

JPSB MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
JEFFERSON PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
January 14, 2015
Administration Building

Roll Call

The Board meeting was called to order by Board President, Cedric Floyd with the following Board members answering Roll Call – Mr. Morgan, Mr. Johnson, Mr. St. Pierre, Ms. Bourgeois, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Dale, Ms. Doucet, Mr. Bonura, Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by 3RD graders Dallas Love and Tiy-E Green and the invocation was led by 4th graders Gilberling Damis, Penelope Pichardo and Francis Andino from William Hart Elementary School.

Presentations

Ms. Monica Pierre, Executive Director of Community Engagement announced William Hart Elementary School for the school showcase at this time.

5th grader Jodie Brown gave an academic presentation.

Ms. Germain Gilson, Chief Student Support Officer announced the following Jefferson Parish School System students for being selected 2015 Posse Scholarship recipients:

Receiving scholarships to attend Bard Collage were Saul Amezcua from Helen Cox High School and Jazlyn Johnson from Thomas Jefferson High School.

Receiving scholarships to attend Tulane University were Younes Boulares from Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies, Keristen Edwards, from Riverdale High School, Sydney Monix from Patrick F. Taylor Science & Technology Academy and Bilal Sarmini from Thomas Jefferson High School.

Receiving scholarships to attend Grinnell College were Gabrielle DeRoche from L.W. Higgins High School and Edward Scott from Helen Cox High School.

Mr. Floyd announced that SR-4, Approval of the amended operating agreement with KDHSA from December 17, 2014 has been moved to agenda item number 8.

Mr. Floyd also announced his Second Reading: Any payment to employees and the Superintendent in excess of \$15,000 has been withdrawn.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes of the Regular Session School Board Meeting on December 17, 2014.

Moved by Mr. St. Pierre, Seconded by Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried.

There were no public comment at this time.

Second Readings

Second Reading authored by Mr. Floyd concerning a funding source for agenda items

Move that every item on the agenda must have a funding source such as the line in the budget and department.

Moved by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre

No delegation address the board at this time.

Mr. Floyd stated this reading is about accountability and making sure we spend what's in the line items and that the budget is balanced continuing to state that the process has already started because Mr. Fulton will supply a budget for every item being taken up on the agenda. This is in efforts to be more accountable to the public and to the Board.

Voting was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Bonura, Ms. Bourgeois, Mr. Dale, Ms. Doucet, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Morgan, Mr. St. Pierre

NAYS: Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

New Business

Approval of the amended operating agreement with KDHSA from December 17, 2014

Approval of the amended operating agreement with KDHSA in accordance with the expansion plan approved by the JPSB on December 17, 2014. (See attached)

Moved by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Bonura

Mr. Bonura asked for clarification on the item being taken up.

Mr. Floyd clarified by stating the item being taken up is exactly what was approved by the Board on December 17, 2014.

A brief discussion was held.

Ms. Denapolis-Boasarge stated that it's her understanding that a contract was signed in December approval by the Board asking Mr. Fanning for further clarification.

Mr. Fanning explained that a contract was signed but had not been presented to the Board at the time the matter was taken up in December. He was asked by Board President, Mr. Floyd to review the proposed expansion and draft a contract that would precisely reiterate what was voted on at that time in December.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge asked if this was the same contract. Mr. Fanning explained that it was not. There was some verbiage in the contracted signed in December that was not stipulated in what the Board approved. Mr. Floyd asked him to put in what was included in the motion along with the attachment and that is what is before you today (January 14, 2015).

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge replied she did not see why the Board has to bring up the same matter again. Mr. Floyd explained that a contract was not presented in December, therefore the matter is being brought forth to approve the contract in accordance with the expansion plan approved in December.

The following public comment was heard:

Mike Yenni, Mayor of Kenner addressed the Board in favor of the original KDHSA expansion contract.

Lee Reid spoke in favor of the original KDHSA expansion contract and asked the Board for the opportunity to sit and discuss and the matter. What's different about this contract than the one signed in December? Please consider the original contract.

Dominic Empastado, District Council, Kenner spoke in favor of the original contract signed in December. Please support KDHSA expansion in December.

Richard Brown echoed councilman Empastado and Mayor Yenni in favor of the original contract.

Vincio Madrigal what are the inconsistencies. Hispanic students should receive the same type of service in the same way as African American students.

Amber Hollier spoke in favor of the original contract.

Kelly Arnold spoke in favor of the original contract.

Paul Capitano spoke in favor of the original expansion contract.

Mr. Fanning provided a point of information for the audience and for the Board stating this contract does not eliminate the expansion, it's simply a different contract that what was prepared and signed prior to the end of last year.

A brief discussion was held. Mr. Floyd explained to the audience that once the Board deals with the current item the reconsideration of KDHSA expansion will be considered moot.

Natalie Newton spoke in favor of the original contract signed in December 2014.

Dr. Elizabeth Adams spoke in favor of the original contract.

Stacey Katenger spoke in favor of KDHSA original expansion plan.

Steven LeSalle spoke in favor of the original contract.

