

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RESERVE, LA – MEETING OF MAY 12, 2016**

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, at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2016.

An agenda for the meeting is attached.

Sincerely, s/Kevin R. George
Superintendent/Secretary

The Chair called for the invocation, led by Rev. Nicholas, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Cory Butler.

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

There were 8 members present and 3 members absent.

ITEM 3a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meetings of April 21, 2016.

MOTION BY: Nicholas

SECOND BY: Jack

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the meetings of April 21, 2016.

No objections.

The motion carried.

Roll Call:

10 Yeas - Jack, Burl, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

1 Absent – Johnson

Mr. Sanders and Mr. Burl arrived at 6:04 and were recorded as present.

ITEM 4. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Kevin R. George, Superintendent

Superintendent George announced several events for the upcoming weeks:

1. East St. John High School Graduation – Wednesday, May 18th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner.
2. West St. John High School Graduation – Saturday, May 21st @ 10:00 a.m.
3. Last day of school for students: May 25th
4. Last day of school for teachers: May 26th

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

ITEM 5a. Recognition of Lamar Boudoin – Mr. Claude Hill, principal of West St. John High School, Mr. Hill stated that Mr. Boudoin, a senior at WSJH, has never been acknowledged for his accomplishments and read the following:

Achievements:

ISC 2016 ALL-ACADEMIC SCHOLAR COMPOSITE FOOTBALL TEAM

ISC 2016 ALL-ACADEMIC SCHOLAR COMPOSITE BOYS’ BASKETBALL TEAM

ISC 2016 ALL-ACADEMIC SCHOLAR COMPOSITE BASEBALL TEAM

Requirements for the above: In order to be selected to the All-Academic Team, the student-athlete must be a senior, have participated in the sport for at least two years, and achieved a six-semester cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 or better based on a 4.0 scale. To earn Composite Team (all 4.0 students) honors, a student-athlete’s six-semester GPA must be one of the 18 highest in all seven classifications.

Achievements (cont.):

West Saint John 12th grade Student of the Year

Selected as Best of the Class

Accepted into Experience Colby (Colby College)

Accepted into Leadership Summit (Franklin & Marshall College)

Maintained a 4.0 throughout high School
 West Saint John 8th grade Runner-Up Student of the Year
 Taken 5 Dual Enrollment classes (15 college-credit hours)
Accepted into the following colleges:
 Xavier University of New Orleans (full scholarship)
 Wabash College
 Southern University (full-football scholarship)
 Georgia Southern University
 Georgia State University
 University of Dallas
 Howard University
 Kennesaw State University
 Texas Christian University
 Mississippi State University
 University of Louisiana Lafayette
 Tennessee State
 Wartburg College
 McNeese University

The chair declared a recess at 6:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Nicholas, seconded by Mrs. DeFrancesch, to reconvene in regular session. There were no objections and the Board reconvened in regular session at 6:16 p.m.

ITEM 5b. Outstanding School Support Employees:

The Board recognized the following employees for their contribution to our students:

Beverly Louis	West St. John High	School Secretary
Cynthia Terrio	John L. Ory Magnet	School Secretary
Leslie Nunnery	Emily C. Watkins	Paraprofessional
Connie Gros	LaPlace Elementary	Paraprofessional
Christopher Carr	Lake Pontchartrain Elementary	Custodian
Delisa Jasper	Garyville/Mt. Airy Magnet	Custodian
Carolyn Lumar	West St. John Elementary	Paraprofessional
I'Kena Anthony	Fifth Ward Elementary	Custodian
Ivy Bethencourt	East St. John High	School Secretary
Tamika Collins	East St. John Elementary	School Secretary
Joy Harrison	St. John Child Development Center	School Secretary

ITEM 6. PERSONNEL MATTERS

ITEM 6a. Request approval of revised job description: Head Start Bus Monitor/Center Assistant

MOTION BY: Triche

SECOND BY: DeFrancesch

MOTION: To approve the revised job description for Head Start Bus Monitor/Center Assistant.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY: Jack

SECOND BY: Sanders

MOTION: To table this item until Personnel Committee has met with a quorum and has a recommendation for the Board.

Upon roll call, there were:

10 Yeas - Jack, Burl, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

1 Absent – Johnson

The motion to table carried.

ITEM 7. BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

ITEM 7a. Mr. Felix Boughton - Adopt resolution levying milages for the 2016 tax roll

Mr. Burl stated for the record he feels the School Board should raise the milages and he will not vote in favor of adopting the same milages for this year.

MOTION BY: Triche

SECOND BY: Wise

MOTION: To adopt a resolution levying milages for the 2016 tax roll.

