

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 24, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.

School Board Office – 118 West 10<sup>th</sup> St., Reserve, LA

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mr. Russ Wise.

### ITEM 2. ROLL CALL:

Albert Burl, III - Present  
Gerald Keller - Present  
Patrick Sanders - Present

*With 3 Present, 0 Absent, there was a quorum.*

### ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting of 03-13-2018

**Motion by:** Keller

**Second by:** Sanders

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of 03-13-2018

**Roll call:** 3 Yeas

The motion carried.

### ITEM 4. Mr. Courtney Joiner – Charter School Contract Update

Mr. Joiner updated the committee on some of the stumbling blocks that are getting in the way of completing a contract with Louisiana Premier Charter School. Some of those include: lack of student body makeup; LPCS changing grade structure; lack of school campus; admissions criteria. Mr. Joiner stated that at this point, it is extremely doubtful that the school could open in August of 2018, because of the various approvals needed.

### ITEM 5. Mr. Courtney Joiner – Executive Session – Formal Written Demand re: Fawn Ukpolo

**ITEM 6.** Kevin Klibert – Executive Session – Strategy Session re: *Nichelle Parquet v. St. John the Baptist Parish School Board*, Docket 17-00153, OWC District 6.

JAA-Equitable Educational Opportunities

**Motion by:** Sanders

**Second by:** Keller

**Motion:** To convene in Executive Session to address both Items 5 and 6.

**Roll call:** 3 Yeas

The motion carried.

The Committee convened in Executive Session at 9:24 a.m.

**Motion by:** Sanders

**Second by:** Keller

**Motion:** To reconvene in Regular Session.

**Roll call:** 3 Yeas

The motion carried.

The Committee reconvened in Regular Session at 10:07 a.m.

**ITEM 7. Mr. Kevin Klibert – Magnet Program Update**

Mr. Klibert updated the Committee on the Magnet Program.

**ITEM 8. Mr. Felix Boughton – ITEP Matrix for SJBP Taxing Bodies**

**Motion by:** Keller

**Second by:** Sanders

**Motion:** To recommend to the full board to adopt the ITEP Resolution as presented and recommended by the Finance Committee.

**Roll call:** 3 Yeas

The motion carried.

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**St. John the Baptist Parish School Board  
RESOLUTION**

Relative to establishing standards and criteria for the approval by the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board of requests for ad valorem tax exemptions under the industrial tax exemption program.

**WHEREAS**, ad valorem taxation is a principle source of funds providing for the educational needs of students served by St. John the Baptist Parish schools, and

**WHEREAS**, tax exemptions can, under certain circumstances, incentivize business activity that brings a benefit to our community, and

**WHEREAS**, Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution authorizes the Board of Commerce and Industry ("BCI"), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts under the Industrial Tax Exemption Program ("ITEP"), and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor, through Executive Orders JBE 16-26 and JBE 16-73, and the Board of Commerce and Industry, through the promulgation of rules, have reformed the industrial tax exemption program to emphasize job creation and empower local school boards and other taxing bodies to establish local criteria for the approval of industrial tax exemptions, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a legitimate interest on the part of the business community and broader community to have clarity and predictability around tax and economic development policy and establishing standards and criteria for the approval of industrial tax exemptions is important to establishing that environment of clarity and predictability, and

**AND WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to affirmatively articulate its pro-economic development policy and its continuing cooperation with State and Regional Economic Development Organizations with a goal of increasing median family income in the Parish,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board, that the following shall be deemed the minimum standards and criteria for granting a resolution of support for industrial tax exemption requests that may come before that Board for consideration:

ITEP Matrix for SJBP Taxing Bodies		
SMALL BUSINESS OR NEW COMPANY (50 or fewer employees)		
Net new full-time jobs created	Exemption rate	
	Years 1-5	Years 6-8
	Up to (see below)	
1 to 10 jobs	40%	20%
21 to 50 jobs	60%	30%
51 to 100 jobs	80%	40%
More than 100 jobs	100%	50%
LARGE BUSINESS (51 or more employees)		
Net new full-time jobs created	Exemption rate	
	Years 1-5	Years 6-8
	Up to (see below)	
1 to 10 jobs	40%	20%
21 to 50 jobs	60%	30%
51 to 100 jobs	80%	40%
More than 100 jobs	100%	50%

**EXEMPTION RATE DETERMINATION (Local Hire Provisions)**

Half of the maximum exemption rate expressed in the matrix is guaranteed for any eligible company meeting the job-creation requirements. The other half of the exemption rate shall be determined by the proportion of full-time employees who reside in St. John the Baptist Parish. This provision places no limitations on a company's ability to hire whomever it chooses. It recognizes that tax exemptions are a subsidy paid for by the property taxpayers of a specific locality, St. John the Baptist Parish, and ties the size of that subsidy to the benefits received by that locality.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that for any industrial tax exemption application not meeting the standards and criteria established in this resolution, the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board shall submit a resolution as part of Exhibit B of the ITEP application process indicating that the approved percentage of exemption from parish ad valorem taxes shall be zero percent.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution may be over-riden for an individual ITEP application only with the approval of two-thirds of the total membership of the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board by a record vote.

Approved by recorded vote, signed and executed on this 26th day of April, 2018, by:

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Kevin R. George, Superintendent/Secretary

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Albert A. Burl, III, Board President

**ITEM 9. Mr. Felix Boughton – Internal Control Procedures**

Mr. Boughton stated that he has put stricter rules in place for receiving cash at all school sites. He stated that he will hold PD days with principals this summer to ensure the new rules are strictly followed.

**ITEM 10. Committee Items of Interest**

**ITEM 11. Adjournment**

**Motion by:** Sanders

**Second by:** Keller

**Motion:** There being no further business, motion to adjourn.

No objections.

**TIME:** 10:38 a.m.

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**Albert A. Burl, III, President**