

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RESERVE, LA – Meeting of April 7, 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, April 7, 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 Ms. Gaynell Noble.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Messrs. Jack, Burl, Sanders, Johnson, Triche, Wallace, Nicholas, Jones and Mrs. DeFrancesch.

ABSENT: Messrs. Keller and Wise

There were 9 members present and 2 members absent.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meetings of March 17, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Triche and seconded by Mr. Burl to accept the minutes of March 17, 2016, meeting as printed and published. There being no objections, motion passed, 9 YEAS, 2 Absent (Keller and Wise).

Dr. Gerald Keller arrived at 6:09 and was recorded present.

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

Superintendent George requested that Mrs. Shanna Beber, Curriculum Facilitator, explain the summer school process for the 2016 Summer School. St. John Parish will conduct two types of summer school – Credit Recovery & Credit Advancement.

1. **Credit recovery** will be available for all students K-12 – this is for a student who qualifies and meets the summer school criteria who could earn credit for failed subject area.
2. **Credit Advancement** will be available for high school students only – this component of summer school will allow a student to take an advanced or enrichment course.

Proclamation from United State Congressman Cedric Richmond

Superintendent Kevin George accepts a proclamation from St. John the Baptist Parish Councilwoman Jaclyn Hotard and Michelle Jenkins-Miller, of U.S. Representative Cedric Richmond’s office, along with School Board President Keith Jones. The proclamation, congratulating the St. John the Baptist Parish Public School District on attaining a “B” letter grade, was presented by Richmond and recorded to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi in Washington, D.C.



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House of Representatives

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 07, 2016

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the St. John the Baptist Parish Public School District for improving its letter grade to a B. Several schools demonstrated student performance growth ranging from 1.3-16.6 within one year.

To meet the challenging educational standards and statewide assessments, I would like to commend St. John the Baptist Parish Public School District for adopting a more rigorous curriculum for English language arts and math. The district, through new curriculum implementation increased its percentile rank by 14 when compared with the 2014 rankings for the percentage of students scoring mastery or above in English language arts and math. This is the fourth-highest growth among school districts statewide and the largest growth among New Orleans area school districts.

To support educators, the district recruited an impressive group of teacher leaders. These leaders received extra professional development in best practices in English language arts, math science, social studies, and technology then returned to their school sites to work with their fellow teachers. The school administrators were given time and space to collaborate, analyze data, and attend professional development to improve teaching and learning.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the St. John the Baptist Parish Public School District for their commitment to educating our youth. Education is the key to success. It is the surest pathway out of poverty and the best way to strengthen our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I yield back the balance of my time.

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

- a. Mrs. Erica Merrick, You've Got Heart Award Presentation
School counselors were recognized for their hard work serving students. Mechelle Terrio, LaPlace Elementary; Jennifer Russell, East St. John Elementary; Jennifer Vial, Lake Pontchartrain Elementary; Jill Talbot, Garyville/Mt. Airy Magnet School; Amanda Bourgeois, John L. Ory Magnet School; Renisha Oubre, Fifth Ward Elementary; Elizabeth Leatherwood, Carol Mills, Demecca Jones, and Tai Cambre, East St. John High; Shanda James, West St. John High; Stanley Alexis, St. John Alternative School; Janet Kinzy, West St. John Elementary; and Sharell Warren, Emily C. Watkins Elementary.

HEART: East St. John Elementary School counselor Jennifer Russell received the You've Got Heart Award. Russell is the first recipient of the award, which recognizes counselors who go above and beyond what is expected.

- b. Mrs. Charla Duhe, 2016 National Geographic Summer Institute
Mrs. Alison Cupit, Principal, LaPlace Elementary presented Ms. Charla Duhe, 4th grade teacher at LaPlace Elementary. Ms. Duhe will participate in the National Geographic summer institute in Denver, Colo., in July during which she will help develop materials for the Louisiana Giant Traveling Map and begin planning for the State Giant Traveling Map initiative. Her participation will also allow her to become a National Geographic Certified Educator, an honor bestowed by invitation-only.
- c. Mr. Garrett Prejean, East St. John High School Drama Students
East St. John High School Talented Theatre students recently placed first at District Literary Rally at Nicholls State University. Students who performed in the play entitled “Lockdown” were: Shania Campbell, Madison Gerhart, Kamrin Greene, Francis Means, Alana Hall, Destiny Rodriguez and Jonnell Crockett.

Mr. Robert Schaff, History Teacher at East St. John High School presented District Literary Rally winners: Kaleb Mendez, first place in U.S. History; Javian Gant, superior in music (solo performance); Fred Turner, first place in psychology; Charnell Noble, superior in radio speaking; Crystal Dabney, first place in calculus; A'Rashad Narcisse, first place in business computer applications, Caleb Putman, second place in world history; Carlshane Williams, second place in sociology; and Cameron Cage, third place in English I.

- d. Shanna Beber/Jenna Chiasson – Spelling Bee, Science and Social Studies Winners
Ms. Shanna Beber recognized LaPlace Elementary School student Tamiyah Gross for placing third in the regional round of the 28th Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee in New Orleans on February 27.

Students who placed in the Louisiana Region 10 Science and Engineering Fair:
Ijha Miller and Lizbeth Perez, third place in biomedical and health science; Jose Folgar, first place in computer science; TyJon Monoe, third place in engineering and mathematics; Cairon Becnel, second place in environmental science; Leah Brown, third place in physics; Alyssa Duhe, first place in medicine; Anthony Cases, second place in chemistry; and Amiya Lumar, third place in plant sciences. Folgar also placed third at the state competition.

