



Special Session School Board Meeting (Wednesday, July 15, 2020)

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Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

1. Meeting Opening

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, Clay Moise.
Members Absent: Simeon Dickerson

Procedural: 1.2 Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Billy North led us with the Invocation and Clay Moise led us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda

**Action: 2.01 FY 2020-2021 Academic Calendar Ammendment
The Superintendent recommends the board approve calendar B.**

Kesler Cameese-Jones spoke about concerns about returning to school
John Guzda spoke about concerns about returning to school
Rosalyn Spencer spoke about concerns about returning to school
Sandra Hauer spoke about concerns about returning to school
Michelle Moore spoke about concerns about returning to school
Rachel Spears spoke about concerns about returning to school
Jeffrey Barrois spoke about concerns about returning to school

Mark Morgan stated to the public that it is not a vote on which plan we're going to go forward, with this is just a vote on pushing back the start of school. He said that many of the comments were directed as to what the classroom is going to look like. He just wanted to make that clear from anyone who's watching, the vote that's occurring now is only about delaying the start of school and has nothing to do with which particular classroom setting students and teachers will experience when school does start.

Motion by Chad Nugent, second by Larry Dale.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Absent: Simeon Dickerson

Tiffany Kuhn stated that she wanted the record to show that Simeon Dickerson had joined the meeting.

Information: 2.02 Applicant Presentations for Superintendent

Dr. James Gray thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity. . He spoke about his background in education and what should be done in the district.

Dr. Cowin Robinson thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to apply for Superintendent. He gave a brief description of the prior positions he has held and what he would bring to the district.

Action: 2.03 Motion to Appoint Superintendent

Tiffany Kuhn opens the floor for nomination. Ricky Johnson nominated Dr. James Gray as Superintendent.

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Larry Dale, second by Chad Nugent

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Larry Dale moved that the Board President and the Board Attorney negotiate the contract with Dr. James Gray for Superintendent.

Motion for a 24 hour wavier.

The vote was taken by acclamation.

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, Clay Moise, Simeon Dickerson

Vote on the Motion

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Larry Dale, second by Chad Nugent

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Clay Moise said that on behalf of the board he wanted to thank our resident Marine, for once again, second time stepping into the breach as interim superintendent. Under extraordinarily difficult times Lale. Thank you so much.

Billy North also thanked Lale Geer for his dedication to the system. He said God bless you for the work that you've done. Employees like you are the ones that make this district, and I'm so proud to have been an employee and see employees like you who commit their lives to this district.

New Business

Larry Dale asked the President to speak to the floor. He made the following motion:

Move that any current Jefferson Parish ASA Student who is not offered a full in-person curriculum at their current Jefferson Parish ASA school due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, shall not be penalized for enrollment in any school system offering a full in-person curriculum. And therefore, no current Jefferson Parish ASA Student is required to test or reapply for admission to their current ASA school within one full semester of the current resolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and their Jefferson Parish ASA school returning to a full in-person curriculum.

Germain Gilson, Chief District Affairs Officer asked Mr. Dale if it could be possible to include ASA Magnet schools. Since they also have an application process. Mr. Dale thanked Ms. Gilson and agreed to amend his motion to include the ASA Magnet schools.

There was no public comment.

Mark Morgan wanted to thank Mr. Dale for bringing the motion he did have the opportunity to talk to him about it briefly. He said that what this does is it levels the playing field for all students because the policies, applying to the magnet schools and ESA schools there is a situation where a parent might choose to do so something outside of Jefferson Parish because they had a personal belief that the fall in-person education would be their preference. If that happened to be a magnet school student or an ASA school student that student would then be prohibited from returning the Jefferson Parish. Once that COVID crisis is over. And personally, he felt like that would be a disservice to those students and the school system because we'd be losing kids that we're very proud to be educating. He said that we are trying to remain as flexible as possible because no one knows what's going to happen with COVID.

Motion for a 24 hour wavier.

Motion by Mark Morgan, second by Chad Nugent

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The vote on the motion.

Motion by Larry Dale, second by Chad Nugent

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Executive Session

Action: 3.01 Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session

The vote was taken by acclamation.

Motion by Larry Dale, second by Chad Nugent

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. End Meeting
