



## **Regular Scheduled School Board Meeting (Tuesday, October 10, 2017)**

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**Meeting called to order at 6:09 PM**

### **1. Meeting Opening**

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#### **Action: 1.01 Roll Call**

##### **Members present**

Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

#### **Information: 1.02 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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The Invocation and the Pledge was led by Germaine Gilson, Chief of Staff. Ms. Gilson asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the wild fires in California and the victims of the Las Vegas shooting.

### **2. Presentations**

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#### **Presentation: 2.01 Campuses of the Month**

Ms. Germaine Gilson announced the eastbank campus of the month was Hazel Park/Hilda Knoff Elementary and the westbank was Cherbonnie/Rillieux

#### **Presentation: 2.02 National Merit Semifinalists**

Ms. Germaine Gilson announced the students from Patrick F. Taylor Science & Technology Academy are Kali Dancisak, Andrew Fourcade, David Hutton, Nameera Islam, Emin Kazzan, Kimberly Wilson, and Diensn Xing. The students from Haynes Academy are Jacob LeBlanc, Laura Smith and Holly Wilkinson. Each of the semifinalists were presented with a certificate from the Superintendent in recognition of being named a 2018 National Merit Semifinalists.

#### **Presentation: 2.03 Update on the Superintendent's Performance Objectives**

Superintendent Joseph gave the board a quarterly update of his performance objectives.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

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#### **Action, Minutes: 3.01 Approval of the minutes of the September 12, 2017 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Move that the Board approve the minutes of September 12, 2017.**

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Tiffany H Kuhn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

#### **Action, Minutes: 3.02 Approval of the minutes of the September 20, 2017 Special Session Board Meeting Move that the Board approve the minutes of the September 20, 2017 Special Session Board Meeting.**

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Mark C Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

#### 4. Second Readings

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**Action: 4.01 Second Reading authored by Ms. Bourgeois regarding establishing a committee, as recommended by the Superintendent and/or Board President, to quantify the amount of surplus funds in the General Fund fund balance and prioritize the use of such funds.**

In an effort to ensure that the Jefferson Parish School Board spends taxpayer money wisely, efficiently, and sustainably, I move that a committee, as recommended by the Superintendent and/or Board President, be appointed to quantify the amount of surplus funds in the General Fund fund balance and prioritize the use of such funds. The use of fund balance should only be used on non-recurring expenses, such as, deferred maintenance and capital outlay from the prioritized capital needs list, paying down public debt, or costs related to the setup of future student programs, but not the maintenance of such programs. Prudent fiscal management would require us to spend, only to the extent that our fund balance accounts are fully funded for a rainy day, and to bolster district's financial condition to ensure a positive overall credit rating resulting in positive bond ratings.

The following board members spoke: Ms. Bourgeois stated that she wanted the committee formed to be able to prioritize the spending of these funds. Ms. Doucet was not in favor and said that it is the responsibility of the board to manage the budget. Mr. Bonura expressed his concerns about what would happen in an emergency if these funds were spent. Mr. Morgan was not in favor of another committee but was in favor of a prioritized list.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Melinda Bourgeois, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Melinda L Bourgeois

Nay: Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Tiffany H Kuhn

Abstain: Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge

**Action: 4.02 Second Reading authored by Mr. Bonura regarding a non-voting student member of the school board.**

To have the Student Support Department to establish a program of a non-voting student member of the school board, with a member of the Board.

The following board members spoke: Marion Bonura that the students would pick who these students would be. The main thing behind this is for education. Mark Mogan spoke in favor but would support that there be a full school board with the agenda, there would be one student for each of the districts and see how they vote on it and bring their findings to the board. Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge spoke in favor to have it deferred to do a study on it and have more than one student. Melinda Doucet asked how the students would to be selected.

The reading was amended as follows: To have the Student Support department study to establish a program of non-voting student members of the School Board along with a members of the Board to be prepared by 60 days.

Motion by Marion Bonura, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge (as amended).

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

Nay: Melinda L Doucet

**Action: 4.03 Second Reading authored by Mr. Bonura regarding changing policy BBC - Standing Committees. To change Policy BBC Standing Committees to:**

1. Executive: To take up the business of Finance, Policy, Insurance and general business of the board.
2. Academic Affairs: To take up the business of Policy, Admissions, Administration and Teacher evaluation process, assess education programs (ex: iReady, Plato, etc.) general board business as related to Academics.
3. Human Resources: To take up the business of policy, employment, programs to promote recruitment, benefits, retirement, general board business as related to employees.
4. Facilities: To take up the business of building, maintaining property, transportation, property management, general board business as related to property.

There was a brief discussion by the Board. There were no public comments.

Motion by Marion Bonura, second by Mark C Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Ricky Johnson

Nay: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Melinda L Doucet, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action: 4.04 Second Reading authored by Mr. Bonura regarding changing the policy JDE - Expulsion to include: Paragraph 3.**

This reading was deferred to the next School Board Regular Meeting on November 14, 2017.

