

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
LAPLACE, LA – MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2017**

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 Special Session at Fifth Ward Elementary School (158 Panther Drive, Reserve, LA) from 8:00-11:50 a.m. and LaPlace Elementary School (393 Greenwood Drive, LaPlace, LA) from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2017.

Sincerely, s/Kevin R. George
Superintendent/Secretary

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

The Chair called a moment of silent meditation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Principal Drenean Brown.

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Keller, Jones, Wise, Wallace, Mitchel, Triche, Burl
ABSENT: Holden, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Mitchell

There were 7 members present and 4 members absent.

Welcome/Update from Fifth Ward Elementary Principal Drenean Brown

Ms. Brown shared data regarding Fifth Ward Elementary with the Board. Discussion was held regarding what could be done to support the school.

Ms. Holden, Mr. Sanders, Ms. DeFrancesch, and Ms. Mitchell arrived at 8:35 a.m. and was recorded as present.

Recommendation to issue Lincoln Builders of Baton Rouge Substantial Completion on Lake Pontchartrain Elementary – Requires action (*Montz*)

Mr. Montz stated that Substantial Completion would be effective October 17, 2017 and the contractor has until November 17, 2017 to complete the punch list. The Board asked Mr. Montz to set up a date for the Board to walk through the building. Also, the Board asked Mr. Montz to get 3 bids on a marquee sign and bring a price to the Land and Facilities.

MOTION BY: Jones

SECOND BY: Triche

MOTION: To issue Lincoln Builders of Baton Rouge Substantial Completion on Lake Pontchartrain Elementary. No objections.

Upon roll call, there were

10 Yeas – Holden, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Jones, Wise, Wallace, Mitchell, Triche, Burl

1 Absent - Johnson

The motion carried.

Goals and Strategic Plan Per School (*Trosclair, Merrick, Chaisson, Zafairu*)

Ms. Trosclair, along with Dr. Zafairu, shared the following information with the Board. Extensive discussion followed the presentation.

New Orleans-area results (all subjects)

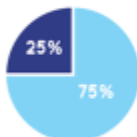
| System | Mastery and above | Change since 2015 | Rank out of 69* |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Louisiana average | 33% | +4 | N/A |
| Jefferson | 29% | +0 | 39 |
| New Orleans | 25% | +1 | 51 |
| Plaquemines | 48% | +6 | 2 |
| St. Bernard | 37% | +2 | 17 |
| St. Charles | 45% | +2 | 5 |
| St. John the Baptist | 26% | +2 | 47 |
| St. Tammany | 43% | +1 | 7 |

Source: Louisiana Department of Education
 *All parish ranks are ties.

School Performance Score Formulae

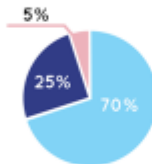
Beginning in 2017-2018, Louisiana will use the following formulae when evaluating school performance:

Elementary Schools



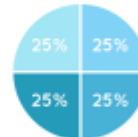
- Assessment Index
- Growth Index

Elementary/Middle Schools (with Grade 8)



- Assessment Index
- Growth Index
- Dropout Credit Accumulation Index

High Schools



- Assessment Index: EOC Status & Growth
- ACT/WorkKeys
- Strength of Diploma
- Cohort Graduation Rate

NOTE: The interests and opportunities measure will not be included within annual results until 2019-2020.



Update K-8 School SPS: Assessments

Purpose

Louisiana students in grades 3-8 take assessments in ELA, math, science and social studies to measure student mastery of the knowledge and skills reflected in the standards of that grade and subject.

Accountability

The school performance score includes the points assigned to achievement levels earned by students for each subject tested.

| LEAP Achievement Level | 2017-2018 and beyond |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Advanced | 150 |
| Mastery | 100 |
| Basic | 80 |
| Approaching Basic/Unsatisfactory | 0 |



Letter Grade Scale Transition

Second, individual indices will be updated next year (e.g., Mastery = 100, Basic = 70); however, the overall letter grade scale will be made easier in 2017-2018. The bar for A, B, and C will rise in 2022 and one final time in 2025.

