

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RESERVE, LA – MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2015**

ITEM 1: The Chair called the meeting to order and read the following call:

HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
Parish of St. John the Baptist

Dear Board Member:

Upon call of the President, the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board will meet in regular session at Godchaux Grammar Cafeteria, 1600 Highway 44, Reserve, Louisiana, on Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

An agenda for the meeting is attached.

Sincerely, s/Kevin R. George
Superintendent/Secretary

The Chair called for the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Jack, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wallace, Triche, Jones
ABSENT: Burl, Keller, Sanders, Wise, Nicholas

There were 6 members present, 5 absent.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ITEM 3a. Meeting of March 4, 2015.

MOTION BY: Triche

SECOND BY: Wallace

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the meeting of March 4, 2015.

No objections.

The motion carried.

ITEM 4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. George stated that testing is ongoing and we have experienced no problems. St. John Parish had 0 parents choose to opt-out of the PARCC testing.

Mr. Sanders arrived at 6:04 p.m. and was recorded as present.

Mr. Burl arrived at 6:15 p.m. and was recorded as present.

Mr. George also acknowledged Ms. Erica Merrick and West St. John High School for their recent recognition for outstanding achievement in College and Career Readiness by the ACT at the LA Gear Up Conference. WSJH is the first school in the state of Louisiana to receive this award. During the 2014 school year, 67% of WSJH seniors achieved a 17 and above on the ACT test. This was an increase of 21% growth compared to the previous year. This percentage was above the District (51%) and State (59%) averages.

The Chair stated that Item 7a would be heard at this time.

ITEM 7a. Mr. Hugh Martin – To consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution authorizing the advertising for bids for the purchase of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2015, of School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith

MOTION BY: Burl

SECOND BY: Entire Board

MOTION: To adopt the following resolution authorizing the advertising for bids for the purchase of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2015, of School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

No objections.

The motion carried.

8 Yeas – Jack, Burl, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wallace, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

3 Absent – Keller, Wise, Nicholas

Mr. Hugh Martin asked that the Board consider changing the time of the May 7th meeting to a morning meeting, in an effort to secure better interest rates. The board agreed that the May 7, 2015 meeting will be moved to 10:00 a.m.



The following resolution was offered by Albert Burl and unanimously seconded:

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing the advertising for sealed bids for the purchase of Ten Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$10,380,000) of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2015, of School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, that:

1. SECTION The President of the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority") is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to advertise in accordance with the provisions of law for sealed paper or electronic bids via PARITY® for the purchase of Ten Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$10,380,000) of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2015 (the "Bonds") of School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), authorized at a special election held in the Issuer on May 3, 2014, for the purpose of acquiring and/or improving lands for building sites and playgrounds, including construction of necessary sidewalks and streets adjacent thereto; purchasing, erecting and/or improving school buildings and other school related facilities within and for the District and acquiring the necessary equipment and furnishings therefor, title to which shall be in the public, under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, Sub-Part A, Part III, Chapter 4, Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority. The Bonds will be initially issued in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), as registered owner of the Bonds, and held in the custody of DTC (unless the successful bidder elects at the time of the sale to require bonds in other than book-entry only form). The Issuer and the Paying Agent acknowledge that they have executed and delivered a Letter of Representation with DTC and that the terms and provisions of said Letter of Representation shall govern in the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this resolution and said Letter of Representation. A single certificate will be issued and delivered to DTC for each maturity of the Bonds. The Beneficial Owners will not receive physical delivery of Bond certificates except as provided herein. Beneficial Owners are expected to receive a written confirmation of their purchase providing details for the Bonds acquired. For so long as DTC shall continue to serve as securities depository for the Bonds as provided herein, all transfers of beneficial ownership interest will be made by book-entry only, and no investor or other party purchasing, selling or otherwise transferring beneficial ownership of Bonds is to receive, hold or deliver any Bond certificate.

For every transfer and exchange of the Bonds, the Beneficial Owner may be charged a sum sufficient to cover such Beneficial Owner's allocable share of any tax, fee or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto.

Bond certificates are required to be delivered to and registered in the name of the Beneficial Owner under the following circumstances:

- a. DTC determines to discontinue providing its service with respect to the Bonds. Such a determination may be made at any time by giving 30 days' notice to the Issuer and the Paying Agent and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law.
- b. The Issuer determines that continuation of the system of book-entry transfer through DTC (or a successor securities depository) is not in the best interests of the Beneficial Owners.