Upon roll call, there were:

9 Yeas - Jack, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Triche, Jones

1 Nays - Burl

1 Absent – Johnson

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2016 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by St. John the Baptist School Board:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
School Constitutional	3.65 mills
School Maintenance	4.33 mills
School Salaries	3.26 mills
School Retiree Benefits	.99 mill
School Academic Improvement	2.98 mills
School Salaries	3.98 mills
School Salaries/Health Care	0.12 mills
School Bonds	10.00 mills
 Total Mills	 39.31 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2016, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 9
 NAYS: 1
 ABSTAINED: 0
 ABSENT: 1

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on May 12, 2016, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Reserve, Louisiana, this 12st day of May, 2016.

Keith Jones, Board President

ITEM 7b. Mr. Peter Montz – Consider Amendment No. One to All South Consulting Services Contract.

Mr. George stated to provide clarity of this amendment: This amendment will accomplish this: although their contract expires December 31, 2016, All South will remain active on all projects that they are currently engaged in until completion. When this contract expires in December, the Board can then choose to request an RFQ for future projects. This is an effort to protect the Board, so that in the event that All South would choose to “walk away” from current projects when their contract ends, the Board would not be stuck at square one in the middle of the projects. With this amendment, all current, active projects would be completed by All South.

MOTION BY: Wise

SECOND BY: Sanders

MOTION: To accept the Amendment No. One to All South Consulting Services Contract.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY: Burl

SECOND BY: Sanders

MOTION: To table.

Upon roll call, there were:

10 Yeas - Jack, Burl, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

1 Absent – Johnson

The motion to table carried.

ITEM 7c. Mr. Peter Montz – Recommendation on Bid 16:30 New School Buses

MOTION BY: Jack

SECOND BY: DeFrancesch

MOTION: To accept the recommendation to accept Ross Bus Sales as the responsible, low bidder for the purchase of 20 new busses, at a total of \$1,822,582.00

Upon roll call, there were:

10 Yeas - Jack, Burl, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

1 Absent – Johnson

The motion carried.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 8a. TABLED ITEM: Mr. Peter Montz - Board to consider and take action on a request from Tri-Parish Trophies to extend Bid 16.18, Award/Incentive Items until 06-30-2017. It is currently scheduled to expire on 06-30-2016

No action was taken on this item.

ITEM 9. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 9a. Mrs. Patricia Triche – April Director’s Report/Comprehensive Services School Readiness Review / Model Early Progress Report / HeadStart Monthly Fiscal Report

The following was presented to the Board and copies were provided to the Superintendent and Board members:

- April Director’s Report
- Comprehensive Services School Readiness Review
- Model Early Progress Report
- HeadStart Monthly Fiscal Report

ITEM 9b. Mr. Felix Boughton/Mr. Hugh Martin - To consider and take action with respect to adopting proceedings providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, on Saturday, April 9, 2016, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax and special tax therein.

MOTION BY: Jack

SECOND BY: DeFrancesch

MOTION: To adopt the proceedings providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, on Saturday, April 9, 2016, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax and special tax therein.

Upon roll call, there were:

10 Yeas - Jack, Burl, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

1 Absent – Johnson

The motion carried.

It was then moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, for school purposes:

PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Godchaux Grammar Cafeteria, 1600 Hwy. 44, Reserve, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, for school purposes (the "Parish"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, April 9, 2016, with a quorum being present, did examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition to wit:

PROPOSITION
(1/4% SALES TAX)

Shall the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority, be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) (the "Tax"), in perpetuity, from and after July 1, 2016, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish (an estimated \$2,400,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), all as defined by law, with the proceeds thereof (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated and used for the purpose of the payment of salaries and benefits for all school employees, providing guidance services, improved school security, alternative programs and transportation for authorized events?

The canvass of the results of the election showed that there was a total of **1,372** votes cast **IN FAVOR** OF the Proposition and a total of **1,501** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, and that there was a majority of **129** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Reserve, Louisiana, on this, the 12th day of May, 2016.

ATTEST:

/s/ Keith A. Jones
President

/s/ Kevin R. George
Secretary

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 (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, for school purposes (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing page constitutes a true and correct copy of the proceedings and *Procès Verbal* made by said Governing Authority on Thursday, May 12, 2016, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, April 9, 2016, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax and special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Reserve, Louisiana, on this, the 12th day of May, 2016.

Secretary

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ITEM 10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ITEM 11. BOARD ITEMS OF INTEREST

Several announcements were made:

- School Board Member Financial Disclosures are due May 15, 2016
- Mr. Nicholas gave a “shout out” to his daughter Tai, for her graduation from Dillard University
- Mr. Wallace reminded everyone that the 1st Annual Music Concert was this Saturday at East St. John High School @ 2:00 p.m.

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

MOTION BY: Keller

SECOND BY: DeFrancesch

MOTION: Motion for adjournment.

There were no objections.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Kevin R. George, Secretary

Keith Jones, President