

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

October 4, 2016

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. L. P. Bordelon, III, vice president, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Richard Jackson, Mrs. Debi Benoit, Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin, Mr. Donald Duplantis, and Ms. Vicki Bonvillain.

ABSENT: None

President DeHart led the Board and audience in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meeting of September 20, 2016, as recorded.

Several announcements were made by President DeHart regarding upcoming meetings.

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 at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, September 19, 2016, in the Board Room of the School Board Office, with the following members present: Mr. Donald Duplantis, chairman, Mr. Roosevelt Thomas, vice chairman, and Dr. Brenda Leroux Babin. Also in attendance were Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Board president, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, vice president, Ms. Vicki Bonvillain, Mr. Richard Jackson, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

Chairman Duplantis 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 Group Health Reinsurance renewal for 2017.

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

### **RECOMMENDATION NO. 1**

**The Committee recommends** that the Board accept the renewal proposal from HCC Insurance Co., for Stop-Loss Reinsurance for Group Health, with a specific deductible of \$425,000.00 per claim, with a \$250,000.00 Tiered Split Fund, for an estimated annual cost of \$621,950.00, effective January 1, 2017.

Mr. Moore presented the Group Health, Life, and Dental Premium Rates for 2017 (attached).

Superintendent Martin addressed the Committee regarding the School Resource Officers for School Year 2016/2017 (attached).

Mrs. Rebecca Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on the Sales Tax collections report (attached). She stated sales tax collections for the month of July 2016 are approximately 8% lower than July 2015.

There being no further business to come before the **Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee**, motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Babin, the meeting adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donald Duplantis, Chairman

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Roosevelt Thomas, Vice Chairman

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Brenda Leroux Babin, Ph.D.

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Motion of Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Thomas, unanimously carried, the Board accepted the renewal proposal from HCC Insurance Co., for Stop-Loss Reinsurance for Group Health, with a specific deductible of \$425,000.00 per claim, with a \$250,000.00 Tiered Split Fund, for an estimated annual cost of \$621,950.00, effective January 1, 2017.

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

The following report of the Education, Technology, and Policy Committee meeting was presented to the Board with Mr. Jackson, chairman, presiding:

Dear Members of the Board:

**The EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, and POLICY COMMITTEE** met at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, September 26, 2016, in the Board Room of the School Board Office, with the following members present: Mr. Richard Jackson, chairman, Ms. Vicki Bonvillain, vice chairwoman, and Mrs. Debi Benoit. Also in attendance were Mr. Donald Duplantis, Superintendent Philip Martin, and members of the staff.

Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Kim Vauclin, Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance, presented information on the 2016-2017 Student Enrollment, as of September 15, 2016 (attached).

Dr. Myra Austin, District Assessment and Accountability Administrator, presented revisions to the Pupil Progression Plan for the 2016-2017 school year (attached).

#### **RECOMMENDATION NO. 1**

**The Committee recommends** that the Board approve, as presented, revisions to the Pupil Progression Plan for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Aubrey "Bubba" Orgeron, Assistant Superintendent, presented examples of LEAP assessments for grades 3-8 social studies (attached).

Ms. Martha Gilley, Technology Coordinator, Network Manager, and EOC Test Coordinator, presented information on the ActivWall being used in math classrooms at H. L. Bourgeois High School. An ActivWall is a state-of-the-art classroom technology system that includes a 102" interactive surface, a DLP HD solid-state projector, stereo speakers, interactive cloud-based software (ClassFlow), and a wireless mirroring system. The software allows teachers to instantly poll students and get/give instant feedback on the lesson-of-the day (attached).

Ms. Gilley also presented information on the Swivl camera purchased for the foreign language classes at H. L. Bourgeois High School. She stated that the camera provides teachers with an audio/video recording of each student to evaluate the student's speaking skills (attached).

