

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

January 4, 2022

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. Gregory Harding, president, presiding, and the following members present: Dr. MayBelle N. Trahan, vice president; Mr. Michael T. LaGarde, Mr. Matthew J. Ford, Mrs. Debi Benoit, Mrs. Stacy V. Solet, Mr. Clyde F. Hamner, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, and Mr. Dane Voisin.

ABSENT: None

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the following individuals who recently passed away:

Pearl U. Williams - retired school custodian  
Emmalene K. Hebert - retired school paraprofessional  
Willie Mae W. Seals - retired school teacher  
Hilda S. Authement - retired school custodian, and  
Celeste Dugan - retired instructional specialist in the Federal Department

Motion of Mr. Hamner, seconded by Dr. Trahan, unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of School Board Meeting of December 7, 2021, and Special School Board Meeting of December 14, 2021, as recorded.

President Harding announced that the first order of business was the election of the president and vice president of the Terrebonne Parish School Board for a one-year term beginning this date.

Nominations for president were then opened.

Mrs. Benoit placed in nomination for the presidency the name of Mr. Gregory Harding.

Mr. Ford placed in nomination for the presidency the name of Mr. Roger Dale DeHart.

Motion of Mr. Hamner, seconded by Mrs. Benoit, unanimously carried, the nominations for the office of president were closed.

A roll call vote having been taken for the election of Mr. Roger Dale DeHart as president, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Mr. Ford and Mr. DeHart

**NAYS:** Mr. LaGarde, Mr. Harding, Mrs. Benoit, Mrs. Solet, Mr. Hamner, Dr. Trahan, and Mr. Voisin

**ABSENT:** None

A roll call vote then having been called for on the election of Mr. Gregory Harding as president, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Mr. LaGarde, Mr. Harding, Mrs. Benoit, Mrs. Solet, Mr. Hamner, Dr. Trahan, and Mr. Voisin

**NAYS:** Mr. DeHart

**ABSTAIN:** Mr. Ford

**ABSENT:** None

Mr. Gregory Harding was declared elected President of the Terrebonne Parish School Board for a one-year term beginning this date.

President Harding announced that nominations were open for the office of vice president of the Board for a one-year term beginning this date.

Mr. Voisin placed in nomination for the vice presidency the name of Dr. MayBelle Trahan.

Mr. Ford placed in nomination for the vice presidency the name of Mr. Michael LaGarde; however, Mr. LaGarde declined the nomination.

The nominations for the office of vice president were closed.

Motion of Mr. Voisin, seconded by Mrs. Benoit, with the exception of Mr. Ford and Mr. DeHart, who objected, the Board declared Dr. MayBelle Trahan elected Vice President of the Terrebonne Parish School Board for a one-year term beginning this date.

Ms. Glenda Fanguy, citizen, addressed the Board regarding "Election of New Superintendent for Terrebonne Parish."

At this time, President Harding recognized Mr. Carl Harding, Terrebonne Parish Councilman, who was in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Ms. Shari Champagne, citizen, addressed the Board regarding "Progressive Curriculum, \$200 Million Dollars for Rebuilding, and Superintendent Replacement Process."

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Mr. Ford, unanimously carried, the Board granted Ms. Champagne additional time to complete her presentation.

Several announcements were made by President Harding relative to upcoming meetings.

Motion of Mr. DeHart, seconded by Dr. Trahan, unanimously carried, the Board adopted the following resolution authorizing and approving the form and execution of the Loan and Assignment Agreement, the Trust Indenture, the Bond Purchase Agreement and/or Bond Placement Agreement, and other certificates, documents or instruments in connection with issuance, sale and delivery of a financing in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Five Million Dollars (\$105,000,000) through the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (LCDA); and further, authorized the Board President and Superintendent to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto:

**TERREBONNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 1929**

**A Resolution of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "Board"), acting as the governing authority of Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "District"), authorizing and approving the form and execution of the Loan and Assignment Agreement, the Trust Indenture, the Bond Purchase Agreement and/or Bond Placement Agreement,**

**and other certificates, documents or instruments in connection with issuance, sale and delivery of a financing in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Five Million Dollars (\$105,000,000) through the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority, and providing for other matters with respect thereto.**

**WHEREAS** it is the purpose of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "**Authority**") to encourage public infrastructure and public works of all types, and to assist political subdivisions in constructing public works and in financing and refinancing the construction of public infrastructure and public works;

**WHEREAS** the Parish School Board of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "**Board**"), acting as the governing authority of Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana (the "**District**"), is a participating political subdivision of the Authority in accordance with Chapter 10 D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:4548.1 through 33:4548.16, inclusive) (the "**Act**");

**WHEREAS** on December 7, 2021, the Board, acting as the governing authority of the District, adopted a Resolution declaring its intention to proceed with a financing through the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "**Authority**") in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) of the Authority's Revenue Bonds for the purpose of timely financing damage demolition, repair, reconstruction, renovation, restoration, and improvement of its facilities (the "**Project**"), and authorizing an application to the Authority and the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the "**Bond Commission**");