The Issuer and the Paying Agent will recognize DTC or its nominee as the Bondholder for all purposes, including notices and voting.

Neither the Issuer, nor the Paying Agent are responsible for the performance by DTC of any of its obligations, including, without limitation, the payment of moneys received by DTC, the forwarding of notices received by DTC or the giving of any consent or proxy in lieu of consent.

Whenever during the term of the Bonds the beneficial ownership thereof is determined by a book entry at DTC, the requirements of this resolution of holding, delivering or transferring the Bonds shall be deemed modified to require the appropriate person to meet the requirements of DTC as to registering or transferring the book entry to produce the same effect.

If at any time DTC ceases to hold the Bonds, all references herein to DTC shall be of no further force or effect.

The winning bidder (the "Purchaser") at the time of the sale, however, may elect to not receive book-entry only Bonds, in which case the Purchaser will receive one type written Bond per maturity, exchangeable in the manner provided in the Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery, will be payable from unlimited ad valorem taxation, will be in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) each, or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity, and will bear interest from date thereof, or the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, at a rate or rates not exceeding five per centum (5%) per annum on any Bond in any interest payment period, said interest to be payable on September 1, 2015, and semiannually thereafter on March 1 and September 1 of each year. The Bonds will mature serially on March 1 of each year as follows, to-wit:

YEAR	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	YEAR	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
2016	\$345,000	2026	\$515,000
2017	360,000	2027	535,000
2018	375,000	2028	560,000
2019	390,000	2029	580,000
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2023	460,000	2033	685,000
2024	475,000	2034	710,000
2025	495,000	2035	740,000

2. SECTION Those Bonds maturing March 1, 2026, and thereafter, will be callable for redemption by the Issuer in full or in part at any time on or after March 1, 2025, and if less than a full maturity, then by lot within such maturity, at the principal amount thereof and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Bonds are not required to be redeemed in inverse order of maturity. In the event a Bond is of a denomination larger than \$5,000, a portion of such Bond (\$5,000 or any multiple thereof) may be redeemed. Official notice of such call of any of the Bonds for redemption will be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, by notice deposited in the United States mails not less than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date addressed to the registered owner of each bond to be redeemed at his address as shown on the registration books of the Paying Agent.

3. SECTION The Bonds shall be sold in the manner required by law, and in accordance with the terms of this resolution, the official Notice of Bond Sale herein set forth, and the Official Statement referred to in Section 6 hereof. In advertising the Bonds for sale, the Parish School Board shall reserve the right to reject any and all bids received.

4. SECTION The President of the Governing Authority is hereby further empowered, authorized and directed to issue a Notice of Bond Sale and cause the same to be published as required by law, which Notice of Bond Sale shall be in substantially the following form:

**OFFICIAL
NOTICE OF BOND SALE**

\$10,380,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2015

OF THE

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**Sealed bids or electronic bids via PARITY®
will be received until 10:00 o'clock a.m., Central Time (Louisiana Time), on
Thursday, May 7, 2015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority") acting as the governing authority of School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, will receive sealed bids or electronic bids **via PARITY®** at the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board Meeting Room located in the Central Office, 118 W. 10th Street, Reserve, Louisiana 70084 **until Ten (10:00) o'clock a.m., Louisiana Time, Central Time, on Thursday, May 7, 2015,** (or such other date as may be determined by the President and advertised by Munifacts Disclosure Service) for the purchase of Ten Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$10,380,000) of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2015 (the "Bonds") of School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), authorized at a special election held in the Issuer on May 3, 2014, for the purpose of acquiring and/or improving lands for building sites and playgrounds, including construction of necessary sidewalks and streets adjacent thereto; purchasing, erecting and/or improving school buildings and other school related facilities within and for the District and acquiring the necessary equipment and furnishings therefor, title to which shall be in the public, under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, Sub-Part A, Part III, Chapter 4, Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority.

Electronic bids will be received for the Bonds via PARITY®, in the manner described below, until 10:00 a.m., Louisiana time, on Thursday, May 7, 2015.

Bids may be submitted electronically via PARITY® pursuant to this Official Notice of Bond Sale until 10:00 a.m., Louisiana time, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY® conflict with this Official Notice of Bond Sale, the terms of this Official Notice of Bond Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY®, potential bidders may contact PARITY® at (212) 849-5021.

