

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
RESERVE, LA – MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 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, September 17, 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, Burl, Keller, Sanders, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Triche, Jones  
ABSENT: DeFrancesch

There were 10 members present, 1 absent.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ITEM 3a. Meetings of September 17, 2015

MOTION BY: Nicholas

SECOND BY: Triche

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the meeting of September 17, 2015.

No objections.

The motion carried.

ITEM 4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ITEM 4a. Supt. George stated that over the last couple of meetings, he has turned his report over to principals of our schools in an effort to "introduce" the administrative teams at each school, as well as highlight what's going on at their individual schools. This week will focus on the remaining 4 schools to introduce themselves and their team:

West St. John High Elementary School: Ms. Chantell Walker

Fifth Ward Elementary School: Ms. Kendria Spears

Emily C. Watkins Elementary School: Ms. Antoinette Robinet

East St. John Elementary School: Mr. Stacy Bradford

ITEM 4b. BESE District 2 Candidate (Introductions)

BESE Candidates introduced themselves to the Board: Ms. Kara Tamara Washington and Ms. Kira Orange-Jones

ITEM 4c. Mr. Elton Oubre – Enrollment Updates

Mr. Oubre shared the following information with the Board:

**ENROLLMENT COMPARISON**  
**2014 - 2015/2015 - 2016**

Site	As of October 14, 2014-2015					As of October 14, 2015-2016				
	MFP	PREK	ADJ	Enroll	TOTAL	MFP	PREK	ADJ	Enroll	TOTAL
East St. John High	1350			1350	1350	1358			1358	1358
LaPlace Elementary	1029			1029	1029	1060			1060	1060
East St. John Elementary	558	55	-4	609	609	583	62	-5	640	640
West St. John High	201			201	201	210			210	210
West St. John Elementary	279	30	-5	304	304	268	24	-3	289	289
Fifth Ward Elementary	432			423	423	426			426	426
Lake Pontchartrain Elementary	492	110	-9	593	593	518	121	-5	634	634
St. John Development Center	8	109	-8	109	109	10	119	-10	119	119
John L. Ory Magnet	457			457	457	459			459	459
Garyville Math/Science	306			306	306	309			309	309
St. John Connection/Alternative	61			61	61	51			51	51
Emily C. Watkins	453			453	453	478			478	478
St. John Alternative Program						11			11	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>5626</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>5904</b>	<b>5904</b>	<b>5741</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>6044</b>	<b>6044</b>
						<b>115</b>				<b>140</b>
Site	As of October 1, 2014-2015					As of October 1, 2015-2016				
	MFP	PREK	ADJ	Enroll	TOTAL	MFP	PREK	ADJ	Enroll	TOTAL
East St. John High	1358			1358	1358	1361			1361	1361
LaPlace Elementary	1026			1026	1026	1060			1060	1060
East St. John Elementary	560	54	-4	610	610	580	62	-5	637	637
West St. John High	201			201	201	212			212	212
West St. John Elementary	280	30	-5	305	305	268	24	-3	289	289
Fifth Ward Elementary	430			430	430	428			428	428
Lake Pontchartrain Elementary	493	110	-9	594	594	509	121	-5	625	625
St. John Development Center	8	109	-8	109	109	10	118	-10	118	118
John L. Ory Magnet	458			458	458	459			459	459
Garyville Math/Science	305			305	305	308			308	308
St. John Connection/Alternative	55			55	55	51			51	51
Emily C. Watkins	450			450	450	472			472	472
St. John Alternative Program						8			8	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5624</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>5901</b>	<b>5901</b>	<b>5726</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>6028</b>	<b>6028</b>
						<b>102</b>				<b>127</b>

Mr. Clarence Triche stated that he is reviving the Gold & Silver Card Program for this school year as an incentive to students to do well in school.

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

ITEM 5a. Mrs. Patricia Triche - 2014-15 Head Start PIR Report / September Update / CLASS Observations

Mrs. Patricia Triche presented the Board with the 2014-15 Head Start PIR Report, along with an update for September and the CLASS Observations.

**ITEM 6. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

None

**ITEM 7. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

ITEM 7a. Mr. Felix Boughton – Request approval of resolution for Community Development Block Grant Funding

Mr. Boughton stated that this money will be used to procure 20 new buses.

MOTION BY: Nicholas

SECOND BY: Entire Board

MOTION: To approve the resolution for Community Development Block Grant.

No objections.

Upon roll call, there were:

10 Yeas – Jack, Burl, Keller, Sanders, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Triche, Jones

0 Nays  
1 absent – DeFrancesch  
The motion carried.

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**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL BOARD'S ACCESS TO AND USE OF HURRICANE ISAAC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) RECOVERY FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist Parish Council has set aside \$5,000,000 in Hurricane Isaac Community Development Block Grant funds to assist with Hurricane Isaac damages incurred by the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board;

**WHEREAS**, in anticipation of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council passing a resolution at its October 27, 2015 council meeting, authorizing and allowing the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board to expend funds on the procurement of school buses, FEMA cost share and other eligible expenses related to recovery activity as a result of Hurricane Isaac, as reflected in the Isaac Recovery Proposal being submitted to the Louisiana Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery Unit, which is required in order to document the impact of Hurricane Isaac on the school system and identify priority projects eligible under Isaac CDBG regulations that will address the recovery needs of the St. John Parish School Board; and

**WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist Parish School Board must enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Louisiana Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit in order to have a contractual relationship for the expenditure of these funds within the regulatory, compliance and policy guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the State of Louisiana;

**THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED**, that the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board authorizes Superintendent Kevin George to sign and submit the Hurricane Isaac Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Recovery Proposal, the subsequent Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Louisiana Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit and any and all related documents, as may be required, on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board.

