

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RESERVE, LA – MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2016**

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 Hwy. 44, Reserve, Louisiana, on Thursday, March 17, 2016, 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, led by Clarence Triche, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by 8th Grade District Student of the Year Jenna Necaie.

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

There were 7 members present, 4 absent.

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

MOTION BY: Johnson

SECOND BY: Burl

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the meetings of March 3, 2016.

No objections.

The motion carried.

Roll Call:

7 Yeas - Burl, Keller, Sanders, Johnson, Wallace, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

4 Absent – Jack, DeFrancesch, Wise, Nicholas

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

Mr. George stated the following: *“The Louisiana Department of Education lists 81.93 percent of students in St. John Parish Public Schools as “economically disadvantaged.” No other listed school district with at least 80 percent of the student body categorized as economically disadvantaged performed better, and only one (Jefferson Parish) matched St. John with a B rating. No other school system with a higher poverty rate performs better than we do. That means we are doing the best job with the kids with the greatest needs.”*

Mrs. DeFrancesch arrived at 6:18 p.m. and was recorded as present.

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

a. Ms. Page Eschette - Students of the Year

The following students were recognized:

Student	School	Grade level
5th Grade		
Tayah Cook	East St. John Elementary	5th
Charles Harris	Emily C. Watkins Elementary	5th
Emani Payne	Fifth Ward Elementary	5th
Lori Lennix	Lake Pontchartrain Elementary	5th
Aleyda Gonzalez	LaPlace Elementary School	5th
Tobore Takpor	John L. Ory Magnet School	5th
Skylar Edwards	West St. John Elementary	5th
Carlo Travis	Garyville/Mt. Airy Magnet School & 5th Grade District Winner	5th

8th Grade		
Madison Duhe	Emily C. Watkins Elementary	8th
Myles Gauthier	West St. John High	8th
Mai'Ron Carter	East St. John Elementary	8th
Kyra Thomas	Fifth Ward Elementary	8th
Tahyri Bolden	Garyville/Mt. Airy Magnet School	8th
Ravyn Bazile	LaPlace Elementary School	8th
Ka'Meryal Kelly	Lake Pontchartrain Elementary	8th
Jenna Necaise	John L. Ory Magnet School & 8th Grade District Winner	8th
12th Grade		
Lamore Boudoin	West St. John High	12th
Lori Chen	East St. John High & 12th Grade District Winner	12th

The Chair declared a recess at 6:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Keller, seconded by Mr. Burl, to reconvene in Regular Session. There were no objections and the Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:29 p.m.

ITEM 6. PERSONNEL MATTERS

ITEM 7. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

a. Mr. Felix Boughton – Announcement of public meeting to levy sales tax.

MOTION BY: Keller

SECOND BY: DeFrancesch

MOTION: To accept the Announcement of public meeting to levy sales tax.

No objections.

Upon roll call, there were:

8 Yeas – Burl, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wallace, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

3 Absent - Jack, Wise, Nicholas

The motion carried.

The following was read into the record by Mr. Jones:

Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that in the event the voters approve the levy of a 1/4% sales and use tax at the April 9, 2016 election, at its meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at 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 "School Board"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, (the "Parish"), plans to consider adopting an ordinance providing for the levy of said sales and use tax in the Parish pursuant to said voter authorization.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 8a. Ms. Page Eschette – Request approval of New/Modified Policies: BE School Board Ethics, EBBG Hazardous Substances, GAMFA Employee Communicable Diseases, JGCC Student Communicable Disease, IH Academic Achievement, JCDB Dress Code, JDD Suspension, JDE Expulsion, JBD Student Absences, JBCC Student Assignment, JBCC Student Transfer and Withdrawal.

Ms. Eschette stated that policy **JBCC Student Transfer and Withdrawal** would be pulled from consideration.

MOTION BY: Burl

SECOND BY: Triche

MOTION: To approve New/Modified Policies: BE School Board Ethics, EBBG Hazardous Substances, GAMFA Employee Communicable Diseases, JGCC Student Communicable Disease, IH Academic Achievement, JCDB Dress Code, JDD Suspension, JDE Expulsion, JBD Student Absences, JBCC Student Assignment.

Upon roll call, there were:

8 Yeas – Burl, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wallace, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

3 Absent - Jack, Wise, Nicholas

The motion carried.

ITEM 9. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 9a. Ms. Heidi Trosclair – Introduction of 2016-2017 School Calendar.

This item was for introduction only.

St. John the Baptist Parish School System School Calendar 2016 - 2017

August

4 - 5 Professional Development Days
8 Teacher Work Day
9 First Day of School for Students
16 First Day for Kindergarten / Universal PreK / LA4 / Model Early Students
22 First Day for Head Start Students

September

5 Labor Day Holiday
19 Professional Development Day – No School for Students

October

10 - 11 Fall Break Holiday
14 End of First Nine Weeks

November

7 Professional Development Day – No School for Students
8 Election Day – No School
21 - 25 Thanksgiving Holidays

December

20 End of Second Nine Weeks
21 – 30 Christmas Holidays

January

2 New Year's Holiday
3 Professional Development Day – No School for Students
4 Students Return to School
16 Martin Luther King Holiday

February

6 Professional Development Day – No School for Students
27 - 28 Mardi Gras Holidays

March

1 - 3 Mardi Gras Holidays
16 End of Third Nine Weeks

April

10 - 17 Easter Holidays
18 Students Return to School

May

25 Last Day for Students / End of Fourth Nine Weeks
26 Records' Day

ITEM 9b. Mrs. Patricia Triche – Head Start Grant Renewal Application.

MOTION BY: Keller

SECOND BY: Triche

MOTION: To approve the Head Start Grant Renewal Application as presented.

Upon roll call, there were:

8 Yeas – Burl, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wallace, Triche, Jones

0 Nays

3 Absent - Jack, Wise, Nicholas

The motion carried.

All Board members were given a copy of the Renewal Application. A copy of the application, in its entirety, can be viewed at the Child Development Center, 117 Stebbins Road, Garyville, LA 70051 or St. John the Baptist Parish School Board Office, 118 West 10th St., Reserve, LA 70084. To request a copy by email, please call 985-536-1106.

ITEM 10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ITEM 10a. Use of Facility Policy Discussion (Policy KG)

Mr. George stated that upon review of the current Use of Facility Policy, it was realized that the Board needn't take any action on this as it relates to The Mission Church's rental of LaPlace Elementary School. Mr. Burl asked that The Mission Church (Pastor Peppo) be informed that they will be allowed to rent LaPlace Elementary School's Cafeteria for the purposes of holding their church services each Sunday for one calendar year, at which time the rental will be reviewed and possibly renegotiated.

ITEM 10b. Executive Session – Update on Negotiations

MOTION BY: Keller

SECOND BY: DeFrancesch

MOTION: To convene in Executive Session to discuss the SJAE Negotiations.

No objections.

The motion carried. 6:39 p.m.

MOTION BY: Johnson

SECOND BY: DeFrancesch

MOTION: To reconvene in Regular Session.

No objections.

The motion carried. 7:05 p.m.

ITEM 11. BOARD ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dr. Keller announced that on April 4, 2016 at 12:30 p.m., Mr. A.J. Duhe (who played in a Superbowl with the Miami Dolphins) will be honored for receiving a golden football from the NFL. The event will take place at East St. John High School.

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

MOTION BY: Burl

SECOND BY: Triche

MOTION: Motion for adjournment.

There were no objections.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Kevin R. George, Secretary

Keith Jones, President