**Action: 4.05 Second Reading authored by Ms. Bourgeois regarding revising the Central Office Salary Schedule to include an equitable pay scale.**

Ms. Bourgeois opted to defer the reading to the next School Board Regular Meeting on November 14, 2017.

**Action: 4.06 Second Reading authored by Mr. Floyd regarding purchasing property adjacent Washington Elementary.**

Second Reading was withdrawn by Mr. Floyd.

**Action: 4.07 Second Reading authored by Ms. Doucet regarding changing all middle schools to K-8 model.**

This reading was deferred to the January 2018 School Board Meeting.

## **5. Consent Agenda**

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**Discussion: 5.01 Public Comment on Consent Agenda**

**Action (Consent): 5.02 Consent Agenda**

As recommended by the Superintendent

**Action (Consent): 5.03 Full and Final Settlement of Workers Compensation claim (Employee number 0047452)  
Resolution: Approve the full and final settlement**

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action (Consent): 5.04 Motion to approve settlement of the lawsuit entitled "Paul Hull v. Josephine B. Henry, et al., No.: 767-565, 24th JDC, Div. K."**

**Resolution: The Board Attorney recommends that the Board approve settlement in the matter entitled "Paul Hull v. Josephine B. Henry, et al., No.: 767-565, 24th JDC, Div. K."**

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action (Consent): 5.05 Project Lead The Way for STEM Schools (Bunche, Collins, and Washington).  
Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the approval of Project Lead The Way for STEM Schools.**

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action: 5.06 School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans contract renewal with Meisler Middle School - PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**Action: 5.07 School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans contract for Higgins High School - PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**Action: 5.08 School Leadership of Greater New Orleans contract with Henry Ford Middle School - PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**Action: 5.09 The School Leadership Center of New Orleans contract renewal with Marrero Middle School - PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**Action (Consent): 5.10 Healing Hearts for Community Development contract renewal 2017-18  
Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the attached contract renewal with Healing Hearts for Community Development for the 2017-18 school year.**

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action: 5.11 Early Childhood Network / ACT III / Lead Agency Contract with Amber Dorr, Allison Danner and Patcie Runge  
The Superintendent recommends the approval of the contract with Amber Dorr, Allison Danner and Patcie Runge. - PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion by Melinda L Doucet, second by Mark C Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action (Consent): 5.12 Early Childhood Network / ACT III/ Lead Agency Contract with Beary Cherry Tree of Jeff, Inc.**  
**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the approval of the contract with Beary Cherry Tree of Jeff, Inc.**

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action (Consent): 5.13 Early Childhood Network / ACT III/ Lead Agency Contract with JoAnn Clarey.**  
**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the approval of the MOU with JoAnn Clarey.**

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action: 5.14 Approve a Budget and Scope, East Jefferson High School, Project No. 2017-09 - PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**Action (Consent): 5.15 Change Order No. 1, Greenlawn Terrace Elementary School, Project No. 2016-45**  
**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the School Board accept Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$48,757.00 and thirty (30) calendar days as recommended by the architect/engineer, Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects and the Facilities Department.**

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action (Consent): 5.16 Acceptance, East Jefferson High School, Project No. 2016-38A**  
**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the School Board accept the renovations to improve drainage and paving at north courtyard at East Jefferson High School as performed by Durr Heavy Construction, LLC in the amount of \$219,778.00 as recommended by the architect/engineer, Meyer Engineers, Ltd. and the Facilities Department.**

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action (Consent): 5.17 Acceptance, Gretna No. 2 Academy for Advanced Studies, Project No. 2016-46**  
**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the School Board accept the renovations to replace the roof on the Main Building at Gretna No. 2 Academy for Advanced Studies as recommended by the architect/engineer, Garrity + Accardo Architects and Facilities Department.**

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action (Consent): 5.18 FY 2017-18 General Fund Budget Amendments**  
**Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of the requested General Fund budget amendments. The financial impact of these requested budget amendments is \$63,440 which relates solely to the budget additions relating to the board approved second reading from 9/12/2017 relating to the increase of teacher allotments from \$40/semester to \$50/semester.**

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

## **6. Consent Agenda Financial Details**

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**Information: 6.01 Financial Details for Consent Agenda Items**

## **7. Items Pulled from Consent Agenda**

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**Action, Discussion: 7.01 Items Pulled from Consent Agenda**

**Action: 7.02 Consent Item 5.06 - School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans contract renewal with Meisler Middle School - PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**  
**The Superintendent recommends the board approve the attached renewal with the School Leadership Center and Meisler Middle School.**

There was a brief discussion by the board.

