

The St. Landry Parish School Board was called to order by the President and convened in regular session on, Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 4:11 p.m. at the Opelousas Civic Center, Opelousas, Louisiana. A roll call was taken and in attendance were the following members: Mrs. Hazel Sias, Ms. Mary Ellen Donatto, Anthony Standberry, Charles Ross, Milton Ambres, Donnie Perron, Kyle Boss, Huey Wyble, Raymond Cassimere, Roger Young, Albert Hayes, and Randy Wagley. Mrs. Candy Gerace was absent. Mr. Courtney Joiner, attorney for the board was also in attendance.

Mr. Charles Ross offered a prayer and thereafter the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Presentation of Colors were presented by the Northwest High's Jr ROTC and the band at MACA played the national anthem.

**Item #5:**

Upon motion of the entire membership of the Board, the following resolution of sympathies were adopted.

- *Hebrard Green Sr., father of A. Green Jr., Principal at Park Vista Elementary*
- *Francis Leday, Retired Supervisor of Safe and Drug Free Schools*
- *Vincent Shaw, Retired Teacher at Plaisance Elementary*
- *Theresa "Totsie" Cazenave Donatto, Mother of Kathy Donatto, Teacher at Sunset Elementary and Mary Ellen Donatto, Board Member of District 13*

**Item #6:**

President Wagley addressed the members of the audience and the Board.

**Item #7 – Presentations and Recognitions:**

In honor of Veterans Day, the St. Landry Parish School Board and in partnership with LHC Group presented certificates and recognized all SLPSB veteran employees.

Superintendent Jenkins presented Above and Beyond Awards to the following teachers:

- East Elementary – Ms. Katie Fontenot
- Eunice Elementary - Ms. Neysa Miller, Ms. Stephanie Deville, Ms. Tiffany Pedigo
- Palmetto Elementary – Ms. Charolette Baque

Superintendent Jenkins presented a Service Above Self Award to Mrs. Beth Fontenot, at Beau Chene High School for her dedication to her Drafting and Engineering students.

The following students were awarded the Advanced Placement Scholars Award for their academic achievement of an Advanced Placement score of three or higher for the 2016 – 2017 school year.

Beau Chene High School:

English Language and Composition - Jolie Bryant, Emily Hidalgo, Jacob Hidalgo, Kyrstin Lastrapes, Tristen Mansfield, Kloe Quebedeaux, Mimi Grace Rivette, Connor Robin, Gavin Scott, Annie Scruggins, Oscar Scruggins, and Kennedy Stelly

Mr. Jenkins presented the National Institute for School Leadership Award to the following employees: Spencer Arnaud, Mary Dupre, Dr. Theresa Ellender, Marcella Fisher, Gina Lagrange, Dwanetta Scott, and Dr. Chasity Wilson

**Item #8:**

Superintendent Jenkins addressed the board and audience.

**Item #9:**

Upon motion by Mr. Standberry, seconded by Mr. Ambres, and carried with no objections, the following meeting minutes were approved.

- a. Regular board meeting held on October 5, 2017
- b. Executive committee meeting held on October 23, 2017
- c. BLS committee meeting held on October 23, 2017
- d. Finance committee meeting held on October 23, 2017
- e. Academic committee meeting held on October 24, 2017
- f. Personnel committee meeting held on October 24, 2017

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Executive Committee of the St. Landry Parish School Board met on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. in the Office of the Board, 1013 Creswell Lane, Opelousas, Louisiana. In attendance were the following members: Mrs. Candy Gerace, Messrs. Huey Wyble, and Randy Wagley. Mr. Kyle Boss was absent. Additional members in attendance were: Milton Ambres, Raymond Cassimere, Charles Ross, Anthony Standberry, Albert Hayes, Hazel Sias, Donnie Perron, and Roger Young.

A prayer was offered by Charles Ross and thereafter the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Wagley then called the meeting to order.

- Item #5: Upon motion of Mr. Wyble, seconded by Mrs. Gerace, and carried with no objections a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the St. Landry Parish School Board and the City of Opelousas for a School Resource Officer will be brought before the full Board for approval.
- Item #6: Upon motion of Mr. Wyble, seconded by Mr. Wagley, and carried with no objections a Resolution to Adopt New Tax Propositions will be brought before the full Board for approval.
- Item #7: Upon motion of Mr. Wyble, seconded by Mrs. Gerace, and carried with no objections, the following policies will be brought before the full Board for approval.
- a. Administration of Medication (JGCD)
  - b. Corporal Punishment (JDA)
  - c. Student Fees, Fines and Charges (JS)
  - d. Visitors to Schools (KM)

