

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
LAPLACE, LA – MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2016**

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, at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

An agenda for the meeting is attached.

Sincerely, s/Kevin R. George
Superintendent/Secretary

The Chair called for the invocation, led by Rev. Nicholas, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by District Attorney Bridget Dinvaux.

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

There were 9 members present and 2 members absent.

ITEM 3a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting of September 22, 2016.

MOTION BY: Nicholas

SECOND BY: Wallace

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the meeting of September 22, 2016.

No objections.

The motion carried.

Roll Call:

11 Yeas – Burl, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Jones

0 Nays

2 Absent – Jack, Triche

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

Superintendent George reported that SJPB Schools has received the NIET grant! This grant is worth \$49 million, spread over the next 5 years and will be shared between 6 school districts.

Mr. George also announced that the 2nd STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Night was being held at GMMS at the same time as the Board Meeting.

Mr. George asked Mr. Cory Butler to give the board a report on the October 1st enrollment. Mr. Butler presented the following to the Board:

Site	Enrollment Year 2014-2015	Enrollment Year 2015-2016	Enrollment Year 2016-2017	Yearly Enrollment Progress by School +/-	MFP 2014- 2015	MFP 2015- 2016	MFP 2016- 2017
East St. John High	1358	1361	1395	+26	1358	1361	1395
Laplace Elementary	1026	1060	1045	-15	1026	1060	1045
East St. John Elem.	610	580	614	+34	560	580	574
West St. John High	201	212	185	-27	201	212	185
West St. John Elem.	305	268	294	+26	280	268	263
Fifth Ward Elem.	430	428	388	-40	430	428	388
Lake Pontchartrain Elem.	594	625	614	-11	493	509	507
St. John Development Center	109	118	113	-5	8	10	11
John L. Ory Magnet	458	459	457	-2	458	459	457
Garyville/Mt. Airy Magnet	305	308	319	+11	305	308	319
St. John Success Academy	55	51	67	+16	55	51	67
Emily C. Watkins	450	472	471	-1	450	472	471
e-Learning Program	---	---	36	+36	---	---	36
St. John The Baptist Central Office	---	---	33	+33	---	---	33
St. John Alternative Program	0	8	14	+6	---	8	14
Total	5901	6028	6045		5624	5726	5765
		+127	+17			+102	+36

Mr. Jack arrived at 6:09 and was recorded as present.

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

ITEM 5a. Ms. Page Eschette – Recognition of Retirees

Ms. Eschette announced the following retirees:

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| 1. Joyce Pierce | 21. Cheryl Jackson |
| 2. Michael White | 22. Cynthia Berger |
| 3. Carolyn Batiste | 23. JoAnn Boudreaux |
| 4. Marlene Duhe | 24. Marlyn Jacob |
| 5. Michelle Champagne | 25. Betty Parker |
| 6. Gilbert Bartholomew | 26. Crista Carazo |
| 7. Yvonne Landry | 27. Martha Hymel |
| 8. Monna Green | 28. Marva Joseph |
| 9. Reina Kennedy | 29. Myrtle Lucas |
| 10. Lester Louque | 30. Traci Musso |
| 11. Celeste Gullage | 31. Kim Madere |
| 12. Barbara Ellis | 32. Patricia McGehee |
| 13. Marie Villere | 33. Phillis Johnson |
| 14. Carolyn Rowe | 34. Sandra Guillot |
| 15. Flora Pierce | 35. Charla Duhe |
| 16. Beverly Lewis | 36. Alice Washington |
| 17. Dale Wolfe | 37. Alicia Harris |
| 18. Agnes Hollins | 38. Darcel Gardner |
| 19. Alison Ariail | 39. Iona Holloway |
| 20. Anthony Dershak | 40. Patricia Martin Rodrigue |

The Chair declared a recess at 6:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Rev. Nicholas, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to resume in Regular Session. There were no objections. The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:27 p.m.

ITEM 5b. Mr. Larry Soropuru – Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN)

Mr. Soropuru introduced Ms. Wilma Subra, who shared a handout with the Board regarding the amount of neoprene that is being released into the air by the Denka/Dupont plant.

ITEM 5c. Dr. Chuck Brown – Secretary for Louisiana DEQ

Mr. George announced that Dr. Brown had sent a letter explaining that he would be unable to be at tonight's meeting.

ITEM 6. PERSONNEL MATTERS

ITEM 7. BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

ITEM 7a. Mr. Felix Boughton – Adopt Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire

In Mr. Boughton's absence, Ms. Monica Jackson presented this information to the Board. She stated that it is part of the annual audit and must be submitted with the audit.

MOTION BY: Sanders

SECOND BY: Wallace

MOTION: To adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as presented.

Upon Roll Call, there were:

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

0 Nays

1 Absent - Triche

The motion carried.

ITEM 7b. Mr. Felix Boughton – Quarterly Budget Report 2016-2017

In Mr. Boughton’s absence, Ms. Monica Jackson presented this information to the Board. She stated that there was less than a 1% variance and we are in good standings right now.

This item was for information only.

