

Regular Scheduled Jefferson Parish School Board Meeting (Tuesday, December 13, 2016)

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM

1. Meeting Opening

Information: 1.01 Roll Call

Members present

Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Members absent

Melinda L Bourgeois

Information: 1.02 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was led by Mr. Johnson; he asked for a moment of silence for the McKnight family. The Pledge was led by Ms. Doucet. Mr. St. Pierre asked for a moment of silence for John Kiletico, a former long-time employee of the school system who recently passed away.

2. Presentations

Mr. St. Pierre changed the order of the presentations to allow state Superintendent White to speak to the Board.

Information: 2.01 Clancy-Maggiore School of the Arts' Blue Ribbon School Presentation

Principal, Danesha Dorsey, was presented with a plaque from the Superintendent in recognition of being named a National Blue Ribbon school.

Presentation: 2.02 21st Century Programs

Myrna Pockell, Project Director for 21st Century After-School Programs, made a presentation to the board detailing the schools participating in and programs offered, in the 21st Century After-School Programs.

Presentation: 2.03 Digital Literacy

Tyler Mallet, Director of Instructional Technology, provided a brief update to the board on the status of digital literacy in JPPSS. Discussion followed on the readiness of the school system for digital testing in the spring.

Once again, Mr. St. Pierre adjusted the agenda and moved to item **9.01 - Announcements**.

Mr. St. Pierre read into the record the following: Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, 501 Manhattan Blvd., Harvey, LA. The Parish School Board of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held within School District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson, Louisiana to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds.

He also announced that the regular school board meeting for January would be held on January 10th.

At this point, they returned to the Presentation portion of the agenda.

Information: 2.04 December Campuses of the Month

Ms. Gilson, Chief of Staff, announced the December campuses of the month. East bank was Riviere Elementary; west bank was St. Ville Elementary.

Presentation: 2.05 Assessment Presentation

Superintendent Joseph and Debra Cooper, Chief of Academics, provided the Board with a presentation on assessment. Discussion followed.

Information: 2.06 Accountability Presentation by State Superintendent John White

Superintendent White spoke to the Board about the recent accountability scores and rankings. He shared his observations about the district's performance and offered advice on the areas in which he felt the school system should focus (where the greatest challenges are).

3. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: 3.01 Approval of the minutes of November 1, 2016

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Sandy DenapolisBosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge, Mark C Morgan

Action, Minutes: 3.02 Approval of the minutes of Special Session Meeting November 9, 2016

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Doucet

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge, Mark C Morgan

4. Second Readings

Motion by Cedric Floyd for 72-hour waiver, second by Ricky Johnson; to add Mr. Floyd's second reading regarding a \$250M bond issue plan, which was deferred from the November 1, 2016 meeting, and inadvertently omitted from the agenda.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Nay: Larry Dale

Not present at vote: Mark C Morgan

Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

5. Consent Agenda

Discussion: 5.01 Public Comment on Consent Agenda

There was no public comment.

Action (Consent): 5.02 Consent Agenda

Resolution: As recommended by the Superintendent

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Doucet.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Not Present at Vote: Mark C Morgan

Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

Action (Consent): 5.03 JPPSS Agreement with Blackboard Mobile Communications Application

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of the contract with Blackboard Mobile Communications.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Doucet.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Not Present at Vote: Mark C Morgan

Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

Action (Consent): 5.04 Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Federal & State Grant Carryover Budgets

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of the fiscal year 2016-2017 Federal & State Grant carryover budgets.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Doucet.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Not Present at Vote: Mark C Morgan

Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

Action (Consent): 5.05 Request for Board authorization to ratify the unit agreement and authorize a further amendment to that agreement concerning an existing mineral lease for 16th Section land, namely Township 17 South Range 23 East (T 17S - R 24 E) which is owned 91.9% by the Jefferson Parish School Board and 8, 1% by the Plaquemines Parish School Board (PPSB).

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board ratify the unit agreement and approve the amendment thereto creating the LFT SD RA SU. Further it is recommended that the Board authorize either the Board President or the Superintendent, as per Mineral Board requirement, to sign all documents required to carry this out.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Doucet.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Not Present at Vote: Mark C Morgan

Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

Action (Consent): 5.06 2017 Board Meeting Schedule

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of the 2017 Board meeting schedule.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Doucet.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Not Present at Vote: Mark C Morgan

Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

Action (Consent): 5.07 Contract with JPPSS and Firefly Digital Inc.

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the contract for Firefly Digital, Inc.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Doucet.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Not Present at Vote: Mark C Morgan
Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

Action, Discussion: 5.08 To approve the revision of central office job descriptions under the Superintendent's unit. THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION.