The vote, in an open meeting on October 15, 2015, on the resolution was as follows:

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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ITEM 7b. Mr. Felix Boughton – Authorize administration to advertise and accept sealed bids on 20 new buses, contingent on approval of Community Development Block Grant funds

MOTION BY: Nicholas

SECOND BY: Burl

MOTION: To approve Proposal 16.26 General and Fleet Liability Insurance.

No objections.

10 Yeas – Jack, Burl, Keller, Sanders, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

1 absent – DeFrancesch

The motion carried.

ITEM 7c. Mr. Felix Boughton – Quarterly Budget to Actual Report

This item was for informational purposes only. Mr. Boughton stated that he would discuss this in greater detail at the Financial Workshop next Tuesday.

**GENERAL FUND REVENUES**

Code	Type	Original Appropriation	Revised Budget	Difference
01	Local revenues	\$30,472,828	\$34,812,643	\$4,339,815
02	State revenues	\$28,353,991	\$28,314,707	-\$39,284
04	Other revenues	\$2,197,634	\$2,197,634	\$0
	Total Revenues	<u>\$61,024,453</u>	<u>\$65,324,984</u>	\$4,300,531

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

Code	Type	Original Appropriation	Revised Budget	Difference
11	Regular Education	\$24,795,252	\$25,244,182	\$448,930
12	Special Education	\$8,907,986	\$9,271,134	\$363,148
13	Vocational Ed	\$1,552,298	\$1,519,781	-\$32,517
14	Other Instruction	\$2,149,525	\$1,979,039	-\$170,486
15	Special Programs	\$719,392	\$731,776	\$12,384
21	Pupil Support	\$5,016,911	\$4,919,599	-\$97,312
22	Instructional Staff	\$823,056	\$809,886	-\$13,170
23	General Admin	\$1,706,748	\$1,735,807	\$29,059
24	School Adm	\$5,425,404	\$5,479,062	\$53,658
25	Business Adm	\$778,489	\$764,442	-\$14,047
26	Maintenance	\$7,403,272	\$10,035,625	\$2,632,353
27	Transportation	\$4,396,164	\$4,566,332	\$170,168
28	Central Services	\$912,717	\$922,013	\$9,296
50	Other	\$9,481	\$9,481	\$0
		<u>\$64,596,695</u>	<u>\$67,988,159</u>	\$3,391,464
	<b>Current Year Projected Deficit</b>	<u>-\$3,572,242</u>	<u>-\$2,663,175</u>	
	<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$6,099,527</u>	<u>\$6,099,527</u>	
	<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$2,527,285</u>	<u>\$3,436,352</u>	

ITEM 7d. Mr. Felix Boughton – Recommendation on Design/Construction Management Professional for Synthetic Turf

Land and Facilities Committee Recommendation: To recommend to the full board to accept Civil and Environmental Consulting for the Design/Construction Management Professional for Synthetic Turf

MOTION BY: Burl

SECOND BY: Sanders

MOTION: To accept Civil and Environmental Consulting for the Design/Construction Management Professional for Synthetic Turf.

No objections.

Upon roll call, there were:

10 Yeas – Jack, Burl, Keller, Sanders, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

1 absent – DeFrancesch

The motion carried.

ITEM 7e. Mr. Felix Boughton – Recommendation on Health Insurance

Mr. Boughton stated that Blue Cross/Blue Shield offered an extension for another year without rate increases.

MOTION BY: Burl

SECOND BY: Sanders

MOTION: To accept the extension offered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield for health insurance.

No objections.

Upon roll call, there were:

10 Yeas – Jack, Burl, Keller, Sanders, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

1 absent – DeFrancesch

The motion carried.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 9. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 9a. Ms. Cindy Janecke – Lake Pontchartrain Elementary School Demolition Substantial Completion

MOTION BY: Burl

SECOND BY: Sanders

MOTION: To accept substantial completion on Lake Pontchartrain Elementary School Demolition as of September 4, 2015.

No objections.

10 Yeas – Jack, Burl, Keller, Sanders, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

1 absent – DeFrancesch

The motion carried.

#### ITEM 10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Rev. Nicholas stated that Mr. Ryan Perrilloux was in the audience and wanted to recognize him.

#### ITEM 11. BOARD ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dr. Keller asked if the Board would waive policy to discuss the insurance recovery (fire) at East St. John Elementary School.

MOTION BY: Keller

SECOND BY: Sanders

MOTION: To waive policy to discuss the insurance recovery (fire) at East St. John Elementary School.

No objections.

Upon roll call, there were:

10 Yeas – Jack, Burl, Keller, Sanders, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

1 absent – DeFrancesch

The motion carried.

Dr. Keller stated that he was concerned about the amount of time it is taking to get an insurance settlement for ESJE to begin repairs from the recent fire. He further stated that he feels that since we are under an Emergency Declaration, we could go ahead and award the work and get a head start. Mr. Orenthal Jasmin, School Board Attorney, stated that the Emergency Declaration was made to get the students back in class as soon as possible. The repair work had been done to the Leon Godchaux Campus under the Emergency Declaration. The students are back in school, therefore, we are no longer under a “state of emergency”.

Mr. George stated that first we must secure an insurance settlement from the insurance company, which he anticipates in the next week. Before that happens, there’s really nothing administration can do to speed up the process.

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

MOTION BY: Burl

SECOND BY: Sanders

MOTION: Motion for adjournment.

No objections.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Kevin R. George, Secretary

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Keith A. Jones, President