

Regular Scheduled School Board Meeting (Tuesday, February 2, 2016)

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Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

1. Committee Meetings

The Facilities committee met at 4:00

The Legislative committee met at 5:00

2. School Board Meeting Agenda

2.01 Roll Call

2.02 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was led by Mr. Ricky Johnson and Elder Jesse Pate of Harvest Ripe Church of Gretna. Mr. Johnson asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Coaches Ray Latoof (West Jefferson) and Sam Galley (Ehret). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Melinda Doucet.

3. Presentations

Presentation: 3.01 Haynes Volleyball Middle School Parish Champions

Presentation: 3.02 Worley Middle School Parish Football Champions

Presentation: 3.03 John Ehret Football State Runner Up, District Champions

3.04 JPPSS Salutes 2016 POSSE Scholars

Ms. Gilson announced that 11 JPPSS students were recipients of POSSE scholarships. Seven students received scholarships to Tulane University and four received scholarships to Notre Dame.

3.05 Junior Achievement of Greater New Orleans

Mr. Larry Washington, President of Junior Achievement of Greater New Orleans gave an overview of the programs they offer and have in some of our schools and also spoke about graduation pathways. He asked for the Board's continued support for their programs.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.02 Approval of the minutes of December 9, 2015 and January 12, 2016

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Marion Bonura to approve the minutes of December 9, 2015.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Doucet to approve the minutes of January 12, 2016

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. Second Readings

5.01 Second Readings

5.02 Second Reading Authored by Ms. Bourgeois regarding diploma pathways

Whereas the state of Louisiana has established two new diploma pathways TOPS University diploma and TOPS TECH Jump Start Career diploma and phasing out three diploma pathways, LaCore 4, Basic and Career diplomas. I request that we fully fund and staff our Career/Tech department and before our June regular meeting, goals be established and presented for 2016 - 2017 school year.

Benchmark Goals should include # of students in dual enrollment, # of students who completed industry certifications (CNA, ProStart, Graphic Arts Design, Culinary Arts, Automotive & Microsoft, etc.), # of students who participated in internships and # of businesses involved in advisory committees and/or provided internships and # of students tested and receiving silver level on the WorkKeys assessment. In addition, a review of staffing formulas needs to be completed to determine the needs in career /tech and if adjustments need to be implemented.

And finally, the current Journey to Career class needs to be evaluated with the goal in mind to present to all students in middle school, the opportunities available to them in high school including industry certifications, career tech, and post-secondary opportunities. Counselors should be a part of the class.

Moved by Ms. Bourgeois, second by Ms. Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Ms. Doucet asked if there was information on the financial impact of this motion. After brief discussion, Ms. Bourgeois offered to defer the item to the next meeting to give the Superintendent time to determine the financial impact. There was no public comment on this item.

Moved by Ms. Bourgeois, second by Ms. DenapolisBosarge to defer reading to next regular meeting.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

5.03 Second Reading authored by Ms. Bourgeois regarding pending litigation

That quarterly a report is provided to the board in executive session on pending litigation including filing date, type of case/claims, counsel for plaintiffs and board, potential exposure (low-high) including attorney's fees and costs, attorney's fees to date, and current status. This report could be presented as a simple spread sheet that would give the Board members a general sense of pending litigation over time.

There was no public comment on this item. The Board, Superintendent and board attorney discussed what type of information would be included and how it would be presented.

Motion by Melinda L Bourgeois, second by Sandy DenapolisBosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Nay: Cedric Floyd, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson

5.04 Second Reading authored by Ms. Bourgeois regarding JPSB travel policy

Whereas school board members have an obligation to become informed on the proper duties and functions of a school board member, to become familiar with issues that may affect the school district, to acquire a basic understanding of school finance and budgeting, and to acquire sufficient knowledge to comply with federal, state and local laws and school district policies that relate to their functions as school board members. Travel to regional or national meetings of the Louisiana or National School Boards Association is presumed to fulfill this purpose. Travel to other out-of-state meetings for which the member intends to seek reimbursement from the school district must be pre-approved by the school board.

In addition, the school system should evaluate and implement an updated travel policy for Authorized Travel Expense Reimbursement by 4/1/16. The travel procedures stated in this manual apply to employees and authorized individuals eligible to be reimbursed from either tax funds or an Internal Fund account for travel-related expenses. Authorized individuals include Board members, Board administrative assistants, consultants, Title I parents, and chaperones to student travel.

There was no public comment on this item. There was lengthy discussion by the board.

Motion by Melinda L Bourgeois, second by Sandy DenapolisBosarge.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Melinda L Bourgeois, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Nay: Cedric Floyd, Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson

5.05 Second Reading authored by Mr. Bonura regarding the Loyola tract of land

Move that the school board dedicate the Loyola tract of land as the future site of Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies.

Motion by Marion Bonura, second by Ray R StPierre to amend the reading as follows: to split the land to reserve 12 acres for Haynes Academy and reserve the remaining 8 acres for a future PK-8 school, contingent upon passage of the millage.