Students who placed in the Louisiana Region 10 Social Studies Fair:
Madison Boudreaux, third place in sociology; Fred Turner, first place in political science; Alexis Dusang, first place in Louisiana History; Jaden Porter, third place in Louisiana History; Joann Herrera, first place in anthropology; Norelle Frank, third place in anthropology; Donrell Lumar, second place in political science; Loren Aubert, second place in anthropology; Jenna Necaize, first place in geography; Ria Edwards, third place in sociology; Cory Mitchell and Alan Burl, second place in sociology team.

ITEM 6. PERSONNEL MATTERS: Ms. Page Eschette, Director of Human Resources
None.

ITEM 7. BUSINESS AND FINANCE:

ITEM 7a. Mr. Felix Boughton, Executive Director of Business and Finance - Announce intent to levy millages for 2016 at the May 12, 2016 scheduled meeting (Requires action)
Mrs. DeFrancesch made a motion to accept intent to levy millages for 2016, as presented by administration. Motion was seconded by Mr. Triche. There being no objections, motion passed, and 1 Absent (Wise).

ITEM 7b. Mr. Peter Montz, Purchasing Agent Director – Request board approval to solicit bids and proposals for the upcoming fiscal year: Proposal 17.03 Pest Control; Proposal 17.04 Waste Disposal; Proposal 17.05 Fiscal Auditors; Proposal 17.06 Consignment Motor Fuel and System; Bid 17.08 Bus parts; Bid 17.09 Copier/Computer Paper; Bid 17.10 Office Supplies; Bid 17.11 Instructional Materials; Bid 17.12 General maintenance; Bid 17.13 Electrical Supplies; Bid 17.14 Air Conditioning/Welding Supplies; Bid 17.15 Plumbing Supplies; Bid 17.16 Custodial Cleaning Supplies; Proposal 17.19 Locksmith Services (Requires action)
Mr. Triche made a motion to solicit bids and proposals as presented by administration. Motion was seconded by Dr. Keller. There being no objections, motion passed, and 1 Absent (Wise).

ITEM 7c. Mr. Peter Montz, Purchasing Agent Director – Request Board approval to declare the following buses, maintenance equipment and white fleet surplus and sell (Requires action). Mr. Triche made a motion to declare buses, maintenance equipment and white fleet as surplus as presented by administration. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sanders. There being no objections, motion passed, and 1 Absent (Wise).

ITEM 7d. Ms. Terry Charles, Supervisor of Child Nutrition – Request Board approval to advertise for bids for the SY 2016-2017 for Bread, Milk, Staples, Frozen Foods, Meat/Meat Products, Cleaning Supplies, Paper Supplies, Large and Small Equipment for cafeterias (Requires action).

Mr. Jack made a motion to advertise for bids as presented by administration. Motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace. There being no objections, motion passed, and 1 Absent (Wise).

ITEM 8: OLD BUSINESS:

ITEM 8a. Ms. Heidi Trosclair, Executive Director of Accountability/Assessment – Request Approval of 2016-2017 School Calendar (Requires action).

Mr. Triche made a motion to approve 2016-2017 school calendar as presented by administration. Motion was seconded by Mrs. DeFrancesch. There being no objections, motion passed, and 1 Absent (Wise).

ITEM 9: NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 9a. Mrs. Patricia Triche, Director of Early Childhood/Head Start – Head Start Community Assessment 2016

Informational item only – a new community assessment must be completed every 3 years.

ITEM 9b. Mrs. Patricia Triche, Director of Early Childhood/Head Start – Head Start Director's Report – February 2016

Informational item only

ITEM 9c. Mrs. Patricia Triche, Director of Early Childhood/Head Start – Accept Head Start Self-Assessment Summary 2016 (Requires action)

Mr. Triche made a motion to accept the Head Start Self-Assessment Summary 2016 as presented by administration. Motion was seconded by Rev. Nicholas. There being no objections, motion passed, and 1 Absent (Wise).

ITEM 9d. Mrs. Patricia Triche, Director of Early Childhood/Head Start – Accept Head Start Self-Assessment Improvement Plan (Requires action)

Rev. Nicholas made a motion to accept Head Start Self-Assessment Improvement Plan as presented by administration. Motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace. There being no objections, motion passed, and 1 Absent (Wise).

ITEM 9e. Mr. Russ Wise, Board Member – Mr. Felix Boughton, Executive Director of Business & Finance presented in absence of Mr. Wise – Adopt resolution encouraging congress to remove the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) from social security benefits (Requires action).

Mr. Triche made a motion to adopt a resolution as presented by administration. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sanders.

Roll Call: 10 Yeas – Jack, Burl, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Wallace, Nicholas, Triche and Jones, and 1 Absent – Wise, Motion Carried.

ITEM 10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ITEM 10a. Mr. Felix Boughton, Executive Director of Business & Finance – Executive Session – Update on Negotiations

Rev. Nicholas made a motion to go into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace. School board went into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to go back into regular session. Motion was seconded by Rev. Nicholas. Board went back into regular session at 8:11 p.m.

ITEM 11. BOARD ITEMS OF INTEREST

President Jones made two announcements:

1. Ms. Monica Jackson would be Superintendent Representative on the Insurance Committee.
2. Ortheal Jasmin, school board legal counsel will be replaced with Leandre Millet.

ITEM 12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Rev. Nicholas and seconded by Mr. Johnson to adjourn. There were no objections, 1 Absent (Wise); the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Keith Jones, President

Kevin R. George, Secretary