Mr. Leonard Folse, Public Information Officer, presented information on Terrebonne Parish School Board's donations to area flood victims. He stated that donations filled 2½ pallets and were delivered to a collection center in Gonzales, Louisiana, where they were sorted and dispersed to needy families. He expressed thanks to the employees, Board members, students, and members of the public for such a great response for donations; and to Mr. Ronald Labauve of Bluewater Rubber and Gasket Company, with offices in Houma and Baton Rouge, for helping with the delivery (attached).

Mrs. Peggy Marcel, Supervisor of Federal Programs, and Ms. Kwanzaa Bolden, Homeless Liaison and Parental Involvement Coordinator, expressed appreciation to Synergy Bank and United Way of South Louisiana for coordinating a multi-parish school supply drive, called "Pack the Bus," benefiting homeless and needy children within Terrebonne and Lafourche Parish School Districts (attached).

Mr. Orgeron provided information on donations that were made by Books-A-Million, LLC, Store 441 in Houma, Louisiana. An estimated 722 books, worth approximately \$5,600.00, were distributed among elementary, middle/junior high, and high school libraries throughout Terrebonne Parish School District. The District is most appreciative of the very generous donation (attached).

Mr. Orgeron announced the recipients of the 2016-2017 "New" Teacher Grant, awarded by Terrebonne Foundation for Academic Excellence (TFAE). Grants are worth \$500.00 and are to be used for classroom tools benefiting the teacher and their students. He stated that eleven (11) out of seventeen (17) applicants were chosen to receive the "New" Teacher Grant. The Committee expressed appreciation to the staff of TFAE for supporting our teachers and excellence in education (attached).

Mrs. Marcel introduced Ms. Miranda Babin, Principal of Schriever Elementary School, who presented information on the Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant that was awarded to Schriever Elementary School. The grant supplied iPads for students' use to access a program called SmartyAnts. SmartyAnts is a personalized, student differentiated, web-based reading program based on state standards and focuses on skills and strategies that helps students improve reading skills (attached).

There being no further business to come before the **Education, Technology, and Policy Committee**, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Jackson, Chairman

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Vicki Bonvillain, Vice Chairwoman

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Debi Benoit

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Motion of Mr. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board approved, as presented, revisions to the Pupil Progression Plan for the 2016-2017 school year.

The report of the Education, Technology, and Policy 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. Duplantis, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimously carried, the Board received the following Executive Committee report in its entirety:

**The Executive Committee** met at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, president, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, vice president, and Ms. Vicki Bonvillain. Also in attendance were Mr. Donald Duplantis, 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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L. P. Bordelon, III, Vice President

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Vicki Bonvillain

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The Executive Committee report was concluded.

President DeHart then presented, for information only, the following report of the Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc.:

Dear Members of the School Board:

The **Board of Directors of Terrebonne Construction Company, Inc.** met immediately following the Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, in the Board Room of the School Board Office with the following members present: Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, president, Mr. L. P. Bordelon, III, secretary/treasurer, and Ms. Vicki Bonvillain. Also in attendance were Mr. Donald Duplantis, Superintendent Philip Martin, and Mrs. Rebecca Breaux.

The **Board of Directors** received the August 2016 financial statement (attached).

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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L. P. Bordelon, III, Secretary/Treasurer

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Vicki Bonvillain

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

Motion of Mrs. Benoit, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution recognizing October 17-21, 2016, as School Bus Safety Week:

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Whereas** Louisiana parish and city systems provide free transportation for students each school day;

**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;

**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 17-21, 2016, 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 Mrs. Benoit, unanimously seconded, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution in observance of the month of October 2016 as National Anti-Bullying Month in Terrebonne Parish Public Schools:

### RESOLUTION

**Whereas** school bullying has become an increasingly significant problem in the United States;

**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;

**Whereas** an estimated one hundred sixty thousand students in kindergarten through twelfth grade miss school every day to a fear of being bullied;

**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;

**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 2016 as National Anti-Bullying Month in Terrebonne Parish Public Schools; 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, seconded by Mr. Bordelon, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(6:15 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ Roger Dale DeHart, President

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