



## Special Session School Board Meeting - Public Hearing (Wednesday, March 4, 2020)

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### Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

#### 1. Meeting Opening

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The meeting was called by Ms. Tiffany Kuhn, Board President and the following members answered the call:

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

Reverend Leander Johnson from the True Vine Baptist Church in Westwego, La., led us in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. New Business

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##### Discussion: 2.01 Public Hearing - 2020 Infrastructure & Efficiency Plan (Public Comment)

The following individuals signed up to speak: Kesler Cameese-Jones, Margie Loud Zeno, Alyssa Ferrera, Erin Ruddock, Juvernia Smith, Jumal Oatis, Lakeisha Pierre, Norma Broussard Dubois, Johnie Lynn Thibodeaux, Mayor Joe Peoples, Lauren Fields, Robert Billiot, Lisa Valence, Charles Wilson Sr., Jeffery Barrois, Tian Buzbee, Leslie Goldberg, Earl Smith, Johnny Nobles Jr., Josephine Smith, Amanda Osteen, Debra Edwards, Robert Dawson, Carolyn Smith, Richmond Edwards, Rev. Damian Brown, Cheryl Delatte, Lena Berry, Phyllis Tumblin, Tracy Bridges, Vera Perkins, Brenda Brumfield, Tobias Lillian, Tim Coulon, J. Coulon, Dr. Glenda Williams, Earl Smith, Jackie Bouvier, Kaseem Short, Sabrina Short, Pator Judge Melvin Zeno, Rev. Leander Johnson, Chad Comeaux, Mary Crane, Christiana Compton, Lucia Martinez, Lynn Kiff, Claudia Olivari, Jennifer Reed, Gregory Carroll, Ann Marie Coviello, Derrick Shepherd, Patricia Marshall, Byron Durand Jr., Marquita Robinson, Lara Horn, Benjamin Lewis, Rachel Spears, Brigiette Murphy, Jordyn Addison, Olivia Baisler, Stephen Price, Marisela Manzano, Angelica Rodriguez, Maria Palomino, Pastor Edward Joseph Jr., Ielipe Molina, Aimee Jestis, Patience Winfrey, Donovan Williams, Tyra Vanzant, Dunia Contreras, Jahmad Clausen, Roy Cage, Gilbert Francis, Chip Fleetwood, Rosalyn Spencer, James Evans, and Elizabeth Jeffers.

#### 3. Second Reading

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##### Action: 3.01 Second Reading authored by Mr. Moise: Move to accept Superintendent Brumley's 2020 Infrastructure & Efficiency Plan attached hereto authorizing the school consolidations, adjustments to school attendance zones, facility upgrades and staff revisions outlined therein.

Mr. Dickerson offered a substitute motion. He said that he appreciated the entire endless work of the Superintendent and his administration to meet our directive to build the 2020 Infrastructure and Efficiency Plan it addresses every issue we charged the administration to complete. From decreasing spending by \$16 mil to consolidated schools to further developing our K-8 model, to expansion of early childhood education and to increase choice for parents. After consultation with the Superintendent and colleagues as well as listen to the feedback of our stakeholders, I move to amend the administrations 2020 Infrastructure and Efficiency Plan as presented at the February meeting with the following revisions:

1. Would like to adopt an intervention and honors pathway develop by the administration for K-8 schools
2. Accept the administration prioritize capital leads listed to provide for projects at Gretna #2, Livaudais, Pitre, Riverdale Middle, and Matas
3. DO NOT immediately consolidate Washington Elementary and Bunch Elementary, instead consolidate Washington Elementary and Bunch beginning in the 2021-2022 school year only if Washington Elementary February 1, 2021, student count is lower than 350 students. Also, do not declare Washington Elementary as surplus or demolition or sell.
4. I like to remove the one-time bond expenses at Bunch Elementary and add the one-time bond expense of a new parking lot and bus delivery re-direction at Harahan Elementary.
5. Supporting the talented art students and without any attempt to zone changes move Ray St. Pierre Academy to the current site of Myrtle C. Thibodeaux were a stage and auditorium already exist. Also, declare the current Ray St. Pierre campus as surplus and authorize it to sell.
6. Consider a resolution at the April meeting of this Board that the City of Kenner and the City of Westwego actively contribute to the success of Washington Elementary in Kenner and Ray St. Pierre in Westwego, through their city budget with further detail forth-coming. Accept the reminder of the Plan not be effective by these amendments.

Mr. Dickerson stated that before a second would be announced that he would like Dr. Brumley to respond to the adjustments as his staff would have to execute these changes.

Dr. Brumley responded to each of the items that Mr. Dickerson presented. The administration was directed to create a study and deliver that study dealing with the building capacity and occupancy of our schools. They were to have this plan delivered to the Board by December but in fact, it was delivered by early in November. They presented the plan a month early and was delivered by February. Dr. Brumley went through each of the items to make sure that it was understood as to what Mr. Dickerson wanted. He also stated that if it pleased Mr. Dickerson he would like to add a 7th item to his amendments. Dr. Brumley said that he is fortunate to serve as the Superintendent of Jefferson Parish Schools and also know that he followed the first permanent African American Superintendent in Jefferson Parish. That should be recognized and honored and that he had conversations with Board Members that most of them worked alongside Mr. Isaac Joseph. Also, he knows that other Board members are equally interested in recognizing Mr. Joseph's historic Superintendency in Jefferson Parish Schools. If Mr. Dickerson is pleased him, that as the current Pitre site be renamed Isaac G. Joseph Elementary. Dr. Brumley said that the amendment would gain the support of other members of this Board. Dr. Brumley said that he would like to offer to the Board to co-sponsor to your amendment as we move forward and hear public comments. Mr. Dickerson said that Vic Pitre was the first school that he had ever attended Kindergarten and that Mr. Joseph was so intricate to his life and him sitting on the Board today that it is phenomenal news.

The remainder of the Board Members stated that they would very much like to co-sponsor the motion amendment of the reading.

There was a brief discussion by the board.

Mr. Morgan called for the question.

Motion by: Full Board Members

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

#### **4. End Meeting**