- Item #8: Upon motion of Mr. Wyble, seconded by Mrs. Gerace, and carried with no objections the request to suspend Board practice/policy relative to policy adoption/change as it related to Agenda Item #9 was approved.
- Item #9: Mr. Jerome Robinson reviewed policy JDD – Suspension with the committee and thereafter requested to bring this item before the full Board for approval. Upon motion of Mrs. Gerace, seconded by Mr. Wyble, and carried with no objections, this policy will be brought before the full Board for approval.
- Item #10: Upon motion of Mr. Wyble, seconded by Mrs. Gerace, and carried with no objections, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

#### BUILDINGS, LANDS & SITES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Buildings, Lands and Sites Committee met on October 23, 2017 at 6:05 p.m. in the Office of the Board, 1013 Creswell Lane, Opelousas, Louisiana.

In attendance were the following committee members: Candy Gerace, Anthony Standberry, Donnie Perron, and Raymond Cassimere. Mary Donatto was absent. Additional Board Members in attendance were: Milton Ambres, Charles Ross, Albert Hayes, Hazel Sias, Huey Wyble, Roger Young, and Randy Wagley.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cassimere.

- Item #3: Mr. Marco Gonzalez with Volkert gave a presentation to the committee with regard to facility assessment and Mr. Mike Heffner gave a presentation with regard to demographic information for SLP schools. This item was presented for informational purposes only.
- Item #4: Mr. Joseph Cassimere gave an update regarding the board owned property in Sunset. This item was presented for informational purposes only.
- Item #5: Mr. Don Leger and Mr. Joseph Cassimere discussed the campsites located on Bayou Courtableau. By motion of Mr. Cassimere, seconded by Mrs. Gerace, and carried with no objections, the committee agreed to have a proposal for services drawn up and bring before the BLS committee at its next meeting.
- Item #6: Upon motion of Mr. Cassimere, seconded by Mrs. Gerace, and carried with no objections, the committee agreed to bring before the full Board for approval the request to have the board attorney draw an agreement for the sale of the baseball and softball fields and to get an appraisal. This item will be brought before the full Board for approval.
- Item #7: Upon motion of Mr. Cassimere, seconded by Mrs. Gerace, and carried with no objections, the committee agreed to bring before the full Board for approval the request to advertise for the sale of two movable buildings at the Alternative school site.

**Item #8:** With no further business pending before the Committee, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:20 p.m. by motion of Mr. Cassimere and seconded by Mrs. Gerace.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on October 23, 2017 at 6:22 p.m. in the Office of the Board, 1013 Creswell Lane, Opelousas, LA.

Committee Members present were: Candy Gerace, Hazel Sias, Donnie Perron, Albert Hayes, and Raymond Cassimere. Kyle Boss was absent. Additional board members in attendance were Milton Ambres, Charles Ross, Anthony Standberry, and Randy Wagley.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Raymond Cassimere.

**Item #3:** Mrs. Tressa Miller reviewed the final June, July, and August 2017 payroll report and September 2017 payroll report. This item was presented for informational purposes only.

**Item #4:** Upon motion of Mr. Perron, seconded by Mrs. Sias, and carried with no objections, the request for approval to bring a Resolution to Utilize Education Excellence (Tobacco) Funds for the purchasing of technology for instruction will be brought before the full Board for approval.

**Item #5:** Upon motion of Mr. Perron, seconded by Mr. Cassimere, and carried with two objections by Albert Hayes and Hazel Sias, the request to give a onetime Christmas stipend to full time employees in the amount of \$750 and a onetime Christmas stipend to substitute workers in the amount of \$200 will be brought before the full Board for approval.

**Item #6:** Upon motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Sias, and carried with no objections, the request for permission to advertise for and accept the lowest accept bid for janitorial supplies for the 2018 calendar year will be brought before the full Board for approval.

**Item #7:** There being no further business before the Finance Committee for discussion, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:07 P.M. by motion of Mr. Perron and seconded by Mr. Boss.

#### **ACADEMIC, INSTRUCTIONAL, AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Academic, Instructional and Federal Programs Committee was held on October 24, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. in the Office of the Board, 1013 Creswell Lane, Opelousas, Louisiana. In attendance were the following committee members: Hazel Sias, Charles Ross, and Milton Ambres. Mary Donatto and Roger Young was absent. Additional board members in attendance were: Donnie Perron, Raymond Cassimere, Randy Wagley, and Anthony Standberry.

Mrs. Sias called the meeting to order.