Each prospective electronic bidder shall be solely responsible to register to bid via PARITY® as described above. Each qualified prospective electronic bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY® for the purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of the Notice of Sale. Neither the Issuer nor PARITY®, shall have any duty or obligation to provide or assure access to PARITY® to any prospective bidder, and neither the Issuer nor PARITY® shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to register to bid or for proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, PARITY®. The Issuer is using PARITY® as a communication mechanism, and not as the Issuer's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. No other form of electronic bid or provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. The Issuer is not bound by any advice and determination of PARITY® to the effect that any particular bid complies with the terms of this Official Notice of Bond Sale and in particular the bid requirements hereinafter set forth. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their

registration and submission of bids via PARITY® are the sole responsibility of the bidders; and the Issuer is not responsible, directly or indirectly, for any of such costs or expenses. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in submitting, modifying or withdrawing a bid for the Bonds, he should telephone PARITY® at (212) 849-5021 and notify the Issuer's Bond Counsel, Foley & Judell, L.L.P. at (504) 568-1249.

Electronic bids must be submitted for the purchase of the Bonds via PARITY®. Bids will be communicated electronically to the Issuer at 10:00 a.m., local Louisiana time, on May 7, 2015. Prior to that time, a prospective bidder may (1) submit the proposed terms of its bid via PARITY®, (2) modify the proposed terms of its bid, in which event the proposed terms as last modified will (unless the bid is withdrawn as described herein) constitute its bid for the Bonds, or (3) withdraw its proposed bid. Once the bids are communicated electronically via PARITY® to the Issuer, each bid will constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms therein provided. For purposes of the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained on PARITY® shall constitute the official time.

Bids will also be accepted in written form on the Official Bid Form. The Issuer will receive sealed bids at the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board Meeting Room located in the Central Office, 118 W. 10th Street, Reserve, Louisiana 70084, for the purchase of \$10,380,000 of principal amount of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2015 of School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana. Each bid must be in written form on the Official Bid Form in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal for the Purchase of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2015 of School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana". For purposes of accepting written bids, the time as maintained on PARITY® shall constitute the official time.

The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery, will be payable from unlimited ad valorem taxation, and will be in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) each, or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity. The Bonds will bear interest from date thereof or the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, at a rate or rates not exceeding five per centum (5%) per annum on any Bond in any interest payment period, said interest to be payable on September 1, 2015, and semiannually thereafter on March 1 and September 1 of each year. The Bonds will mature serially on March 1 of each year as follows, to-wit:

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The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds in "book-entry only" form and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the bonds, and purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. The winning bidder (the "Purchaser") at the time of the sale, however, may elect to not receive book-entry only Bonds, in which case the Purchaser will receive one type written Bond per maturity, exchangeable in the manner provided in the Resolution.

Those Bonds maturing March 1, 2026, and thereafter, will be callable for redemption by the Issuer in full or in part at any time on or after March 1, 2025, and if less than a full maturity, then by lot within such maturity, at the principal amount thereof and accrued interest, if any, to the date fixed for redemption. Bonds are not required to be redeemed in inverse order of maturity. In the event a Bond is of a denomination larger than \$5,000, a portion of such Bond (\$5,000 or any multiple thereof) may be redeemed. Official notice of such call of any of the Bonds for redemption will be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, by notice deposited in the United States mails not less than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date addressed to the registered owner of each bond to be redeemed at his address as shown on the registration books of the Paying Agent.

The principal of the Bonds, upon maturity or redemption, will be payable at the principal corporate trust office of the Paying Agent upon presentation and surrender thereof, and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Paying Agent by check mailed by the Paying Agent to the registered owner (determined as of the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding said interest payment date) at the address as shown on the books of said Paying Agent. Said Paying Agent will be a qualified bank or trust company selected by the Issuer.

Except as provided under DTC's book-entry only system, the Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned only on the registration books of the Paying Agent, and such registration shall be at the expense of the Issuer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bonds or by other instruments of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent to the last assignee (the new registered owner) in exchange for such transferred and assigned Bonds after receipt of the Bonds to be transferred in proper form. Such new Bond or Bonds must be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent shall be required to issue, register, transfer or exchange (i) any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding an interest payment date and ending at the close of business on the interest payment date, or (ii) any Bond called for redemption prior to maturity during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the date of the mailing of a notice of redemption of such Bonds and ending on the date of such redemption.