Action (Consent): 5.09 To approve job descriptions for board approved positions of Chief of Legal Services and Chief Academic Officer

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Doucet.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Not Present at Vote: Mark C Morgan

Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

Action (Consent): 5.10 To approve job descriptions and revisions to job descriptions for the Chief of Staff unit.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Doucet.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Not Present at Vote: Mark C Morgan

Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

Action (Consent): 5.11 To approve the revision of the central office job description for the Executive Director of Technology under the Operations and Planning unit.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Doucet.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Not Present at Vote: Mark C Morgan

Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

Action (Consent): 5.12 JPPS ePayroll Addendum Extension

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends extension of this agreement through September 30, 2017. The fee per month is based on the number of records the company is hosting. The average amount per month is \$4,000.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Doucet.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Not Present at Vote: Mark C Morgan

Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

Action (Consent): 5.13 Engagement Letter with McMichael, Medlin, D'Anna, Wedgeworth & Lafargue, L.L.C. relating to the OPEB trust

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of this item. In summary of the engagement letter, this firm will be responsible for working with management to draft the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Agreement, as well as, to assist the district in receiving an IRS Determination Letter. This engagement letter is within the Attorney General's hourly billing rates as established on February 8, 2016.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Doucet.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Not Present at Vote: Mark C Morgan

Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

Action (Consent): 5.14 Board Policy Updates

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of this item.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Doucet.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Not Present at Vote: Mark C Morgan

Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

The Board took a five minute break.

6. Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

Action, Discussion: 6.01 Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

5.08 To approve the revision of central office job descriptions under the Superintendent's unit.

The Superintendent is withdrawing the CFO job description from the agenda item.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre to approve as amended.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Not Present at Vote: Mark C Morgan

Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

There was no discussion.

7. New Business

Action: 7.02 Addendum to Superintendent's Contract and Superintendent's Performance Standards

This item was discussed in Executive Session.

First Reading authored by Cedric Floyd

Move that the Board to approve a \$250M bond plan, specifically, Phase I Plan I, which includes 1. New Harvey School, 2. New Westminster School, 3. Replacement of Washington Elementary, 4. Replacement of Ellis Elementary, 5. Career Magnet Addition to Ehret High, 6. Career Magnet Addition to Bonnabel High, 7. New Haynes Magnet High School, 8. Acquisition and Logistics (attached to packet).

First Reading authored by Ray R StPierre

Move that the Board rescind the 2017-2018 portion of the Miller Wall Elementary Support Plan of item 5.10 approved on the August 3, 2016 consent agenda, and transform Truman Middle School into a PK-8 school for the 2017-2018 school year and beyond. The amending of the parish's grade configuration as a means of increasing student achievement is one of the focus areas of the board approved Strategic Plan 2020. The Truman transformation is aligned to the board's direction. This transformation will have an enrollment impact on the following schools: Truman, Miller Wall, CT Janet, Ellender, Worley, Estelle, Marrero Middle, Gretna Middle, and Pittman.

8. Public Comment

Information: 8.01 Citizens who sign up prior to the start of the meeting will be called to speak on school system related matters.

There was no public comment.

9. Announcements/Good News

Information: 9.01 Announcements and good news

Mr. Bonura announced that Grace King High School will be partnering with the Metairie Business Development District to create a mural on the Entergy fence at West Esplanade and Edenborn. The school was presented with a \$10,000 check from Entergy. Grace King also was one of three schools to receive a \$1,500 from Mr. Robert Flannery, a substitute teacher at Grace King, East Jefferson and Riverdale High School. All three schools will receive \$1,500--his pay for being a substitute.

Mr. St. Pierre announced that Ehret's football team made it to the third round of the playoffs.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge congratulated Ms. Donna Joseph for being selected as an Outstanding UNO Alumni.

Ms. Doucet presented outgoing President, Mr. St. Pierre, with a framed gavel. Mr. St. Pierre gave brief remarks about his year as Board President.

10. Convene to Executive Session

Discussion: 10.01 Executive Session

Motion by Cedric Floyd, with all members in agreement, to convene to Executive Session to discuss the addendum to the Superintendent's contract and Performance Standards.

Motion by Ray R StPierre, second by Mark C Morgan to accept the Superintendent's performance standards and add evaluation date (within 30 days of receiving the school performance scores) to the contract addendum.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Sandy DenapolisBosarge, Ray R StPierre, Melinda L Doucet, Marion Bonura, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Larry Dale

Nay: Cedric Floyd

Absent: Melinda L Bourgeois

There was no public comment.

Mr. Floyd expressed his thoughts on the school system's rating and Superintendent's performance as did Mr. Morgan.

11. APPENDIX: Administrative Reports

Information: 11.01 Financial Health Summaries and Budget to Actual

Report: 11.02 Check Register 10.19.16-11.16.16

12. End Meeting

Procedural: 12.01 Adjourn