**WHEREAS** preliminary approval of the bonds was granted by the Authority on December 9, 2021, and the Authority is expected to grant final approval on January 13, 2022;

**WHEREAS** approval of the bonds is expected to be granted by the Bond Commission on January 20, 2022; and

**WHEREAS** the Board has determined that it is in the Board's best interest to request the Authority to authorize, sell and issue the first series of bonds through the Authority by authorizing and approving the form and execution of a Loan and Assignment Agreement (the "**Loan Agreement**"), a Bond Purchase Agreement (the "**Bond Purchase Agreement**") and/or Bond Placement Agreement (the "**Placement Agreement**") and any other certificates, documents or instruments deemed necessary in such form as may be approved by the Authority and its counsel, as well as bond counsel to the Authority,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, does hereby declare, as follows:

**Section 1.** The statements of fact expressly contained within the preamble to this Resolution have been specifically reviewed by the members of the Board and are found to be factually true and correct and are made resolutions of the Board.

**Section 2.** The Board is hereby authorized to proceed with a financing through the Authority and the Board hereby requests the Authority to authorize and issue, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Five Million Dollars (\$105,000,000), its Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Terrebonne Parish School Recovery Project), Series

2022A (the "**Bonds**"), as the first series of bonds approved by the Authority on January 13, 2022.

**Section 3.** The Bonds shall be issued and sold by the Authority only as fully registered bonds in the denominations of at least \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. The Bonds shall mature not later than twenty (20) years from their date of issuance and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed five percent (5.00%) *per annum*.

**Section 4.** The form and terms of the Loan Agreement, the Trust Indenture, the Bond Purchase Agreement or the Bond Placement Agreement, and all other ancillary documents related to the issuance of the Bonds are hereby approved substantially in the forms approved by bond counsel to the Authority. Upon sale of the Bonds, the Superintendent and other officials of the Board, as executive officers, are each authorized, empowered and directed to execute on behalf of the Board, the Bond Purchase Agreement, if necessary, the Placement Agreement by and between the Authority, the Board and the Placement Agent, the Loan Agreement, and any other certificates, documents or instruments in such form as may be approved by Bond Counsel to the Authority, in order to effectuate the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds.

**Section 5.** If any provision or item of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable.

**Section 6.** The Authority is hereby requested to take all actions necessary to issue and sell the Bonds.

**Section 7.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION** having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Mr. Michael LaGarde, Mr. Gregory Harding, Mr. Matthew Ford, Mrs. Debi Benoit, Mrs. Stacy Solet, Mr. Clyde Hamner, Mr. Roger Dale DeHart, Dr. MayBelle Trahan, and Mr. Dane Voisin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

President Harding declared the foregoing motion to adopt the resolution carried.

Motion of Mr. Voisin, seconded by Mrs. Benoit, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution recognizing January 2022 as "Local School Board Member Recognition Month" in the State of Louisiana:

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **Louisiana School Board Member Recognition Month January 2022**

**Whereas** the mission of public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become

competent, productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world;

**Whereas** local School Board Members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child;

**Whereas** local School Board Members work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students;

**Whereas** local School Board Members are responsible for ensuring the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

**Whereas** local School Board Members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** the Terrebonne Parish School Board hereby declares the month of January 2022 as School Board Member Recognition Month and encourages local school districts and community leaders to appropriately recognize our state's dedicated School Board Members; and be it finally

**Resolved**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all local media contacts and Terrebonne Parish public schools and office buildings.

Motion of Mr. Hamner, seconded by Mr. LaGarde, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution recognizing February 2022 as African American History Month in Terrebonne Parish Schools:

### **RESOLUTION**

**Whereas** the month of February is traditionally observed as African American History Month;

**Whereas** the observance of a special period to recognize achievements and contributions by African Americans dates back to February 1926; and

**Whereas** the observance period is ultimately the recognition of America's struggle to become a more perfect union; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board recognizes February 2022 as African American History Month in the Terrebonne Parish Public Schools and encourages administrators, teachers, and students to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs that raise awareness and appreciation of African American History; and be it further

**Resolved**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Terrebonne Parish Public Schools and office buildings.

Motion of Mrs. Solet, seconded by Mr. Hamner, unanimously carried, the Board approved the following proclamation recognizing February 7-11, 2022, as National School Counseling Week in Terrebonne Parish Schools:

## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas** School Counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential;

**Whereas** School Counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development;

**Whereas** School Counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal, and social growth of their children;

**Whereas** School Counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves;

**Whereas** School Counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

**Whereas** comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in schools; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Terrebonne Parish School Board recognizes February 7-11, 2022, as National School Counseling Week in Terrebonne Parish Public Schools; and be it further

**Resolved**, that copies of this proclamation be forwarded to all Terrebonne Parish Public Schools and office buildings.

