Purchasing Buyer, addressed the Committee regarding acceptance of bids received for Auxiliary Department Materials, Equipment, Supplies, and Services (see attached).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the lowest bid received, meeting all specifications, on Auxiliary Department Materials, Equipment, Supplies and Services from the following vendors for the 2014-2015 School Session:

Section 24: Exterior Door Replacement

Dwayne's Glass & Mirror Works, Inc., 1425 W. Tunnel Blvd., Suite C, Houma, LA 70360

Section 26: Glass/Mirrors Repaired On-Site

Dwayne's Glass & Mirror Works, Inc., 1425 W. Tunnel Blvd., Suite C, Houma, LA 70360

Section 27: Glass/Mirrors Picked-Up

No Bid Received

Mr. Craig Hebert, AIA, Architect/President, A Professional Architectural Corp., addressed the Committee regarding acceptance of bids received for the South Terrebonne High School Press Box Renovation Project (see attached).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Committee recommends that the Board award the South Terrebonne High School Press Box Renovation Project to the lowest responsible bidder, meeting all specifications, M & H Builders, Inc., for a total base bid of \$225,000.00, plus Alternate #1 for \$19,000.00, adjust the budget from \$130,000.00 to \$275,000.00, funds to be derived from the Building Fund, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Daniel Bruce, Jr., AIA, Cheramie and Bruce Architect, APC, addressed the Committee regarding substantial completion of the Re-roofing Project at Village East Elementary School (see attached).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

The Committee recommends that the Board approve the substantial completion, dated August 27, 2014, for the Re-roofing Project at Village East Elementary School, subject to the punch list; upon completion of the punch list, final inspection, and receipt of the lien-free certificate, authorize the release of retainage; and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Superintendent Martin addressed the Committee regarding property located at 8542 East Main Street, Houma, Louisiana 70360 (Daigleville School).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

The Committee recommends that the Board declare property located at 8542 East Main Street, Houma, Louisiana 70360 (Daigleville School) as surplus, authorize the Superintendent to have the building and property appraised, authorize the sale of said property in accordance with applicable laws, all transactions subject to Board Attorney review and approval, and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Merlin Lirette, AIA, CEFP, The Merlin Group, LTD, addressed the Committee regarding the HVAC Replacement at Mulberry Elementary School (see attached).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

The Committee recommends that the Board approve the substantial completion, dated September 10, 2014, for the HVAC Replacement at Mulberry Elementary School, subject to the punch list; upon completion of the punch list, final inspection, and receipt of the lien-free certificate, authorize the release of retainage; and further, authorize the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Lirette addressed the Committee regarding an update on the Kitchen Renovation Project at Dularge Elementary School.

Mr. Andy Positerry, II, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, Duplantis Design Group, addressed the Committee regarding an update on the Terrebonne High School Press Box.

The Committee deviated from the regular order of the agenda to allow Mr. Donald Chamberlain, Plant Operations Manager, to address the Committee regarding maintenance updates then returned to the regular order of the agenda.

Mr. Harding addressed the Committee regarding upgrades to the football fields at Terrebonne High School and South Terrebonne High School.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7

The Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Superintendent and staff to gather information relative to the installation of artificial turf at South Terrebonne High School and Terrebonne High School football fields and report back to the December 8, 2014, Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meeting.

Mr. Travis Carelle, Bourg resident, addressed the Committee concerning the football field at Terrebonne High School and the installation of artificial turf at South Terrebonne and Terrebonne High Schools.

Mr. Brad Rodrigue, Dularge resident, addressed the Committee concerning the football field at Terrebonne High School and the installation of artificial turf at Terrebonne High School.

There being no further business to come before the **Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee**, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Hayes J. Badeaux, Chairman

Gregory Harding, Vice-Chairman

L. P. Bordelon, III

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Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board entered into a Bus Lease Agreement between Vandebilt Catholic High School and the Terrebonne Parish School Board, effective October 8, 2014, through May 31, 2015, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Ms. Yvonne Weimer, Principal, Vandebilt Catholic High School, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the lowest bid received, meeting all specifications, on Auxiliary Department Materials, Equipment, Supplies and Services from the following vendors for the 2014-2015 School Session:

Section 24: Exterior Door Replacement

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Section 26: Glass/Mirrors Repaired On-Site

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Section 27: Glass/Mirrors Picked-Up

No Bid Received

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board awarded the South Terrebonne High School Press Box Renovation Project to the lowest responsible bidder, meeting all specifications, M & H Builders, Inc., for a total base bid of \$225,000.00, plus Alternate #1 for \$19,000.00, adjusted the budget from \$130,000.00 to \$275,000.00, funds to be derived from the Building Fund, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Craig Hebert, AIA, Architect/President, A Professional Architectural Corp., addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board approved the substantial completion, dated August 27, 2014, for the Re-roofing Project at Village East Elementary School, subject to the punch list; upon completion of the punch list, final inspection, and receipt of the lien-free certificate, authorize the release of retainage; and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

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

Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Thomas, with the exception of Dr. Babin who objected, the Board declared property located at 8542 East Main Street, Houma, Louisiana 70360 (Daigleville School) as surplus, authorized the Superintendent to have the building and property appraised, authorized the sale of said property in accordance with applicable laws, all transactions subject to Board Attorney review and approval, and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board approved the substantial completion, dated September 10, 2014, for the HVAC Replacement at Mulberry Elementary School, subject to the punch list; upon completion of the punch list, final inspection, and receipt of the lien-free

certificate, authorize the release of retainage; and further, authorized the Board President to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Motion of Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Superintendent and staff to gather information relative to the installation of artificial turf at South Terrebonne High School and Terrebonne High School football fields and report back to the December 8, 2014, Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation Committee meeting.

