



## **Regular Scheduled School Board Meeting - Amended (Wednesday, July 1, 2020)**

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### **Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM**

#### **1. Meeting Opening**

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##### **Procedural: 1.1 Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by President Tiffany Kuhn. Those answering the call were: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise.

##### **Procedural: 1.2 Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Meaghan Kristina Jones is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Advanced Studies. Megan will continue her studies this fall at the Xavier University of Louisiana where she will major in Biochemistry.

#### **2. Presentations**

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##### **Presentation: 2.1 Kiwanis International's Signature Project Contest, 2020**

The Kiwanis went to the International Convention and was told that they won the top 10 for service projects in the world. The Signature Project is the Rewards for Reading Program that is sponsored by the Jefferson Parish Schools. Their goal for next year is to have all Board Members to join the Kiwanis. There was a slide show that they presented to the Board.

##### **Presentation: 2.2 Strong Start Jefferson**

Adjit Pethe, Chief of Student Support, presented to the board the Strong Start Jefferson, a guide to re-opening the schools in August. He stated that it would be completely different than any other year we will need all of the cooperation from our stakeholders to ensure a successful school start to the school year. Mr. Pethe presented to the Board a PowerPoint with a key guideline as follows:

- Guiding Principles of Reopening
- Instructional Models
- Revised Approach to Virtual Learning
- Low-Cost Internet with Cox Communications
- Transportation
- Breakfast and Lunch
- Safety Precautions for In-Person Learning
- Final Points

Billy North thanked Mr. Pethe and his team for putting this together. He asked Mr. Pethe to go over again, the services that we're going to be providing for our special education students. There are some parents that are concerned that with all the COVID challenges and things like that and that their children will not be left behind. Mr. Pethe said that they will continue to work with special education children and that those services won't change whether they come two days a week or more times and services will continue.

Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge thanked Mr. Pethe for spear heading this comprehensive plan. She said that she knows there's always the unknown and you can never cover everything 100% but I can't think of anything you haven't covered so thank you so much.

Mr. Nugent wanted to add that as mention when we're in the hybrid blended setting if we're open there will be limited capacity on the bus, which will require multiple trips and fewer stops for each bus route so if there are car pools that are available in your neighborhoods, or if you can take your child to school. That might be encouraged because of the number of trips so that school can start on time and that instructional learning can start on time as well.

Dr. Katheryn Baumgarten, with Ochsner Health System, said that she wanted to thank the board and is happy to be working with the school system.

#### **3. Announcements/Good News**

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### **Information: 3.1 Announcements and good news**

Mr. North thanked Marty Sims who will donate 5,000 to 10,000 shirts, and Ms. Gilson for spearheading this for our students.

### **Information: 3.2 Superintendent's Announcements**

Gabrielle Misfeldt, Chief Strategy Officer, presented the Superintendent's Update as follows:

- Grab & Go Mearls Served
- Emotional Support Line
- Free K-8 Virtual Summer Camp
- Optional Summer Recovery
- Graduations
- 2020 Plan PK-8 School Moves
- Google Classroom Training for Teachers
- Low-Cost Home Internet with Cox
- Collaborative Planning with Principals
- Caregiver and Staff Planning Surveys
- Recognizing 2019-2020 Superintendent's Councils

Germaine Gilson, Chief of District Affairs, recognized the 2019-2020 Superintendent's Student Council as follows; Anjali Pellegrin, Ashleigh Laws, Axel Romero, Emerson Boutte, Fatima Alhasani, Gary Ramee Jr., Gihad Hajajweh, Jarod Thibodaux, Juliette LeBoeuf, Kaitlyn Shelton, Kierah Martin, Lauren Bravo, Logan Balfantz, Michelle Lobo, Miguel Lopez, Morgan Delatte, Noah Bradberry, Olivia Taylor, Oscar Lee, Phoebe Lee, Rafael Betanco, Savannah Cooke, Shivang Thakor, Sophia Trang, and Torrence Bardell.

Gabrielle Misfeldt, Chief Strategy Officer, recognized the 2019-2020 Superintendent's Parent Council as follows: Abdul Yunusah, Carol Evans, Christy Morgan, Gretchen Wagner, Heather Palma, Jason Asbill, Jeanette Jama, Kodi Craft, Maria Zamora, Maurice Opotowsky, Melanie Kennedy, Robert Billiot, and Victoria Crabtree Duhon.