Superintendent Philip Martin presented the following personnel actions for the period of November 29, 2021, through December 10, 2021 [list of professional instructional and non-instructional/support personnel (appointments, resignations, and retirements – Information Only)]:

### New Employees - Professional Instructional Personnel

Name	Position	Certification	Location	Effective Date
CHAISSON, CHELSEA	ELEM 1-8 TEACHER	Degreed/Non-Certified	LACACHE MIDDLE	11/29/21
HUTCHINSON, ABBY	MM INCLUSION TCHR	Certified	BOURG ELEMENTARY	11/30/21
MYLES, ASHLEY	ELEM 1-8 TEACHER	Degreed/Non-Certified	OAKLAWN MIDDLE	11/29/21
NOVAK, BRITTANY	ELEM 1-8 TEACHER	Certified	ACADIAN ELEMENTARY	11/29/21

### New Employees - Non-Instructional Personnel

Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
AUSTIN, MICHELLE	SFS TECHNICIAN	SOUTHDOWN ELEMENTARY	12/06/21
BINGHAM, DANYELL	FLEET FACILITATOR	TRANSPORTATION	11/30/21
DARDAR, PENNY	SFS TECHNICIAN	OAKLAWN MIDDLE	12/06/21
LIRETTE, KRISTAL	SFS TECHNICIAN	UPPER LITTLE CAILLOU ELEM	12/06/21
MELANCON, CARLA	SFS TECHNICIAN	SOUTH TERREBONNE HIGH	12/06/21
SHEALS, AMI	ESL PARA	WEST PARK ANNEX - FEDERAL	11/29/21
VERRETT, RAVEN	SCHOOL SECRETARY A-1	SOUTH TERREBONNE HIGH	11/29/21

### Resignations - Professional Instructional Personnel

Name	Position	Certification	Location	Term Code	Term Date
COLLINS, MARTY	SECONDARY TEACHER	Certified	TERREBONNE HIGH	Resigned	12/06/21
GRIFFIN, ALLISON	ELEM 1-8 TEACHER	Certified	LACACHE MIDDLE	Resigned	11/30/21

### Resignations - Non-Instructional Personnel

Name	Position	Location	Term Code	Term Date
FRANKLIN, TERRELL	CUSTODIAN III-A 12M	HONDURAS ELEMENTARY	Resigned	12/02/21
PELLEGRIN, AMANDA	CUSTODIAN III-A 12M	MONTEGUT MIDDLE	Resigned	11/30/21

### Retirements - Professional Instructional Personnel

Name	Position	Service Years	Location	Term Code	Term Date
THOMAS, DENISE	ELEM COMPUTER LAB TCHR	07.36 YEARS	OAKLAWN MIDDLE	Service Retirement	12/03/21

Motion of Mr. Voisin, seconded by Mrs. Solet, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy FILE: F-11.4a for Sherkendra Short, School Bus Operator in the Transportation Department, beginning January 10, 2022, through January 31, 2022 (medical).

Motion of Mrs. Solet, seconded by Mr. Hamner, unanimously carried, the Board approved a family and medical leave in accordance with Policy FILE: F-11.4a for Lauren Cunningham, Teacher at Lisa Park Elementary School, beginning January 10, 2022, through April 8, 2022 (medical).

Motion of Mr. Hamner, seconded by Dr. Trahan, unanimously carried, the Board approved a leave of absence without pay in accordance with Policy FILE: F-11.10 for Lloyd Wallis, School Bus Operator in the Transportation Department, beginning December 6, 2021, through December 5, 2022 (personal).

Motion of Mr. Voisin, seconded by Mrs. Solet, unanimously carried, the Board approved a leave of absence without pay in accordance with Policy FILE: F-11.10 for Ron Cox, School Bus Operator in the Transportation Department, beginning December 13, 2021, through December 12, 2022 (personal).

President Harding addressed the Board regarding "Matter pertaining to selection of project manager(s)."

Dr. Trahan moved, seconded by Mr. Voisin, that the Board accept the proposals, meeting all specifications, on the Project Management Services RFP from Volkert, Inc. and The Merlin Group, Ltd, beginning January 5, 2022, for a period of two years, with options to extend in one-year increments at the same prices, terms, and conditions, subject to negotiations, and further, authorize the Board president to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. LaGarde, offered a substitute motion, that the Board accept the proposals, meeting all specifications, on the Project Management Services RFP from Volkert, Inc. and Hammerman & Gainer, LLC, beginning January 5, 2022, for a period of two years, with options to extend in one-year increments at the same prices, terms, and conditions, subject to negotiations, and further, authorize the Board president to sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto.

Following a lengthy discussion, a roll call vote having been called for on the substitute motion, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Mr. LaGarde, Mr. Harding, Mr. Ford, Mrs. Benoit, and Mr. Hamner

**NAYS:** Mrs. Solet, Mr. DeHart, Dr. Trahan, and Mr. Voisin

**ABSENT:** None

President Harding declared the foregoing substitute motion carried.

Motion of Mr. Hamner, seconded by Dr. Trahan, unanimously carried, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting **(7:30 P.M.)**.

/s/ Philip Martin, Secretary

/s/ Gregory Harding, President

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