

**December 4, 2017
Jonesboro, Louisiana**

The Jackson Parish School Board met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on December 4, 2017, at its regular meeting place, 315 Pershing Highway, Jonesboro, Louisiana. The following were present for roll call: Dennis Clary, Calvin Waggoner, Gloria Davis, Wade McBride, Mary Saulters, and Melissa Perry. Absent: Gerry Mims

The meeting was called to order by President Calvin Waggoner.

Gloria Davis gave the Invocation.

Mary Saulters led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Mary Saulters, seconded by Gloria Davis and carried to approve the minutes as presented from the meeting held on November 6, 2017.

Melissa Perry nominated Dennis Clary as Vice-President for 2018. No other nominations were made.

Motion was made by Melissa Perry, seconded by Mary Saulters and carried to approve adopting the Resolution WestRock ITEP 2017, approving WestRock for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program at 100 Mill Street, Hodge, Louisiana 71247.

Resolution WestRock ITEP2017
A RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD APPROVING
WESTROCK FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION
PROGRAM AT 100 MILL STREET, HODGE, LOUISIANA 71247

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 21 (F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry (“BCI”), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, WestRock has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption (“ITE”) and seeks approval of the BCI and the Governor for a contract granting that exemption; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards, through Executive Order JBE 16-73, has set forth the conditions for his approval of ITE contracts, and affirmed that those conditions are in the best interest of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 provides that ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments, or upon showing that investment in modernization of the facility represents a compelling basis for retention of jobs and that the percentage of exemption from ad valorem taxes, and length of the contract for such exemption, may vary depending upon the nature of the project and its economic development benefit in accordance with guidance received from the Secretary of Economic Development and concurred in by the appropriate parish and/or municipal council, school board, and sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 mandates that each exemption contract approved by the Governor shall include as Exhibit “A” a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the ITE between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and the applicant for the ITE contract, which provides for the creation or retention of jobs, and provides for the exercise of the option in the Louisiana Constitution for the term or percentage of the parish ad valorem tax exemption granted in the contract, and provides for the reduction or loss of the exemption based upon the applicant’s compliance with the contract.

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 further requires that this School Board, together with the other required local governmental entities signify consent to the terms of the exemption by resolution and the

sheriff of this parish shall signify consent to the terms of the exemption by letter. Executive Order JBE 16-73 further provides that the resolutions of approval and the sheriff's approval shall be attached as Exhibit "B" to the ITE contract between the BCI and WestRock; and

WHEREAS, WestRock and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development have advised that certain terms and conditions forming Exhibit "A" to the Industrial Tax Exemption contract pending approval before the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry have been reached and have conveyed the same to this school board, and thus this matter is now ready for a determination of approval of this school board as required by Executive Order JBE 16-73,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that this school board finds that WestRock has presented compelling evidence that as a result of the investment for which the exemption is sought, it will retain 400 manufacturing jobs if this exemption is granted, approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract based on the inclusion of the following terms and conditions into Exhibit "A" (the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement) between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and WestRock to the Industrial Tax Exemption contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and WestRock with respect to its manufacturing plant located at Jackson Parish, Louisiana:

400	Retained Direct Jobs at the Manufacturing Establishment
\$28,000,000	Payroll

Term of Exemption Contract: 5 years at 100% subject to renewal for 3 years at 80%

Documentation of the investment and yearly review of employment and payroll provided that a reduction in the committed jobs and payroll set forth above may result in reconsideration of the terms of the exemption or the opportunity for renewal of the initial five year exemption.

This Jackson Parish School Board further authorizes the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, on behalf of the Board of Commerce and Industry, to include this resolution in Exhibit "B" to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and WestRock.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by this school board, that a copy of the resolution shall be forwarded to Board of Commerce and Industry and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ, AND, AFTER PUBLIC DISCUSSION, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Wade McBride, Dennis Clary, Melissa Perry, Mary Saulters, Calvin Waggoner, Gloria Davis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gerry Mims

ABSTAIN: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 4 day of December, 2017.

David Claxton
Superintendent, Jackson Parish Schools

Motion was made by Dennis Clary, seconded by Mary Saulters and carried to approve adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana state and local government and quasi-public agencies.

Mary Saulters reported to the Board on a meeting of the Executive Finance Committee held prior to the Board meeting.

Motion was made by Dennis Clary, seconded by Melissa Perry and carried to approve for payment the following bills: General Fund, Federal Program, Food Service, Sales Tax, Special Education, District Maintenance bills.

Motion was made by Melissa Perry, seconded by Dennis Clary and carried to approve paying employer's share of Office of Group Benefits insurance premiums from General Fund for the December 2017 sales tax distribution.

Motion was made by Gloria Davis, seconded by Melissa Perry and carried to approve paying \$7,461.19 to Louisiana Workforce Commission for the 2017 Second Injury Fund assessment, to be paid from General Fund.

Motion was made by Gloria Davis, seconded by Melissa Perry and carried to approve accepting low bid of \$9,562.00 from Contract Paper Group, Inc. for copy paper, to be paid from General Fund.

The monthly Financial Statement was presented by James Odom, Business Manager.

Wade McBride reported to the Board on a meeting of the Building and Grounds Committee held prior to the Board meeting.

Motion was made by Mary Saulters, seconded by Melissa Perry and carried to approve the minutes from the Building and Grounds Committee meeting held on November 28, 2017.

November 28, 2017
Jonesboro, Louisiana

The Jackson Parish School Board Building and Grounds Committee met at 1:00 p.m. on November 28, 2017, at 315 Pershing Highway, Jonesboro, Louisiana, in the Board Room.

Present: Gerry Mims, Wade McBride and Calvin Waggoner

A motion was made by Calvin Waggoner and seconded by Gerry Mims and carried to recommend accepting low bid of \$9,998.00 from Decorative Concrete Coatings, LLC. to change the front entrance at Jonesboro Hodge Middle School.

Motion was made by Wade McBride, seconded by Melissa Perry and carried to accept low bid of \$9,998.00 from Decorative Concrete Coatings, LLC to replace the carpet at the front entrance at Jonesboro Hodge Middle School, to be paid from District Funds.

Motion was made by Melissa Perry, seconded by Mary Saulters and carried to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

President

Secretary