Gabrielle Misfeldt recognized the 2019-2020 Superintendent's Teacher Council as follows: Amanda Francis, Caitlin Kingsley, Charles Greiner, Claire Kaemmerling, Diana Sittig, Dimitra Johnson, Eddie Darvin, Eileen Perkins, Jessica Chatelain, Jessica Schwalb, Keva Jones, Lyndsey Jackson, Michelle Adkins, Nicholas Felber, Raynetta Frazier, Sally-Rose Cragin, Samantha Fotsch, Scarlet Garcia, Tamara Guillory, and Watkiki Sauerwin.

Gabrielle Misfeldt recognized the 2019-2020 Superintendent's Principal Council as follows: Alisha Gilbert, Brenda Hubbard, Celest Cunningham, Danielle Yunusah, Demetria Hamilton, John Starr, Karla Russo, Scott Deemer, Terri Howard, Vanessa Brown-Lewis, and Zachary Butler.

Gabrielle Misfeldt recognized the 2019-2020 Superintendent's Special Education Council as follows: Alistare Harris-Turner, Denis Chan, Desirae Hyde, Diedra Miller, Felice Glapion, Heather Katicich, Jenenne Coulon, Juanita Bailey, Lacey Seymour, Laura Nata, Mary Jacob, Rana Ottallah, Rebekah Becker, Santa Santos, Scott Spinnato, and Sherman Rogers. She also thanked the staff for helping orchestrate these council through out the year.

## **4. Approval of Minutes**

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### **Action, Minutes: 4.1 Approval of the minutes of May 6, 2020**

Motion by Larry Dale, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

## **5. Second Readings**

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Their were no second readings to report.

## **6. Consent Agenda**

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### **Discussion: 6.1 Public Comment on Consent Agenda**

There was no public comments.

### **Action (Consent): 6.2 Consent Agenda Resolution: As recommended by the Superintendent.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.3 Motion to approve a settlement amount in the lawsuit entitled "Linda Ocmnd vs. the Jefferson Parish School Board," 24th J.D.C., Div. "P", no. 803-403.**

**Resolution: The Board attorney recommends that the Board approve a settlement in the case entitled "Linda Ocmnd vs. the Jefferson Parish School Board," 24th J.D.C., Div. "P", no. 803-403.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.4 FY 2020 Compliance Questionnaire for external audit**

**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of this agenda item.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.5 Tabulation and Recommendations for Football Helmets and Shoulder Pads (IFB 3262)**

**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the attached Tabulation and Recommendations as submitted.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.6 Bid Acceptance, Bonnabel Magnet Academy High School, Project No. 2020-12**

**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board accept the low base bid of Roof Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$227,776.00 and thirty (30) calendar days for the construction project, "Replace Roof on Cafeteria at Bonnabel Magnet Academy High School", as recommended by the architect/engineer, Meyer Engineers, Ltd., and the Facilities Department.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.7 Project Acceptance, Fisher High School, Project No. 2018-40**

**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the School Board accept construction project 2018-40, "Replace HVAC in Old Gymnasium at Fisher High School", as performed by Stallings Construction Company, Inc. as recommended by the architect/engineer, Burgdahl & Graves - A.I.A. Architects and the Facilities Department.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.8 Dr. Rosa Belina-Garcia 2020-2021 contract renewal**

**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Dr. Rosa Belina-Garcia contract for the 2020-2021 school year.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.9 Zab, LLC 2020-2021 contract renewal**