Motion by Melinda L Doucet, second by Melinda L Bourgeois.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action: 7.03 Consent Item 5.07 - School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans contract for Higgins High School - PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**The Superintendent recommends the board approve the attached renewal with the School Leadership Center and Higgins High School.**

Motion by Melinda L Doucet, second by Mark C Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action: 7.04 Consent Item 5.08 - School Leadership of Greater New Orleans contract with Henry Ford Middle School - PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**The Superintendent recommends the board approve the attached contract between the School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans and Henry Ford Middle School for the 2017-18 school year.**

Motion by Melinda L Doucet, second by Mark C Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action: 7.05 Consent Item 5.09 - The School Leadership Center of New Orleans contract renewal with Marrero Middle School - PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**The Superintendent recommends the board approve the attached contract between the School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans and Marrero Middle School for the 2017-18 school year.**

Motion by Melinda L Doucet, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action: 7.06 Consent Item 5.11 - Early Childhood Network / ACT III / Lead Agency Contract with Amber Dorr, Allison Danner and Patcie Runge**

**The Superintendent recommends the approval of the contract with Amber Dorr, Allison Danner and Patcie Runge. - PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

Gretchen McAlpine spoke about personal identifiable information on contracts. Mark Morgan asked Mr. Fanning to check on this information.

Motion by Melinda L Doucet, second by Mark C Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

**Action: 7.07 Consent Item 5.14 - Approve a Budget and Scope, East Jefferson High School, Project No. 2017-09 - PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**The Superintendent recommends the School Board approved upgrades to the East Jefferson High School Stadium pressbox with a budget of \$80,000.00.**

Ms. Bourgeois stated it was more of a policy issue (because it wasn't on the prioritized list) and no additional discussion was necessary.

Motion by Melinda L Bourgeois, second by Melinda L Doucet.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Tiffany H Kuhn

## **8. Executive Session**

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### **Action: 8.01 Executive Session**

## **9. New Business**

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### **9.01 First Readings**

**First Reading authored by Ms. Kuhn**

Move that for all weather related events all teachers and students that live in a school closure zone but work or attend outside of the school closure zone be excused from school those days with no loss to the employee's leave time.

**First Reading authored by Ms. Bourgeois**

Move that we do a study or build makerspaces at all high schools that do not have Fab Labs.

**First Reading authored by Mr. Floyd**

Move that the 2018 Board Elections be held for the offices of President and Vice-President at the next meeting. I nominate Mark Morgan as President for 2018.

**First Reading authored by Mr. Bonura**

Move that iReady or any program used for teacher evaluation be paid by the District for schools not receiving Title I Funds.

**9.02 Other Business**

Ms. Bourgeois issued a directive to the administration to create a prioritized list of surplus fund balance of all the departments. She also requested to hold a Budget & Finance Committee meeting to start evaluating that for next year's budget. Ms. Bourgeois requested that we consider changing the date for the December meeting to or between the 4th and 7th if possible.

Ms. Doucet asked Elizabeth Branley, Executive Director of Communications to announce where the Facility meetings will be held. Ms. Doucet announced that the contract for LeBlanc & Schuster was signed today and he could go forward with getting out the vote for the millage that will be on the November 18 ballot.

**10. Public Comment**

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**Information: 10.01 Citizens who sign up prior to the start of the meeting will be called to speak on school system related matters.**

Dr. Ken Ducote, Executive Director of the Greater New Orleans Collaborative Charter Schools, wanted to go on record in support of the millage that is coming up in November.

Beth Incardona was not in favor of the research that was done by the district on Same Birth Event Children.

Rev. Anthony Thibodeaux spoke in favor of allowing outside counselors or social workers in the school system.

Mary Moran did not speak.

Gretchen McAlpine expressed her displeasure on the decision regarding Same Birth Event Children.

**11. Announcements/Good News**

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**Information: 11.01 Announcements and good news**

Mr. Bonura thanked the Facilities and Technology Department for locating and making available the chrome books quote for school use.

Mr. Bonura is not pleased on how the company representative from JCampus is handling the turn over procedures of the program.

Mr. Morgan thanked the Facilities Department for getting the schools ready for the storm that was approaching.

Mr. Floyd asked when the district school performance scores be released. Ms. Carolyn Van Norman, Executive Director of Achievement and Accountability said that it would be in mid November but don't have the exact date yet.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge congratulated the Principal at Roosevelt on getting his Doctorate, Dr. Eric Greely.

Ms. Doucet wanted to invite all of the School Board Members to attend the Jefferson Parish Voting Planning Board meeting. She also announced that the Grace King students painted 7 murals to help decorate Fat City and the dedication for Ms. Rita Gordano playground at Green Park Elementary.

**Information: 11.07 Announcements and good news**

There was a short announcement by Ms. Doucet about launching the reading program. It will be shown to all Principals and PTOs in our system.

**12. APPENDIX: Administrative Reports**

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**Report: 12.01 Check Register 08.29.17-09.25.17**

**Information: 12.02 Financial Health Summaries and Budget to Actual**

**Information: 12.03 Board Member Travel for the Month of October**

### **13. End Meeting**

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**Procedural: 13.01 Adjourn**