Kristie Katsanis spoke in favor of the original contract.

John Theiele spoke in favor of the original contract.

Richard Miller spoke in favor of the original contract.

Gerardo Pavon spoke in favor of the original contract.

Emily Sullivan spoke in favor of KDHSA expansion.

Keith Reynaud, Councilman Kenner District 5 please clarify what the inconsistencies are.

Patty Glaiser favor of the original contract for the KDHSA expansion.

Mr. St. Pierre explained that a contract was signed that was not presented to the Board in December. This is the first time a contract has been presented to the Board. Other members on the Board know that a contract was not presented to the Board for approval in December. Mr. St. Pierre further stated he will support the contract for the expansion plan as original approved by the Board.

Mr. Dale addressed the audience by thanking them for coming out in support of KDHSA. He continued by asked Mr. Fanning, Board Attorney if JPSB and KDHSA were currently under contract?

Mr. Fanning explain that some of the content in the original KDHSA expansion contract was not discussed at the time it was first presented to the Board.

Mr. Dale again asked presently do we have a valid contract with KDHSA.

Mr. Fanning responded by saying he's not sure and that would have to be decided by a court of law.

Rephrasing the question, Mr. Dale asked did JPSB and KDHSA sign a legal contract.

Mr. Fanning stated a contract was signed. If the contract follows mostly what the original motion voted on stated but there is some additional language in the current contract. Should we go we go before a court the contract may well be looked at as legally binding.

Mr. Dale asked, did the Board read what was voted on and then signed the contract?

Mr. Fanning replied yes.

Mr. Dale said that it is his understanding that whatever the Board does tonight does not do anything to the validity of the subsequent contract.

Mr. Fanning said if the original contract is upheld by a court we would have to uphold the contract.

Mr. Dale urged his fellow colleagues to vote with him and vote this item down and honor the original contract.

Mr. Floyd addressed the audience by stating until this day, January 14, 2015, no contract had be brought forth by the Board for approval. The Board approved the minutes of December 17th and no contract was attached. The Board voted on the letter, the words, the spirit and everything before it as it has done with Young Audiences and International School of Louisiana. The Board president was not authorized to sign a contract that had not been approved by the Board. Any revision should have been submitted to the School Board is here constituted since that time. Check the video, check the minutes has ever been before the Board to approve other than tonight. Mr. Fanning, our Board Attorney has abstracted from the minutes and drafted a true contract.

Voting was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Johnson, Mr. St. Pierre, Ms. Bourgeois, Mr. Floyd, Ms. Doucet, Mr. Bonura, Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge

NAYS: Mr. Dale

ABSENT: Mr. Morgan

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

SR-1 Revised Title I tutor contract for Marie Riviere Elementary School

Approved the revised Title I tutor contract for Marie Riviere Elementary School.

Title 1 provides funding for tutors for ELA, Math and other core subjects for all schools who receive Title I funding. The Board approved the Title I and other grant budgets at the November 5, 2014 meeting. This included the approval of the contracts which were separately listed funded by the grants. The listing included a contract with Therese Comeaux to be paid as an ELA and Math Tutor for Riviere Elementary for 15 hours per week at cost of \$12,776.11 (She will be paid \$25 per hour plus benefits for work to be performed from 12/1/14 to 4/10/15. This amendment increases the tutor's hours from 15 hours per week to 19 hours per week. The value of the contract increases to \$14,994.69 or by about 17%.

The contract will be paid with Title I funds.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Bourgeois

Voting was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Johnson, Mr. St. Pierre, Ms. Bourgeois, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Dale, Ms. Doucet, Mr. Bonura, Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Morgan

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-2 Tabulation and Recommendation for Pipe Insulation Service Contract (RFP 3098)

Approved tabulation and recommendation for pipe insulation for RFP# 3098 for Pipe Insulation Service Contract with Eagle Insulations.

Funding source, general funds, Key code: 001-0000-246 Object code: 5-2620-430

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Bourgeois

Voting was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Johnson, Mr. St. Pierre, Ms. Bourgeois, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Dale, Ms. Doucet, Mr. Bonura, Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Morgan

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-3 JPPSS Contract with Accelify (Special Education Management System)

Approved entering into contract with Accelify to provide JPPSS with a Special Education Management System to simplify caseload management, improve service tracking, and enhance IDEA/IEP Compliance. The AcceliTRACK and AcceliSCHEDULE products provide principals and district supervisors with tools to better manage their special education related services, IEP development, progress reporting, and service efficiency.

IDEA funds will be used to pay for the products in this contract.

The AcceliRACK program cost is \$15.00 per child and the AcceliSCHEDULE program cost is \$10.00 per child (JPPSS currently has 5400 IDEA eligible students).

There is a one-time Implementation and Training Fee for each program.

The AcceliTRACK one time implementation and training fee is \$20,000.00

The AcceliSCHEDULE one time implementation and training fee is \$30,000.00

Using the current number of students, the total cost of this contract is \$185,000.00

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Bourgeois

Voting was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Johnson, Mr. St. Pierre, Ms. Bourgeois, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Dale, Ms. Doucet, Mr. Bonura, Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Morgan

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee Second Reading - January 12, 2014 regarding JPSB restoring its membership to LSBA

Move that the Jefferson Parish School Board join the Louisiana School Board Association at a pro-rated amount of \$14,020.00.