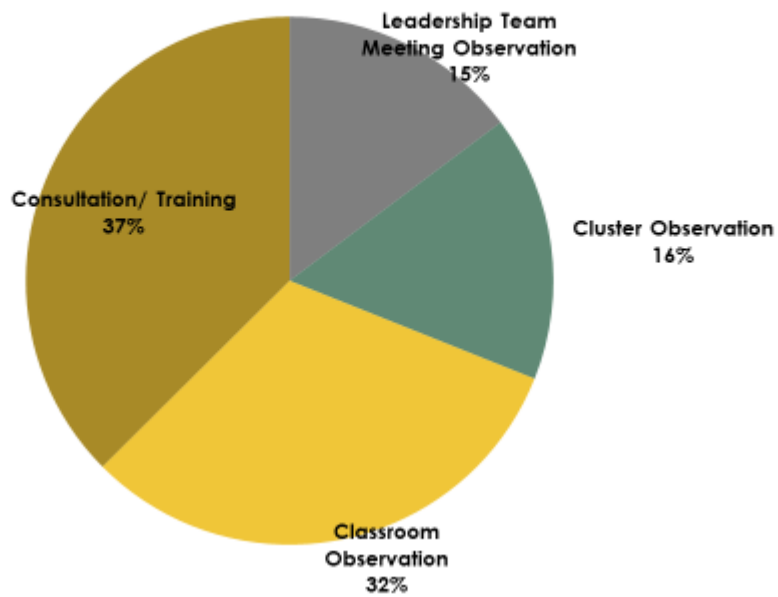
| Letter Grade Scale | 2018 | 2022 | 2025 |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| A | 90.0 - 150.0 | 95.0 - 150.0 | 100.0 - 150 |
| B | 75.0 - 89.9 | 80.0 - 94.9 | 85.0 - 99.9 |
| C | 60.0 - 74.9 | 65.0 - 79.9 | 70.0 - 84.9 |
| D | 50.0 - 59.9 | 50.0 - 64.9 | 50.0 - 69.9 |
| F | 0.0 - 49.9 | 0.0 - 49.9 | 0.0 - 49.9 |



Board Workshop October 2017

#TRANSFORMSTJOHN 

Nature of Central Office Support Provided 2017-2018 School Year



Charter School Update (Montgomery, Merrick)

Ms. Montgomery explained the Charter School contract to the board and gave the board an opportunity to ask questions regarding the Charter School.

Financial Update (Boughton)

Mr. Boughton led discussion regarding the financial status of the district.

MOTION BY: Mitchell
 SECOND BY: Wise
 MOTION: To recess for lunch.
 No objections.
 The Board recessed at 11:29 a.m.

MOTION BY: Mitchell
 SECOND BY: Wise
 MOTION: To reconvene in regular session.
 No objections.
 The Board reconvened in regular session at 2:02 p.m. at LaPlace Elementary School.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Holden, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Mitchell, Triche, Burl
 ABSENT: Jones
 There were 10 members present and 1 member absent.

Welcome/Update from LaPlace Elementary School Principal Alison Cupit

Mrs. Cupit shared with the Board the “Completed Tasks” since her return as principal of LaPlace Elementary School. She also shared her “Now Tasks”, and “Future Tasks”.

MOTION BY: Wise
 SECOND BY: Sanders
 MOTION: To address Insurance Committee Items at this time (found at the bottom of the agenda).
 No objections.
 Upon roll call, there were
 10 Yeas – Holden, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Mitchell, Triche, Burl
 1 Absent - Jones
 The motion carried.

Insurance Committee Items: (*Montgomery*)

a. Recommendation for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana for 2018 Health Insurance Renewal (Requires Action)

MOTION BY: Wise
 SECOND BY: Keller
 MOTION: To approve Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana for 2018 Health Insurance Renewal
 No objections.
 Upon roll call, there were
 10 Yeas – Holden, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Mitchell, Triche, Burl
 1 Absent - Jones
 The motion carried.

b. Recommendation for EyeMed for 2018 Vision Insurance Renewal (Requires Action)

MOTION BY: Sanders
 SECOND BY: Keller
 MOTION: To approve EyeMed for 2018 Vision Insurance Renewal.
 No objections.
 Upon roll call, there were
 10 Yeas – Holden, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Mitchell, Triche, Burl
 1 Absent - Jones
 The motion carried.

c. Recommendation for Ameritas Dental for 2018 Dental Insurance Renewal (Requires Action)

MOTION BY: Wise
 SECOND BY: Sanders
 MOTION: To approve Ameritas Dental for 2018 Dental for 2018 Dental Insurance Renewal.
 No objections.
 Upon roll call, there were
 10 Yeas – Holden, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Mitchell, Triche, Burl
 1 Absent - Jones
 The motion carried.

Protest Policy Discussion (*Boughton*)

Mr. Boughton encouraged the Board to adopt a policy addressing the protest procedure. Discussion was held regarding this item. The Board asked Mr. Boughton to submit the proposed policy to the DA's office for guidance and then to the Executive Committee for approval. Once approved by the Executive Committee, the policy would then be introduced at a Board Meeting and for approval at a subsequent meeting.

Industrial Tax Exemption Policy Discussion (*Boughton*)

Mr. Boughton asked the Board to consider adopting a policy regarding the Industrial Tax Exemption and a "formula" that could be adhered to when granting Industrial Tax Exemptions. Discussion was held and the Board asked Mr. Boughton and Supt. George to work with the other 2 taxing agencies and possibly agree on a policy.

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

MOTION BY: Keller

SECOND BY: Wise

MOTION: Motion for adjournment.

There were no objections.

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Kevin R. George, Secretary

Albert A. Burl, III, President