At this time, Mr. Chamberlain gave a brief update on the Terrebonne High School Press Box.

The report of the Buildings, Food Service, and Transportation 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. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, 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, September 16, 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 Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, 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,

Roger Dale DeHart, President

Richard Jackson, Vice-President

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. Badeaux, seconded by Mr. Jackson, 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, September 16, 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 Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, Superintendent Philip Martin, and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

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

There being no further business to come before the **Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc.**, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Dale DeHart, President

Richard Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer

Hayes J. Badeaux

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

Motion of Dr. Babin, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution recognizing "Geaux Pink Day," Tuesday, October 21, 2014, in Terrebonne Parish Schools:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, each year, it is estimated that over 200,000 Americans are diagnosed with breast cancer, a disease that affects individuals regardless of socio-economic standing, racial background, age limits, or sex, and

WHEREAS, in 2014, approximately 40,000 women were expected to die from breast cancer, a death rate second only to lung cancer among women, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce the number of individuals who may suffer from this disease in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes, the dedicated team of medical professionals at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center at TGMC have vigorously instituted screenings for breast cancer and all types of cancer so that if an individual has symptoms of cancer, the disease may be treated at a very early stage, and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center at TGMC conducted 1,221 screenings at 55 events and diagnosed 6 cancers – 5 breast cancers and 1 skin cancer and, thus far in 2014, 915 screenings have been conducted in 58 events, resulting in 5 diagnosed skin cancers and 2 breast cancers, and

WHEREAS, the staff of Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center at TGMC firmly believes that awareness and education leading to early detection of any type of cancer is the surest and best way to avoid the unpleasant task of facing severe cancer treatments, and

WHEREAS, the GEAUX PINK Campaign has worked well in informing the general public of free screenings for several types of cancer available to call.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Terrebonne Parish School Board, on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Philip Martin, and the entire School District, that **Tuesday, October 21, 2014**, be hereby proclaimed:

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and that all school employees, students, and the general public be urged and encouraged to wear pink on **Tuesday, October 21, 2014**, in order to bring awareness to the early detection of cancer and to do everything possible to inform their families, friends, and neighbors to get tested for cancer through the free screenings conducted by Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center at TGMC.

Ms. Melanie Rasmusson, Director of Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center at TGMC, addressed the Board regarding the foregoing motion.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution recognizing October 20-24, 2014, as School Bus Safety Week:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Louisiana parish and city systems provide free transportation for students each school day, and

WHEREAS, The citizens of this state recognize the efforts and dedication of the administrators, teachers, school bus drivers, and other employees who make the school systems operational on a daily basis, and

WHEREAS, All officials of public and non-public schools strive for the efficient and safe transportation of all students, and

WHEREAS, The State of Louisiana, the Department of Education, and the Office of School and Community Support recognize the commendable efforts displayed by all involved in the school transportation program, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Terrebonne Parish School Board does hereby proclaim the week of October 20-24, 2014, as "School Bus Safety Week," and

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

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution in observance of the month of October 2014 as National Anti-Bullying Month in Terrebonne Parish Public Schools:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, School bullying has become an increasingly significant problem in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Almost thirty percent of the youth in the United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully or as a victim; and

WHEREAS, An estimated one hundred sixty thousand students in kindergarten through twelfth grade miss school every day to a fear of being bullied; and

WHEREAS, Bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, and most recently in cyberspace, and can happen in many places on and off school grounds, and

WHEREAS, It is important for Terrebonne Parish School District administrators to be aware of bullying, and to encourage discussion of the problem as a school system; and

WHEREAS, The Terrebonne Parish School District is united in its desire to educate and encourage positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Terrebonne Parish School District hereby proclaims its unified commitment to the education and prevention of bullying within our communities and schools, exploring solutions to the problem, including cyber-bullying, and offering support in raising awareness and recognizing the month of October 2014 as National Anti-Bullying Month in Terrebonne Parish Public Schools.

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

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

Assistant Principal, Caldwell Middle School – LaCest Campbell

Motion of Dr. Babin, seconded by Mr. Harding, unanimously carried, the Board voted to go into executive session, at this time (6:26 P.M.), relative to a parent appeal for early readmission of Student #126191.

Motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duplantis, unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in regular session (6:41 P.M.) with all members present.

Motion of Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Badeaux, unanimously carried, the Board allowed Student #126191 to return to the base school tomorrow, subject to signing a contract.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(6:42 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ Roger Dale DeHart, President

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