In connection with the sale of the Bonds, a good faith deposit of 1% of the principal amount of the Bonds will be required. *The manner and timing of such deposit shall be set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement for the Bonds.* The good faith deposit of the successful bidder or bidders will be deposited and the proceeds credited against the purchase price of the series of Bonds, or in the case of neglect or refusal to comply with such bid, will be forfeited to the Issuer as and for liquidated damages. No interest will be allowed on the amount of the good faith deposit.

Bidders shall name the rate or rates of interest the Bonds shall bear, not exceeding five per centum (5%) per annum on any Bond in any interest payment period. Bids must stipulate a purchase price for the Bonds of not less than the par value thereof and accrued interest, if any, from the date of the Bonds to the date of delivery of the Bonds. No bid which specifies cancellation of the Bonds will be considered. No bids providing for additional or supplemental interest will be considered.

The Governing Authority will meet at the place and time hereinabove set forth for the receipt of bids. The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid offers the lowest "true interest cost" to the Issuer for the full authorized amount of the Bonds, to be determined by doubling the semiannual interest rate (compounded semiannually) necessary to discount the debt service payments on the Bonds from the payment dates to the date of delivery, such that the sum of such present values is equal to the price bid, including any premium bid (the preceding calculation is sometimes referred to as the "Canadian Interest Cost Method" or "Present Value Method"). In the case of a tie bid, the winning bid will be awarded by lot. If any bid for the Bonds shall be acceptable, a prompt award of the bonds will be made. The right is expressly reserved to waive any irregularity in any bid or to reject any and all bids received.

The Official Statement containing pertinent information relative to the authorization, sale and security of the Bonds is being prepared and may be obtained upon its completion from the Issuer's Bond Counsel, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., One Canal Place, Suite 2600, 365 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. The Purchaser will be furnished a reasonable number of final official statements on or before the seventh business day following the sale of the Bonds.

The approving legal opinion of Foley & Judell, L.L.P., Bond Counsel, who have supervised the proceedings, the printed Bonds and the transcripts of record as passed upon will be furnished to the successful bidders without cost to them. Said transcripts will contain the usual closing proofs, including a certificate that up to the time of delivery no litigation has been filed questioning the validity of the Bonds or the respective tax revenues necessary to pay the same.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Parish School Board on March 19, 2015, authorizing the advertising for sealed bids for the purchase of Ten Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$10,380,000) of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2015 of School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature of the Parish School Board on this, the 19th day of March, 2015.

Secretary

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The Chair stated that Item 8a would be heard at this time.

ITEM 8a. Ms. Cindy Janecke - Request Board approval on the Lake Pontchartrain Elementary demolition bids

MOTION BY: Burl

SECOND BY: Sanders

MOTION: To accept ARC Abatement 1, Ltd. with a base bid of \$615,278 for the Demolition of the Existing Lake Pontchartrain Elementary School.

No objections.

The motion carried.

8 Yeas – Jack, Burl, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wallace, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

3 Absent – Keller, Wise, Nicholas

ITEM 5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS BY THE BOARD OR STAFF

- a. Ms. Page Eschette - Students of the Year
- b. Ms. Page Eschette - Teachers of the Year
- c. Ms. Page Eschette - Outstanding Support Staff of the Year
- d. Ms. Page Eschette - Principal of the Year

Ms. Page Eschette, along with Superintendent Kevin R. George, presented each group of recipients with a token of appreciation. The Students of the Year each received a Kindle E-Reader, which was generously donated by RTC and presented by Mr. Jeep Barrios.

