

TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
201 Stadium Drive
Houma, Louisiana 70360

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – JUNE 16, 2020
(Immediately following 5:00 P.M. Committee Meetings)

Order of Business

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Minutes of School Board Meetings of May 19, 2020, and June 2, 2020

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the minutes of School Board Meetings of May 19, 2020, and June 2, 2020, as recorded.

6. Announcements

6/23

6:00 Special School Board Meeting (Superintendent's Evaluation)

7/7

6:00 Regular School Board Meeting

7/21

5:00 Public Hearing - Adjusted Millage Rate(s) for 2020

5:10 Special School Board Meeting

(Committee meetings to immediately follow Special School Board Meeting):

Buildings, Food Service, & Transportation Committee
Finance, Insurance, & Section 16 Lands Committee
Executive Committee
Education, Technology, & Policy Committee

7/27

7:00 Ellender Memorial High School Graduation (Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center) - **TENTATIVE**

7/28

7:00 H. L. Bourgeois High School Graduation (Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center) - **TENTATIVE**

7/29

7:00 South Terrebonne High School Graduation (Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center) - **TENTATIVE**

7/30

7:00 Terrebonne High School Graduation (Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center) - **TENTATIVE**

7. Board Committee Meeting Report

A. Finance, Insurance, and Section 16 Lands Committee (partial report for the following items)

1) Matter bearing upon Excess Casualty Insurance renewal

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the renewal offer for Excess Casualty Insurance from Berkley Insurance Company (Arthur J. Gallagher of Louisiana, Inc., Broker of Record) covering Automobile Liability, General Liability, Errors and Omissions Liability, and Nurse's Professional Liability with limits of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence with a \$3,000,000.00 General Aggregate limit

for General Liability, \$1,000,000.00 per accident for Auto Liability, and \$1,000,000.00 per claim for Errors and Omissions and Nurse's Professional Liability, subject to \$300,000.00 Self-Insured Retention with an annual premium of \$190,308.00, rejecting Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Liability, effective July 1, 2020, through July 1, 2021, and further, authorize the Board president to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

- 2) Matter bearing upon proposal for Workers' Compensation and Casualty Third Party Administration Services

The Committee recommends that the Board accept the proposal for Third Party Administration services from Gulf South Risk Services, Inc. for the Self-Insured Workers' Compensation and Casualty plans, with an annual fee of \$47,000.00, effective July 1, 2020, through July 1, 2023.

8. Superintendent's Agenda

A. Agenda Items

- (1) Matter pertaining to Adoption of a Resolution Commending Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) in Election of a New State Superintendent of Education for the State of Louisiana

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt the following resolution commending the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) in the election of its new State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Cade Brumley, for the State of Louisiana:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS for the first time in almost a decade, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) has elected a new State Superintendent of Education;

WHEREAS BESE elected Dr. Cade Brumley as the new State Superintendent on May 20, 2020;

WHEREAS Dr. Brumley is imminently qualified, having successfully led both the DeSoto Parish School System and Jefferson Parish School System;

WHEREAS BESE showed commitment to public education and to the people of Louisiana by electing Dr. Brumley; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board expresses its sincere gratitude to Mrs. Sandy Holloway, District 3 Representative and President of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, for supporting the selection of Dr. Brumley, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board commends Mrs. Sandy Holloway for having the courage to put candidate qualifications and public opinions expressed in the survey commissioned by BESE ahead of the urgings of powerful political forces; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) and Mrs. Sandy Holloway, District 3 Representative/President of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

- (2) Matter pertaining to Adoption of a Resolution in Opposition to State Central Collection of Local Sales Taxes

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt the following resolution in Opposition to State Central Collection of Local Sales Taxes:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Article VII, Section 3 of the Louisiana Constitution provides that local sales and use taxes are to be collected by a single collector in each parish;

WHEREAS Article VII, Section 3 also provides for the use of a parish commission or one of the local political subdivisions to serve as the single parish collector of local sales and use taxes;

WHEREAS the authority to “collect” local sales and use taxes has been determined by the Courts to include the authority to administer the collection, including making decisions as to when to audit persons or businesses thought to be unlawfully evading taxation or, in some cases, collecting sales taxes on transactions and failing to fully remit them to the local collector;

WHEREAS School Boards serve as the single parish collector of local sales and use taxes in over thirty (30) parishes;

WHEREAS there are interest groups that desire to amend the LA Constitution to allow the Legislature to repeal or impair the authority of local governments to control the collection of local sales taxes and place that authority with the State, a concept referred to as State Central Collection;

WHEREAS State Central Collection could have the State taking possession of local tax revenues, withholding an administrative fee, then disbursing the balance back to the School Board or other local taxing authority;

WHEREAS State Central Collection poses too great a risk that local education tax dollars will not be promptly disbursed or that the administrative fee withheld by the State may become a means of resolving State fiscal issues;

WHEREAS the risks of State Central Collection are magnified as our School District tries to recover from the loss of sales tax revenue and the increased expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS repealing or diminishing the Constitutional authority for local collection of local sales and use taxes will impair the ability of local collectors to perform the necessary function of auditing vendors to ensure compliance with the legal obligation to collect and remit local sales taxes;

WHEREAS given the vital role that the proper, effective, and efficient collection of local sales and use taxes plays in the operation of school districts and the education of children, the Louisiana School Boards Association opposes any efforts to repeal,

reduce, or constrain the authority of the local collector to collect local sales and use taxes, regardless of who has offered the proposal; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board, by action of its duly elected governing authority, does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Legislature, and in particular, the Legislative Delegation of Terrebonne Parish, to oppose any Legislative effort that repeals, reduces, or constrains the authority of the local collector to collect and administer the collection of local sales and use taxes; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the Terrebonne Parish Legislative Delegation, the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA), and the Honorable Governor John Bel Edwards, State of Louisiana.

9. Adjournment

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