The following citizens spoke in favor of the reading: David Prentice, Margie Loud Zeno, Mona Hebert, Ted DeAgano, Jr., Molly Cozad

Motion by Marion Bonura, second by Ray R StPierre

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: Mark C Morgan, Melinda L Bourgeois, Larry Dale, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

5.06 Second Reading authored by Mr. Dale regarding the findings of the special counsel

Move that the Board, in Executive Session, at its next meeting, be briefed on the findings of the special counsel concerning the grievances of Ms. Hunter and Ms. Adams.

There was lengthy discussion whether it was necessary for the Board to review the findings of the external investigation.

Motion by Larry Dale, second by Sandy DenapolisBosarge

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea:

Motion by Mr. StPierre to convene to Executive Session, second by Cedric Floyd

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Larry Dale, Mark C Morgan, Sandy DenapolisBosarge, Melinda L Bourgeois

No: Marion Bonura, Melinda L Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Ray R StPierre, Cedric Floyd

6. Consent Agenda

6.01 Public Comment on Consent Agenda

There was no public comment on consent agenda.

6.02 Consent Agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, 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, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

6.03 To approve the requested FY 2015-2016 General Fund Budget Amendments

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of the budget amendments that are included in the attachment. There is no financial impact to the General Fund Budget with these amendments but rather to keep the District in compliance with budget codes in accordance with the LAUGH Manual.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, 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, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

6.04 Window Repairs at the Administration Annex Building, Project No. 2011-10

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approving a budget of \$90,000.00 to be allocated to Project No. 2011-10 for repairs to the windows on the Administration Annex Building as recommended by the Facilities Department and Emergency and Risk Management Department.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, 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, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

6.05 MOU with LSUHSC for the Postsecondary Education and Apprenticeships for Youth (PAY) Program

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends to the board approval of the MOU with LSUHSC. This program will provide opportunities for youth with qualifying disabilities to attend postsecondary education where they will learn and practice "pre-employment transition skills" and participate in paid apprenticeship opportunities to enhance their employment and career outcomes.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, 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, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

6.06 Asbestos Abatement at Helen Cox High Project No. 2016-63 and Hazel Park Elementary 2016-64

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends appointing Technical Environmental Service, LLC as the professional environmental engineers with a combined budget including fees and contingency of \$1,075,000.00 to abate the asbestos ceilings at Helen Cox High and Hazel Park Elementary School.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, 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, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

6.07 First Student Transportation Contract Extension

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends a five year extension to the existing First Student contract.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, 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, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

6.08 THIS ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

To consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution accepting and approving a Capital Improvement Plan, designated purposes for which proceeds of a proposed bond issue will be budgeted, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

6.09 Instructional Support for EOC classes at West Jefferson, LW Higgins, and Bonnabel provided by School Leadership Center

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the contract between JPPSS and The School Leadership Center to provide instructional support through Discovery Walks for EOC courses at West Jefferson, LW Higgins, and Bonnabel High School.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, 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, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

6.10 Election Call THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

6.11 To approve central office job descriptions for the Academics Unit, the Finance Unit, and the Operations and Planning Unit.

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of the central office job descriptions for the Academics Unit, the Finance Unit, and the Operations and Planning Unit.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, 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, Ray R StPierre, Ricky Johnson, Sandy DenapolisBosarge

7. Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

6.10 Election Call

The Superintendent recommends that the Board rescind the resolution adopting, ordering and calling a special election to be held in School District No. 1, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, April 9, 2016.

Motion by: Ray R StPierre, second by Melinda L Doucet to amend the motion to move the resolution to be placed on the December 10, 2016 election ballot.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Each board member was given an opportunity to express their opinion. The Board and Superintendent discussed the best possible time to place the election on a ballot. They also discussed the need to vet, agree upon and promote the facilities plan.

8. New Business

First Reading Authored by Mr. St. Pierre

Move that the Board approve the naming of the football field at Hoss Memtsas Stadium Ray Latoof Field.

First Reading Authored by Ms. DenapolisBosarge

Move that the mileage reimbursement for those employees who are reimbursed for the use of their personal vehicles for their jobs be adjusted to the IRS standard mileage rate each year. All other rules and regulations on reimbursement will remain in effect.

First Reading Authored by Ms. Doucet

Move that the Superintendent and his staff look into a new model to eliminate the traditoinal 6-8 grade model in some of our middle schools.

First Reading Authored by Mr. Floyd

Move that the Jefferson Parish School Board settle the lawsuit entitled Plaisance vs Jefferson Parish School Board.

9. Public Comment

9.01 Citizens who sign up prior to the start of the meeting will be called to speak on non-agenda items.

There was no public comment.

10. Announcements/Good News

10.01 Announcements and good news

11. Convene to Executive Session

12. APPENDIX: Administrative Reports

12.02 Financial Health Summary and Budget to Actuals

12.03 Check Register 11.21.15-12.18.15

12.04 Check Register 12.19.15-01.19.16

13. End Meeting