A prayer was led by Mr. Charles Ross and thereafter the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Item #5:** Recognition of National Institute for School Leadership Cohort was presented by Superintendent Jenkins to the following individuals, Spencer Arnaud, Mary Dupre, Dr. Therese Ellender, Marcella Fisher, Gina Lagrange, Dwanetta Scott, and Dr. Chastity Wilson.

**Item #6:** Mrs. Angela Cassimere and facilitators gave an overview of the St. Landry Parish School Board Aspiring Leaders Academy.

**Item #7:** Mr. Scott Moreau gave a presentation of the Title I Intervention Programs.

ALL ITEMS LISTED ABOVE WERE PRESENTED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

**Item #8:** With no further business before the Academic, Instructional and Federal Programs Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m. by motion of Mr. Ambres and seconded by Mr. Ross.

**PERSONNEL, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Personnel, Employee Benefits, and Transportation Committee of the St. Landry Parish School Board met on **Tuesday, October 24, 2017**, at 4:55 p.m., in the office of the Board on Creswell Lane, Opelousas, Louisiana.

Committee Members present were Messrs. Anthony Standberry, Milton Ambres, and Charles Ross. Absent were Messrs. Albert Hayes and Roger Young. Other board members present were Mrs. Hazel Sias, Messrs. Raymond Cassimere, Donnie Perron, and Randy Wagley. Staff members present included Superintendent Patrick Jenkins, Assistant Superintendent Joseph Cassimere, Milton Batiste, Angela Cassimere, Claudia Blanchard, Scott Champagne, Mary Doucet, Tressa Miller, Jerome Robinson, and Matthew Scruggins.

Mr. Standberry called the meeting to order.

**ITEM NO. 1** **Personnel Appointments, Transfers, Leaves, Resignations, Retirements, and/or Positions Available** made by the Superintendent, pursuant to Act I of the 2012 Legislative Session, were presented to the committee. No action required.

**ITEM NO. 2** **Discuss and/or action to approve Administrative Contracts**  
Upon motion of Mr. Ambres, seconded by Mr. Ross, and carried with no objections, the committee recommended to bring the revised Administrative Contracts before the full board for approval.

**ITEM NO. 3** **Termination** - Upon motion of Mr. Ambres, seconded by Mr. Ross, and carried with no objections, the committee recommended to bring this matter before the full board.

With no further business for discussion, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:35 p.m. upon motion of Mr. Ambres, seconded by Mr. Ross.

**Item #10:**

Action Items:

a. Executive Committee Recommendations:

- i. Upon motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Perron, and carried with no objections, the full Board approved a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the St. Landry Parish School Board and the City of Opelousas for a School Resource Officer.
- ii. Upon motion of Mr. Wyble, seconded by Ms. Donatto, and carried with no objections, the full Board approved a resolution to adopt New Tax Propositions.

| <b>Board Member</b>             | <b>Yea</b> | <b>Nay</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Abstaining</b> |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Ambres, Milton                  | x          |            |               |                   |
| Boss, Kyle                      | x          |            |               |                   |
| Cassimere, Raymond              | x          |            |               |                   |
| Donatto, Mary Ellen             | x          |            |               |                   |
| Gerace, Candy                   |            |            | x             |                   |
| Hayes, Albert, Jr.              | x          |            |               |                   |
| Perron, Donnie                  | x          |            |               |                   |
| Ross, Charles                   | x          |            |               |                   |
| Sias, Hazel                     | x          |            |               |                   |
| Standberry, Anthony             | x          |            |               |                   |
| Wagley, Randy (Board President) | x          |            |               |                   |
| Wyble, Huey                     | x          |            |               |                   |
| Young, Roger                    | x          |            |               |                   |

- iii. Upon motion of Mr. Cassimere, seconded by Mr. Perron, and carried with no objections, the full Board approved the following policies:
  - Administration of Medication (JGCD)
  - Corporal Punishment (JDA)
  - Student Fees, Fines and Charges (JS)
  - Visitors to Schools (KM)
  - Suspension (JDD)

b. BLS Committee Recommendations:

- i. Upon motion of Mr. Perron, seconded by Mr. Ambres, and carried with no objections, the full Board approved to allow the Superintendent and Board Attorney to negotiate with the Mayor and the Town of Port Barre the sale of board owned property (baseball and softball fields on Saizan Street) in Port Barre and thereafter bring before the full Board the approved negotiated selling price.
- ii. Upon motion of Mr. Perron, seconded by Mr. Boss, and carried with no objections, the full Board approved to advertise for the sale and moving of two movable buildings (Building #1 Dimensions – 48 by 60 / 2,916 sq. feet and Building #2 Dimensions – 25 by 32 / 860 sq. feet.) formerly used at the Alternative School site.