**St. John the Baptist Parish
2015 Top Awards – Updated March 19, 2015**

5th Grade	
East St. John Elementary	Jai Gaines
Emily C. Watkins Elementary	Kennedi Browning
Fifth Ward Elementary	Muntrail Jones
Garyville/Mt. Airy Magnet School	Cheyenne Hidalgo
John L. Ory Magnet School	Jada Brown
LaPlace Elementary School	Eian Bailey
West St. John Elementary	Madison Dinvaut
Lake Pontchartrain Elementary & 5th Grade District Student of the Year is Victoria Scott	
8th Grade	
East St. John Elementary	Khalin Hart
Emily C. Watkins Elementary	Brendon Nunnery
Fifth Ward Elementary	Kendra Gaines
Garyville/Mt. Airy Magnet School	Joseph Mamou
John L. Ory Magnet School	Cameron Cage

Lake Pontchartrain Elementary	Jessica Parker
West St. John High	Anthony Cases
LaPlace Elementary School & 8th Grade District Student of the Year is Skiler Cornish	
12th Grade	
West St. John High School	Michael Sanders
East St. John High School & 12th District Student of the Year Aubrey Stewart	

Teacher of the Year Awards

Robyn Gibson-Bazile	East St. John Elementary	Elementary
Rajeane Populus	Emily C. Watkins Elementary	Elementary
Tina McAlister	Fifth Ward Elementary	Elementary
Stacey Lasseigne	Garyville/Mt. Airy Magnet School	Elementary
Maria Zeledon	John L. Ory Magnet	Elementary
Carlina Blossom	Lake Pontchartrain Elementary	Elementary
Elma Saul	West St. John Elementary	Elementary
Lynn Jamieson	LaPlace Elementary	Elementary Teacher of the Year
Ashley Weber	East St. John Elementary	Middle School
Nadine Stewart	Emily C. Watkins Elementary	Middle School
Lucas Santos	Fifth Ward Elementary	Middle School
Bertha Spivey-Steward	Garyville/Mt. Airy Magnet School	Middle School
Kelley Thompson	Lake Pontchartrain Elementary	Middle School
Brett Zimmerman	West St. John Elementary	Middle School
Marcus Gilbert	LaPlace Elementary	Middle School
Natalie Klibert	John L. Ory Magnet School	Middle School Teacher of the Year
Thomas Walters	West St. John High School	High School
Claude Hill, Jr.	East St. John High School	High School Teacher of the Year

Outstanding School Support Employee

Chanda Waguespack	Emily C. Watkins Elementary – School Secretary
Nycole Brown	West St. John Elementary – School Secretary
Dawn Cola	West St. John High – School Secretary
JoAnn Boudreaux	LaPlace Elementary – Food Service Manager
Natasha Creecy	Lake Pontchartrain Elementary - Paraprofessional
Michelle Dennis	Fifth Ward Elementary – School Secretary
Marlin Harris	St. John Child Development Center - Paraprofessional
Brenda Vicknair	East St. John High - Paraprofessional
Allison Duhe	John L. Ory Magnet School – School Secretary
Tina Sander	East St. John Elementary – School Secretary
Lashawna Miller Oubre	Garyville/Mt. Airy Magnet - Paraprofessional

Principal of the Year

Antoinette Robinet – Emily C. Watkins Elementary School

The Chair declared a recess at 6:45 p.m.

MOTION BY: Burl

SECOND BY: Triche

MOTION: To reconvene in regular session.

No objections.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 6:51 p.m.

Mr. Sanders left the meeting at 6:51 p.m. and was recorded as absent.

ITEM 6. PERSONNEL MATTERS - None

ITEM 7. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

ITEM 7a. Addressed earlier in the meeting.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS

Item 8b. Mr. Albert A. Burl III – Request Approval of New Policy: FGCA: Liability of General Construction Contractors and Construction Subcontractors for Sales and Use Taxes

MOTION BY: Burl

SECOND BY: DeFrancesch

MOTION: To approve the New Policy FGCA: Liability of General Construction Contractors and Construction Subcontractors for Sales and Use Taxes.

No objections.

The motion carried.

7 Yeas – Jack, Burl, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wallace, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

4 Absent – Keller, Sanders, Wise, Nicholas

**FGCA:
LIABILITY OF GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR
AND CONSTRUCTION SUBCONTRACTORS FOR SALSE AND USE TAXES**

The St. John the Baptist Parish School Board, in order to assure proper payment of sales and use taxes by contractors and subcontractors, implements the following guidelines:

1. Within thirty (30) days of the execution of a construction contract, a general construction contractor shall submit to the *St. John Sales Tax Collection Department*, referred to as *Department*, a list of all construction subcontractors directly engaged by the general construction contractor for such particular construction contract. The list shall include the construction subcontractor's city sales and use tax registration number (if any), together with the construction subcontractor's physical address and telephone number. Should a construction subcontractor be engaged by the general construction contractor with respect to such construction contract subsequent to the submission of such list to the Department, such general construction contractor shall, within thirty (30) days from the execution of the contract engaging such construction subcontractor, submit the above information regarding the additional construction subcontractor to the Department.
2. After review of the list(s) referred to in 1. above, if the Department determines that a construction subcontractor is not registered with the Department, or has failed to timely file one or more local sales and use tax returns, the general construction contractor shall, upon written notification and request by the Department via certified mail, withhold an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of the construction subcontractor's materials portion of the construction contract. Such written notification and request by the Department shall identify the construction subcontractor and the amount requested to be withheld. The Department shall also notify the construction subcontractor via certified mail that the construction subcontractor has ninety (90) days from the receipt of such notification to obtain a written release from the Department and to present such release to the general construction contractor, which shall authorize the general construction contractor to release the withheld funds. If the construction subcontractor fails to obtain the release within the ninety (90) day period, the general construction contractor shall, upon request by the Department, remit the amounts withheld from such construction subcontractor to the Department. Upon proof by the construction subcontractor that the Department erroneously instructed the general construction contractor to withhold and remit said amounts, within thirty (30) days after such proof has been made, the Department shall cause a refund to be made, as provided by law, to such construction subcontractor for any amounts which were erroneously withheld and remitted to the Department.
3. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of the required lists from the general construction contractor, the Department shall issue to the general construction contractor appropriate documentation evidencing that the general construction contractor has complied with all requirements with respect to each such construction contract. Such documentation shall release the general construction contractor from liability for any sales or use tax incurred by the construction subcontractors in connection with the construction contract to which such documentation relates.
4. If the general construction contractor has omitted one (1) or more construction subcontractors from the list(s) submitted to the Department, or the general construction contractor has failed to withhold any amounts due a construction subcontractor after receipt of notification and request by the Department, then the Department may proceed directly against the general construction contractor for any unpaid local sales or use taxes incurred in connection with the construction contract by that omitted construction subcontractor, or by that construction subcontractor to whom payments were made by the general construction contractor after receipt of notification and request by the Department.

Any general construction contractor who fails to substantially comply with this policy of the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board shall be liable for all sales and use taxes of its subconstruction contractors to the extent of the noncompliance.

New policy: March, 2015

ITEM 9. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 9a. Ms. Heidi Trosclair – Introduction of the 2015-2016 School Calendar

Ms. Trosclair stated that this item was for introduction only and the Calendar Committee would be asking for approval at the April 1, 2015 meeting.

St. John the Baptist Parish School System
School Calendar 2015 – 2016
PROPOSED

August	
5 – 6	Professional Development Days
7	Teacher Work Day

10 First Day of School for Students
 17 First Day for Kindergarten/Universal PreK/LA4/Model Early Students
 21 First Day for HeadStart Students

September

7 Labor Day Holiday
 21 Professional Development Day – No School for Students

October

9 End of First Nine Weeks
 12 – 13 Fall Break – Schools Closed

November

2 Professional Development Day – No School for Students
 23 – 27 Thanksgiving Holidays
 30 EOC Testing Begins

December

18 End of Second Nine Weeks
 21 – 31 Christmas Holidays

January

1 New Year’s Holidays
 4 Professional Development Day – No School for Students
 5 Students Return to School
 18 Martin Luther King Holiday

February

8 – 12 Mardi Gras Holidays
 22 Professional Development Day – No School for Students

March

1 ACT Testing
 14 – 18 3rd- 8th Grade State Testing (Phase I—ELA/Math)
 16 End of Third Nine Weeks
 25-31 Easter Holidays

April

1 Easter Holidays
 4 Students Return to School
 5 – 6 LEAP/iLEAP Testing (3rd- 8th Science/Social Studies)
 13 Explore/Plan Testing
 25 – 29 EOC/3rd- 8th Grade State Testing (Phase II—ELA/Math)

ITEM **May**
 25 Last Day for Students / End of Fourth Nine Weeks
 9b. 26 Records’ Day

Ms. Page Eschette - Introduction of Policies: JBCD: Student Transfer and Withdrawal; ABCD: School Board Member Method of Election; BCB: Rules of Procedure; BCBH: Minutes of School Board Meetings; BCBK: Executive Sessions; GBRHA: Sabbatical Leave; DE: Debt Limitations; DFD: Tax & Bond Elections and Sales

This item was for introduction only.