**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Zab, LLC contract for the 2020-2021 school year.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.10 New Language Capital, LLC/Alliance Business Solutions, LLC 2020-2021 contract renewal**  
**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the New Language Capital, LLC/Alliance Business Solutions, LLC contract for the 2020-2021 school year.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.11 TaJu Educational Solutions, LLC 2020-2021 contract renewal**  
**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the contract with TaJu Educational Solutions, LLC for the 2020-2021 school year.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.12 Kurzweil 3000 (Audio Optical Systems of Austin, Inc.)**  
**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the Board approves the renewal of the Kurzweil contract.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.13 Pediatric Services of America, Inc, d.b.a. Aveanna Healthcare**  
**Resolution: It is recommended that the Interim Superintendent approve this contract with Pediatric Services of America, Inc, d.b.a. Aveanna Healthcare .**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.14 Motion to approve settlement in the case of Garland Lewis versus Dutley Richard, Jr., Jefferson Parish School Board, and Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest, case No. 792-890, Div. "B," 24th Judicial District Court, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana**  
**Resolution: It is recommended that the Board approve the settlement in the matter of Garland Lewis versus Dutley Richard, Jr., Jefferson Parish School Board, and Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest, case No. 792-890, Div. "B," 24th Judicial District Court, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.15 It is requested that the Board accept the bid received from Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, Inc. in connection with the advertisement for sale at auction, of the surplus property known as the former site of the Banneker School consisting of two (2) lots described as Lot A, Sq. 9 and Lot 1, Sq. 10B, Upland Subdivision .**  
**Resolution: It is recommended that the Board accept the offer of \$\$48,005 for Lot A, Sq. 9, and \$216,005 for Lot 1, Sq. 10B and sell the properties to Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, Inc. If accepted and this sale is approved, it is recommended that the Board authorize the Board President, as per statute, to make the sale and sign the sale deed and any other necessary documents in connection therewith.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.16 Renewal of the Sports Accident Medical Insurance with United States Insurance Company.  
Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the renewal of the Sports Accident Medical Insurance with United States Insurance Company in the amount of \$59,145.00.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.17 Renewal of the Catastrophic Accident Medical Insurance with Great American Insurance Company.  
Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the renewal of its Catastrophic Accident Medical Insurance with Great American Insurance Company for a total premium of \$8,272.88.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.18 Laureate Academy Operating Agreement with Jefferson Parish School Board  
Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of the Operating Agreement with Laureate Academy.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.19 Jefferson Rise Operating Agreement with the Jefferson Parish School Board  
Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of the operating agreement with Jefferson Rise School.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

**Action (Consent): 6.20 Board approval is required pursuant to a request from the Ecosystem and Coastal Management Department of Jefferson Parish to sign a Contribution Statement@ agreeing to keep certain land as a conservation easement for at least 20 years.  
Resolution: Should the Board authorize the signing of the Contribution Statement, it should do so only subject to the conditions listed above. Should the Board so agree, it is further recommended that the Board President sign the Contribution Statement on behalf of the JPSB and any other documents necessary to carry this out.**

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Clay Moise.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn, Billy North, Chad Nugent, Simeon Dickerson, Clay Moise

## 7. Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

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There was nothing pulled from the consent agenda.

## 8. Committee Reports

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## **Information: 8.1 Committee Reports**

Mr. Nugent stated that a committee meeting was held on June 24th on two agenda items. One of them will come back up and we'll address that in August. Basically, we had our consultants SIGMA Consulting had a recommendation that we consolidate our TPA's. Currently, we have two. He said that they will revisit that at a later date. Secondly, the committee asked him months ago, to look into risk management and insurance basically do an audit and identify areas that we might be able to take care of in house and identify areas that we might need to outsource. He gave them a summary report and the committee is going to have several meetings with impacted departments and then decide who can handle that work and then revisit if we need to outsource.

## **9. Directives/Resolutions**

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Simeon Dickerson issued a directive to the Superintendent to develop a task force to review names and mascots of all Jefferson Parish schools. The task force should be inclusive of leaders, teachers, parents, and students in our district. The task force should report the findings and recommendations to the full board at the September meeting.

Ricky Johnson stated that on piggyback to what Mr. Dickerson said, I would like to direct the acting superintendent, in regards to purchasing to provide the names of African American engineering and Architectural firms that have been awarded projects by Jefferson Parish School Board during the last five years (2015-present) and the contracted amount of each project.

## **10. Public Comment**

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### **Discussion: 10.1 Citizens who sign up prior to the start of the meeting will be called to speak on school system related matters.**

Kesler Camese-Jones, concerns about the after school care and the start of school.  
Diedra Green Mondy concerns about the start of school  
Rosalyn Spencer concerns about mental health  
Todd Palmer concerns about the change of school start time  
Amber Mendendez concerns about the change of school start time  
Amy Smith concerns about the change of school start time  
Robby Smith concerns about the change of school start time  
Melissa Gros concerns about the change of school start time  
Richard Tullier concerns about the change of school start time  
Amanda McDaniels concerns about the change of school start time  
Cave Butler concerns about the change of school start time  
Lina Smith concerns about the change of school start time

## **11. Convene to Executive Session**

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### **Action: 11.1 Executive Session**

The Board did not go into executive session.

## **12. New Business**

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### **Procedural: 12.1 First Readings**

There were no first readings.

### **Procedural: 12.2 Other Business**

There were no other business

## **13. Appendix: Administrative Reports**

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### **Information: 13.1 Financial Details for Consent Agenda Items**

### **Information: 13.2 Financial Health Summaries: Budget to Actual**

## **14. Adjournment**

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**Procedural: 14.1 End of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.