c. Finance Committee Recommendations:

- i. Upon motion of Mr. Standberry, seconded by Mr. Perron, and carried with no objections, the full Board approved a Resolution to Utilize Education Excellence (Tobacco) Funds for the purchase of Instructional Technology.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** A. Standberry, C. Ross, M. Ambres, D. Perron, H. Wyble, K. Boss, R. Cassimere, H. Sias, R. Young, A. Hayes, M. Donatto, R. Wagley

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINING:** None

- ii. Upon motion of Mr. Perron, and seconded by Mr. Wagley, the full Board approved a one-time Christmas stipend in the amount of \$750.00 to full-time employees and a one-time Christmas stipend in the amount of \$200.00 to substitute workers.

**Substitute Motion:**

Upon substitute motion of Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mrs. Sias, the full Board approved a one-time Christmas stipend in the amount of \$1,000.00 to full-time employees and a one-time Christmas stipend in the amount of \$250.00 to substitute workers.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

**YEAS:** A. Standberry, C. Ross, M. Ambres, D. Perron, H. Wyble, K. Boss, R. Cassimere, H. Sias, R. Young, A. Hayes, M. Donatto, R. Wagley

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINING:** None

~ Substitute Motion Carried.

- iii. Upon motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Ambres and carried with no objections, the full board approved the request to advertise for and accept the lowest acceptable bid for janitorial supplies for the 2018 calendar year.

d. Personnel Committee Recommendations:

- i. Upon motion of Mr. Standberry, seconded by Mrs. Sias, and carried with no objections, the full board approved Administrative Contracts.
- ii. Upon motion of Mr. Cassimere, seconded by Mr. Hayes, and carried with no objections, the full board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent with regard to the termination of an employee.

**Item #11:**

With there being no further business pending before the board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:24 p.m. by motion of Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Ambres.

Mr. Randy Wagley, Board President

ATTEST: Mr. Patrick D. Jenkins, Superintendent

**LISTED BELOW ARE PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS, TRANSFERS, LEAVES, RESIGNATIONS, RETIREMENTS AND/OR POSITIONS AVAILABLE MADE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT PURSUANT TO ACT I OF THE 2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

**APPOINTMENTS** (*\*Denotes New Employee*)

ALSTON, ELIZABETH – Accountant – Central Office \*  
HUTCHINS, KRISTY – Board Owned Bus Driver – Palmetto Elementary \*  
MOORE, GLORIA – Food Service Technician – Northwest High \*  
BROUSSARD, DONALD (JR) – Teacher – Plaisance Elementary \*  
CARMOUCHE, SYLVIA – Elementary Teacher – Plaisance Elementary  
LAFLEUR, WENDY – Sp. Ed. Teacher – Northwest High \*  
LEBLANC, SKYLA – High School Teacher – Port Barre High

**LEAVES**

**Maternity Leaves**

CLEMENT, KELLI – Teacher – Cankton Elementary – effective October 20, 2017  
LEDoux, ELIZABETH PAIGE – Teacher – Southwest Elementary – effective November 11, 2017  
VIDRINE, APRIL – Teacher – Lawtell Elementary – effective November 27, 2017



**RESIGNATIONS**

CARMOUCHE, SYLVIA – resigning at Title 1 Instructional Paraprofessional only – Plaisance Elementary, effective August 3, 2017, in order to accept teaching position at Plaisance Elem., effective August 3, 2017  
HUVAL, MARY – Sp. Ed. Teacher – Plaisance Elementary – effective October 18, 2017  
LEBLANC, SKYLA – resigned as School Secretary only – Port Barre High – effective October 12, 2017, to accept a teaching position at Port Barre High effective October 12, 2017  
LEDOUX, TRACY – Teacher – Palmetto Elementary – effective October 4, 2017  
MILLER, NICHOLE – School Nurse – North Elementary – effective October 14, 2017  
MIXON, DEIDRA – Teacher – Highland Elementary – effective October 2, 2017

**RETIREMENTS**

BRILEY, CHARLES – Teacher – Washington Career & Technical Ed. Center – effective December 22, 2017  
JONES, EMMA – Principal – Southwest Elementary – effective September 29, 2017  
LAFLEUR, JAMES – Contract Bus Driver – Grand Prairie Elementary – effective November 18, 2017  
LEMELLE, CLYDE – Board Owned Bus Driver – Leonville Elementary – effective October 14, 2017  
**RAMI, EULA – Computer Lab Facilitator – Leonville Elementary – effective December 22, 2017**