ITEM 9c. Mrs. Shanna Beber – Introduction to Proposed Changes to 2014-2015 Pupil Progression Plan

Proposed changes to 2014-2015 SJB Pupil Progression Plan:

Please note the following proposed changes would occur in Section III Promotion K-8 in an effort to align SJB’s Pupil

2014-2015 Pupil Progression	Proposed change	Explanation
“Standardized tests”	“Final classroom grades”	At the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year, due to the delay in test scores resulting from the administration of new assessments, students must meet the grading criteria of final classroom grades to qualify for summer school with a final grade of “F”.

Progression Plan with new testing policy and this year’s expanded summer remediation program.

“ELA and/or Math”	“Math and ELA with integrated Science and Social Studies”	Summer remediation in the past was only offered in Math and ELA. SJBP Summer Remediation for 2015 will offer Math and ELA with integrated Science and Social Studies standards.
“4 th and 8 th grades”	“K-8 th ”	In previous years, summer school was offered to 4 th and 8 th grades only based on high-stakes test scores (LEAP). Now, SJBP summer remediation will be for K-8 th grade students.
“High stakes tests”	“Standardized tests”	In previous years, if students did not take the “high stakes tests”, their attendance at summer remediation was mandatory. Now, if students do not take the “standardized tests” (since PARCC is not high-stakes for students this year), their attendance at summer remediation is mandatory.

ITEM 9d. Mrs. Holly Manson – Introduction to K-8th Summer Remediation Program

This item was for introduction only.

St. John the Baptist Parish
K-8th Summer Remediation Program Overview
2014-2015

SJBP will host Summer School Remediation for grades K-8th. Summer school will reinforce and support CCSS foundational skills to ensure student academic growth.

- Summer School Dates: Wednesday, June 3rd – Tuesday, June 30th (Mon. – Thurs.)
- Hours: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Lunch: 12:00 – 12:30
- Location: East St. John Elementary (summer feeding site)
- Subjects: Math and ELA with science and social studies integrated
- Promotional Criteria: Attendance, Behavior, and Summer School Exit Exam

Summer School Participation Criteria:

All students who have a final grade of F in Math, ELA, Science, and/or Social Studies must attend SJBP Summer School to be eligible for promotion.

The Program:

Summer school is designed to provide additional support for students who are in need of extra instruction in both math and ELA. Students must take both math and ELA with science and social studies integrated.

Students will work in flexible groups, as well as in cooperative learning groups. The students will also participate in learning centers and small group instruction based on individualized needs.

Registration:

Registration will begin the first week in May.

ITEM 9e. Ms. Pamelyn Smith – Board approval for 3rd year budget application in a 5 year grant cycle for Head Start

MOTION BY: Burl

SECOND BY: Johnson

MOTION: To approve the budget application for 3rd year in a 5 year grant cycle for Head Start.

No objections.

The motion carried.

7 Yeas – Jack, Burl, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wallace, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

4 Absent – Keller, Sanders, Wise, Nicholas

ITEM 9f. Ms. Page Eschette – Executive Session – Update on Negotiations

Mr. Jones stated that unless there is an objection, the Board would also be discussing pending litigation while in Executive Session. There was motion by Mrs. DeFrancesch, seconded by Mr. Wallace to convene in Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and pending litigation.

No objections.

The motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION BY: Jack

SECOND BY: Johnson

MOTION: To reconvene in regular session.

No objections.

The motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:33 p.m.

ITEM 10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ITEM 11. BOARD ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. Jones reminded the Board that the May 7, 2015 meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Jones also reminded the Board that the scheduled April 2, 2015 meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Jones announced the following Committee appointments:

Executive Committee: Gerald Keller replacing Russ Wise

Insurance Committee: Sherry DeFrancesch (Chairperson), Phillip Johnson, Russell Jack

Personnel Committee: Clarence Triche (Chairperson), Albert Burl, Patrick Sanders, Shawn Wallace

Finance Committee: Russ Wise (Chairperson), Russell Jack, Rodney Nicholas

Discipline Committee: Rodney Nicholas, Shawn Wallace

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT - The agenda having been completed, and there being no further business, there was a

MOTION BY: Burl

SECOND BY: Wallace

MOTION: Motion for adjournment.

No objections.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Kevin R. George, Secretary

Keith A. Jones, President