Moved by Mr. Floyd, Seconded by Mr. Dale

No delegation addressed the Board at this time.

Voting was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Johnson, Mr. St. Pierre, Ms. Bourgeois, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Dale, Ms. Doucet, Mr. Bonura, Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Morgan

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

Executive Committee Second Reading - January 12, 2015 concerning JPSB restoring its membership to NSBA

Move that the Jefferson Parish School Board become a member of the National School Board Association last paid in 2011 in the amount of \$14,000.

Moved by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Ms. Doucet

No delegation addressed the Board at this time.

Voting was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Johnson, Mr. St. Pierre, Ms. Bourgeois, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Dale, Ms. Doucet, Mr. Bonura, Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Morgan

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

Executive Committee Second Reading - January 12, 2015 concerning the Jefferson Parish School Board Budget

Move that the Jefferson Parish School Board Budget be consistent with State Law L.A. R.S. 39:1305, for the itemization for revenues and expenditures by budget code, department, function, and character as used in the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 adopted by the School Board on September 7, 2011.

Moved by Mr. Floyd, Seconded by Ms. Doucet

No delegations addressed the Board at this time.

Voting was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Johnson, Mr. St. Pierre, Ms. Bourgeois, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Dale, Ms. Doucet, Mr. Bonura, Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Morgan

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

Executive Committee Second Reading - January 12, 2015 concerning the Health and Welfare Fund Membership

Move that the Board submit the following names for membership to the Health and Welfare Fund:

Marion Bonura
Carl Nini
Richard Caiton
Donna Joseph
Cynthia Butler McIntyre

Moved by Mr. Floyd, Seconded by Mr. Johnson

No delegation addressed the Board at this time.

Voting was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Johnson, Mr. St. Pierre, Ms. Bourgeois, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Dale, Ms. Doucet, Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Morgan

ABSTAIN: Abstain

Motion carried.

Executive Committee Second Reading - January 12, 2015 concerning Board settlement of the lawsuit entitled "Action Restoration, Inc. vs the Parish of Jefferson, the Village of Lafitte and the Jefferson Parish School Board".

Move that the Board settle of the lawsuit entitled "Action Restoration, Inc. vs. the Parish of Jefferson, the Village of Lafitte and the Jefferson Parish School Board," in the 24th Judicial District Court, Division "E", number: 740-861 in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Moved by Mr. Floyd, Seconded by Mr. Bonura

No delegation addressed the Board at this time.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge asked to clarify what the settlement was about. Mr. Fanning gave a brief summary of the settlement without going into great detail. Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge being satisfied with Mr. Fanning's explanation:

Voting was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Johnson, Mr. St. Pierre, Ms. Bourgeois, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Dale, Ms. Doucet, Mr. Bonura, Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Morgan

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

Convene to Executive Session

To discuss student hearings on the following case numbers: 114a, 114b, 114c

Moved to convene to Executive Session by Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge, seconded by Ms. Bourgeois

The Board reconvened from Executive Session with the following Board members present: Mr. Johnson, Mr. St. Pierre, Ms. Bourgeois, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Dale, Ms. Doucet, Mr. Bonura and Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge

Moved by Ms. Doucet, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre

Moved that the Board deny the following case number: 114a

Unanimously carried.

Old Business

Old Business concerning rescinding payment of legal fees to Mike Delesdernier

The Board moves to rescind payment of legal fees to Mike Delesdernier based on LA R.S. 42:1112 and LA R.S. 42:1120. (See attached)

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre

The following delegation addressed the Board:

Meladie Munch addressed the board stating that Mr. Delesdernier should not have voted on this item and a super majority was needed to prevail. Also, she stated the record stated fees were in the neighborhood of \$8,000 but a check was cut for greater than that amount. The check was returned not cashed but the check was dated with the same date as the Board meeting. Speaking in favor of this motion.

Ms. Bourgeois asked for clarification about protection for Board members.

Ms. Doucet said Board members should provide full disclosure.

Mr. Bonura expressed concerns of restraining orders and who pays the fees.

Mr. Fanning explained there are no Attorney General has no substantiating evidence on this type of case.

Unanimously carried.

Public Comment

Lynn Kiff addressed the Board about principals having full autonomy does not always work in favor of teachers. Principals are not helpful and inviting to parents. The same amount of parental support should be in public school as charter but parents should be invited into schools.

Cathy Sullivan offered congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected Board members.

Announcements/Good News

Michelle Blouin-Williams, Deputy Superintendent announced that Jefferson Parish Schools will have its Magnet and Academic school showcase on Tuesday, January 27th and Wednesday, January 28th at Riverdale High School from 6 to 7 PM. If you wish to receive more information you can reach us at 349-7792.

Appendix: Administrative Reports

1. Check register for November 22, 2014 through January 7, 2015.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.