

The St. Landry Parish School Board was called to order by the President and convened in regular session on, Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Office of the Board, Supplementary Resource Center, Opelousas, Louisiana.

A roll call was taken and in attendance were the following members: Mrs. Hazel Sias, Ms. Mary Ellen Donatto, Mrs. Candy Gerace, Messrs. Anthony Standberry, Charles Ross, Milton Ambres, Donnie Perron, Huey Wyble, Kyle Boss, Randy Wagley, Roger Young, Albert Hayes, and Raymond Cassimere. Mr. Bob Hammonds, attorney for the board was also in attendance.

Mr. Charles Ross offered a prayer and thereafter the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item #5:

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

- *Carla Fontenot Miller, Retired Teacher, Highland Elementary*
- *John Robert Trussell, Retired Computer Program Analyst, Central Office*
- *Juanell M. Stagg, Retired Teacher, Port Barre High School*
- *Lucille Dugas, mother of Caroline Malbrue, teacher at Opelousas High School*

Item #6:

President Cassimere addressed the board and audience and thanked everyone for their support during the past year while he served as Board President.

Item #7:

Election of officers was held and President Cassimere opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board for 2017. Mr. Perron placed in nomination Randy Wagley. Upon motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Ambres, and carried with no objections, nominations were declared closed. With there being only one nomination offered, Mr. Randy Wagley was selected as board president for 2017.

Raymond Cassimere handed the gavel to Mr. Wagley who chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Randy Wagley called for nominations for the office of Vice-President.

The floor was then opened for the selection of Vice-President for 2017. Mr. Boss placed in nomination Candy Gerace. Mr. Young placed in nomination Huey Wyble. Mrs. Sias placed in nomination Mary Ellen Donatto. Upon motion by Mr. Standberry, seconded by Mr. Hayes, and carried with no objections, nominations were declared closed.

A motion was offered by Roger Young to use the rotation system according to seniority for the selection of Vice-President. Mr. Bob Hammonds, attorney for the Board, stated the policy for the selection of officers did not support the rotation system and if Mr. Young wanted to discuss and change the policy, this item would need to be added to the agenda. Mr. Young offered a motion to add the item to the agenda and the motion died for a lack of second.

Upon motion by Mr. Ambres, seconded by Mr. Perron, and carried with no objections the selection of Vice-President was tabled until the executive committee could meet and have an opportunity to review and make any changes to the current policy regarding the selection of Board President and Vice-President.

Item #8:

Superintendent Jenkins addressed the board and audience.

Item #9:

Superintendent Jenkins recognized the students from Leonville Elementary who attended the Middle School Math Tournament held at Comeaux High School. The students who placed were:

7th grade individual competition

Chloe Smith – 6th Place

Samantha Ewing – 5th Place

8th grade individual competition

Matthew Hollier – 1st Place

Emma McLean – 2nd Place

1st Place Ciphering & 3rd Place Math Bowl - 7th Grade Team:

Chloe Smith, Heidi Leger, Isabelle Rivette, and Ashton Marks

4th Place Ciphering & 2nd Place Math Bowl – 8th Grade Team:
Gabrielle Lacombe, Emma McLean, Nicholas Thomasee, and Trendon Borne

1st Place Ciphering & 1st Place Math Bowl, Potpourri Team
Holden Allemond (6th grade), Samantha Ewing (7th grade), Michaya Hayes and Matthew Hollier (8th grade)

The students also placed 2nd in the Potpourri Test & 3rd in the Whole School Test

Superintendent Jenkins also recognized and congratulated Dwanetta Scott, newly appointed Assistant Principal of Eunice Jr. High School, Gina Lagrange, newly appointed Acting Principal at East Elementary, and Robin Villemarette, newly appointed Acting Assistant Principal Lawtell Elementary.

Item #10:

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

- i. Regular board meeting held on December 1, 2016;
- ii. Special board meeting held on December 14, 2016;
- iii. Special board meeting held on December 20, 2016;
- iv. Executive committee meeting held on December 19, 2016;
- v. Buildings, Lands & Sites committee meeting held on December 19, 2016
- vi. Finance committee meeting held on December 20, 2016;
- vii. Academic committee meeting held on December 20, 2016;
- viii. Personnel committee meeting held on December 20, 2016.

Item #11 - ACTION ITEMS:

Ron Ceasar addressed the board with regard to agenda item #11-a.

a. Executive Committee Recommendations:

- i. Upon motion by Mr. Perron, seconded by Mr. Ambres, and carried with no objections the following policies were approved:
 - Contracts and Compensation (GBA)
 - Education of Students with Exceptionalities (IDDF)
 - Purchasing (DJE)
 - Use of Automated External Defibrillator – AED (EBBH)
- ii. Upon motion by Mr. Cassimere, seconded by Mr. Hayes, and carried with no objections it was approved to schedule a Board Retreat on Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Supplementary Resource Center.
- iii. Upon motion by Mr. Cassimere, seconded by Mr. Standberry, and carried with no objections the Superintendent's Summative Performance Evaluation Instrument was approved.

b. BLS Committee Recommendations:

- i. Upon motion by Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Young, and carried with no objections it was approved to cancel the change order previously approved by the full Board to replace and repair the gutters at Grand Prairie Elementary.
- ii. Upon motion by Mr. Ambres, seconded by Mr. Standberry, and carried with no objections the approval of quotes received to waterproof the building at Grand Prairie Elementary was tabled until all information regarding this project is received.
- iii. Upon motion by Mr. Perron, seconded by Mr. Boss, and carried with no objections it was approved to award the lowest bid received from Advanced Metal in the amount of \$18,600 for a roofing project on a four classroom building at Port Barre High School.

Ron Ceasar addressed the board with regard to agenda item #11-c.

c. Finance Committee Recommendations:

- i. Upon motion by Mr. Cassimere, seconded by Mr. Perron, and carried with no objections the June 30, 2016 audit report as presented by Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Co. was approved.

Ron Ceasar addressed the board with regard to agenda item #11-d.

d. Personnel Committee Recommendations:

- i. A substitute motion was offered by Ms. Donatto and seconded by Mr. Young to table the approval of the job description for Migrant Recruiter/Advocate and Homeless Advocate and to bring said job description back before the personnel committee for review and further discussion.

After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Donatto withdrew her substitute motion.

A second substitute motion was offered by Mr. Boss and carried with one objection by Mrs. Sias to approve the job description as presented for Migrant Recruiter/Advocate and Homeless Advocate. ~ Second Substitute Motion Carried.

- ii. Upon motion by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Standberry, and carried with no objections it was approved to uphold the recommendation of the Superintendent with regard to the termination of an employee.

Item #12:

Upon motion by Mr. Cassimere, seconded by Mr. Hayes, and carried with no objections the board went into executive session.

Upon motion by Mr. Ambres, seconded by Mr. Young, and carried with no objections the board returned to regular session.

Upon motion by Mrs. Gerace, seconded by Mr. Ambres, and carried with no objections it was approved to uphold the recommendation of the Superintendent with regard to the early re-admittance of a student.

With there being no further business pending before the board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:00 p.m. by motion of Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Ambres.

Mr. Randy Wagley, Board President

ATTEST: Patrick D. Jenkins, Superintendent