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Code	Type	Original Appropriation	Revised Budget	Difference
01	Local revenues	\$29,281,427	\$29,281,427	\$0
02	State revenues	\$28,149,450	\$28,149,450	\$0
04	Other revenues	\$3,397,634	\$3,397,634	\$0
	Total Revenues	\$60,828,511	\$60,828,511	\$0

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Code	Type	Original Appropriation	Revised Budget	Difference
11	Regular Education	\$24,394,320	\$24,794,354	\$400,034
12	Special Education	\$9,772,966	\$9,060,849	-\$712,117
13	Vocational Ed	\$1,379,135	\$1,165,270	-\$213,865
14	Other Instruction	\$1,355,711	\$1,711,285	\$355,574
15	Special Programs	\$681,317	\$655,993	-\$25,324
21	Pupil Support	\$4,734,009	\$4,944,930	\$210,921
22	Instructional Staff	\$722,386	\$883,030	\$160,644
23	General Admin	\$1,687,734	\$1,741,731	\$53,997
24	School Adm	\$5,342,484	\$5,491,804	\$149,320
25	Business Adm	\$818,364	\$790,825	-\$27,539
26	Maintenance	\$7,752,204	\$7,886,976	\$134,772
27	Transportation	\$4,242,009	\$4,203,726	-\$38,283
28	Central Services	\$887,684	\$924,521	\$36,837
50	Other	\$9,481	\$9,481	\$0
		\$63,779,804	\$64,264,775	\$484,971
	Current Year Projected Deficit	-\$2,951,293	-\$3,436,264	
	Beginning Fund Balance	\$8,023,940	\$8,023,940	
	Ending Fund Balance	\$5,072,647	\$4,587,676	

ITEM 7c. Mr. Peter Montz – Consider and take action on Fleet Mechanic Contract

MOTION BY: DeFrancesch

SECOND BY: Wise

MOTION: To extend the current Fleet Mechanic Contract for one year with a 10% price reduction.

Upon Roll Call, there were:

8 Yeas – Jack, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Jones

1 Nays – Keller

1 Abstention - Burl

1 Absent - Triche

The motion carried.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 9. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 9a. Ms. Page Eschette – Introduction to Revised Policy: KM – Visitors to Schools

This item was for introduction only.

ITEM 9b. Mr. Kevin R. George – Authorize Superintendent to develop a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. John the Baptist Parish Government regarding the use of WSJE and WSJH.

MOTION BY: Nicholas

SECOND BY: Jack

MOTION: To allow the Superintendent to develop a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. John the Baptist Parish Government regarding the use of West St. John Elementary School and West St. John High School and negotiate the fees.

Upon Roll Call, there were:

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

1 Absent - Triche

The motion carried.

ITEM 9c. Mrs. Patricia Triche – Informational: Head Start Monthly Budget Summary and Information Summary – August 2016

Head Start Program Monthly Budget Summary				
August 2016				
Description	Budgeted Amount	Amount Spent	Amount Pending	Available Balance
Teacher Salaries	\$418,835.00	\$47,563.25	\$0.00	\$371,271.75
Paraprofessional Salaries	\$214,600.00	\$28,662.77	\$0.00	\$185,937.23
Bus Monitor Salaries	\$46,096.00	\$4,157.90	\$0.00	\$41,938.10
Management/ Administrative/ Clerical Salaries	\$310,308.00	\$52,174.45	\$0.00	\$258,133.55
Health Insurance	\$27,480.00	\$18,256.46	\$0.00	\$9,223.54
Retirement	\$93,680.00	\$30,483.20	\$0.00	\$63,196.80
Medicare	\$13,994.00	\$1,824.55	\$0.00	\$12,169.45
FICA	\$2,267.00	\$257.79	\$0.00	\$2,009.21
Staff Training and Travel	\$24,366.00	\$13,180.34	\$0.00	\$11,185.66
Supplies/ Instructional Materials/Activities	\$24,406.54	\$642.84	\$2,386.64	\$21,377.06
Annual Audit	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Adult Meals (Teachers, Meetings, and Policy Council)	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00	\$5,850.00
Software Licenses/ Maintenance Agreements	\$6,739.00	\$2,892.09	\$0.00	\$3,846.91
Total	\$1,190,571.54	\$200,095.64	\$3,536.64	\$986,939.26

Prepared by Dominique Miller, Fiscal Manager

Mr. Wise commended Mrs. Triche and her staff for doing such a great job promoting themselves on social media.

ITEM 9d. Executive Session: Bridget A. Dinvaut, in her official capacity as District Attorney vs. St. John the Baptist Parish School Board – Open Meetings Law Violation

MOTION BY: Johnson
 SECOND BY: DeFrancesch
 MOTION: To convene in Executive Session
 Upon Roll Call, there were:
 9 Yeas – Burl, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wise, Wallace, Nicholas, Jones
 1 Absent – Triche
 Mr. Jack was not seated.
 The motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:14 p.m.

MOTION BY: Nicholas
 SECOND BY: Burl
 MOTION: To reconvene in Regular Session
 No objections.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 8:09 p.m.

ITEM 10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ITEM 11. BOARD ITEMS OF INTEREST

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT - The agenda having been completed, and there being no further business, there was a
 MOTION BY: Nicholas
 SECOND BY: Wallace
 MOTION: Motion for adjournment.
 There were no objections.
 The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Kevin R. George, Secretary

Keith Jones, President