

Regular Scheduled School Board Meeting (Wednesday, October 7, 2015)

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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 4:26 PM

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Roll Call

1.02 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was led by Mr. Ricky Johnson and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ray St. Pierre.

2. Presentations

2.01 AdvancED Accreditation by Ray Poplus

Mr. Ray Poplus presented the Board with a plaque from AdvancEd for the JPPSS achieving its five year reaccreditation.

2.02 Kenner Discovery - Top 20 School

Dr. Glaser and students of KDHSA were recognized for reading over two million minutes over the summer. KDHSA was the number one school in Louisiana for the 2015 Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge.

2.03 JPPSS Customer Service Training Presentation

Ms. Donna Joseph provided a presentation on the proposed customer service training for all JPPSS employees. Ms. Patricia Adams explained how the employee stipend using BP funds was connected to this training.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.01 Approval of Minutes from September 2, 2015 and Special Session Meeting September 14, 2015

Motion by Ray R StPierre, second by Cedric Floyd to accept the minutes.

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

4. Second Readings

4.01 Second Reading authored by Mr. St. Pierre concerning allocating some BP proceeds to athletic programs

Motion by Mr. St. Pierre, second by Mr. Bonura that the Board approve allot the amount of \$25,000 to each high school that has football programs and \$10,000 to each high school for other sports . Mr. St. Pierre amended his reading as follows: The reading involves a one time stipend from the BP funds received to every high school football program. It provides \$25,000 to 11 high schools for a total of \$275,000. It also provides \$10,000 to each high school for the support of all other athletic teams. There are two additional schools that don't plan football but should get \$10,000 each. the total for other sports amounts to \$130,000. Therefore, I am recommending that this significant amount of money be controlled by the Athletic Director's office. This method allows the school system the ability to bid the purchase of helmets, shoulder pads, etc., to obtain a better price when buying in a large quantity.

The following board member comments were heard:

Ms. Bourgeois inquired if the \$420,000 would be from the general fund balance and stated that based on the graduation rate of 71%, funds should be spent on academic programs as well.

Ms. Doucet acknowledged the graduation rate was low, but stated we are not putting enough emphasis on athletics. She also stated middle schools should be considered for additional allocations as well.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge inquired if the funds were from principle or interest.

Mr. Bonura stated the Athletic Director has been informed and is prepared to purchase and distribute the equipment.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

No: Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Melinda L Bourgeois

4.02 Second Reading authored by Mr. St. Pierre concerning security for athletic events.

Move by Mr. St. Pierre, second by Mr. Bonura, that the Board incur the cost for security for all athletic events in middle and high school. Mr. St. Pierre amended his reading adding the following: this reading involves a significant amount of money, therefore, I recommend that the Athletic Director coordinate the use of security to all athletic events, both middle and high schools.

The following board member comments were heard:

Mr. Bonura stated this would help the account clerks.

Ms. Doucet stated because attendance is so low, the gate collections are not enough to offset any athletic costs.

Ms. Bourgeois supports this reading but inquired why attendance is so low and is there a plan to increase participation and attendance.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge feels it's important for the safety of students and attendees, but would like to know from where the funds will come.

Final resolution: Motion Carries

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

4.03 Second Reading authored by Ms. Doucet concerning Clancy/Maggiore

Move that the Board approve allowing Clancy/Maggiore to receive their official arts wing with a band room and dance studio.

The following board member comments were heard:

Ms. Doucet thanked everyone for considering this reading.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge encouraged fellow board members to vote for this reading.

Motion by Melinda L Doucet, second by Sandy DenapolisBosarge.

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

5. Consent Agenda

5.01 Consent Agenda

Resolution: Consent agenda

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

5.02 Contract with D. Joe Olmi, Ph.D. / Corrective Action

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of the State appointed Special Master required to address Corrective Action Plan.

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

The following public comment was heard:

Kessler Cameese Jones, JFT Representative inquired about whether there was an anticipated completion date for the CAP and subsequent Discipline Task Force Committee Meetings.

5.03 Architect/Engineer Approval, Duplantier & Meric, Architects, LLC

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends including Duplantier & Meric, Architects, LLC to be added to the approved list of architects and engineers for architectural services as recommended by the Facilities Department.

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

5.04 Architect/Engineer Approval, Trapolin Peer | Architects

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends including Trapolin Peer | Architects to be added to the approved list of architects and engineers for architectural services as recommended by the Facilities Department.

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

5.05 Approve a Budget, Scope of Work and Architect, Helen Cox High School, Project No. 2015-70

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve a total budget of \$360,000.00 including fees and appoint Garrity + Accardo Architects to repair or replace the window wall system, doors and door frames at Helen Cox High School as recommended by the Facilities Department.

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

5.06 Full and Final Settlement of Workers Compensation claim of AJ (Employee number 47826)

Resolution: Since the school system, as AJ's employer, is liable for his workers compensation benefits until he recovers enough to resume work and this date is uncertain at best, most likely years in the future, the settlement offer for the case is more than reasonable.

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

5.07 The Board's approval is requested in order to accept the bid received from Mr. James Barse in connection with the advertisement for sale at auction, and thereby sell the surplus property located at 501 Bannerwood Drive, Gretna, La. to the highest, in this case, only bidder.

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board accept the bid of Mr. James Barse and authorize the sale of the property to him. If approved, it is requested that the Board authorize the Board President, as per statute, to make the sale and sign the sale deed and any other necessary documents in connection therewith

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

5.08 Approve a Budget and Scope of Work, Ellis Elementary School, Project No. 2015-71

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve a budget of \$95,000.00 to replace the sidewalks and asphalt around the playground at Ellis Elementary School utilizing maintenance service contractors as recommended by the Facilities Department.

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

5.09 Acceptance, Ruppel Academy for Advanced Studies, Project No. 2012-05

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board accept the additional classrooms and parking at Ruppel Academy for Advanced Studies as performed by Bill Ward Builders, LLC. in the amount of \$1,649,000.00 as recommended by the architect/engineer, Harry Baker Smith Architects II and the Facilities Department.

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

5.10 Board approval is required for the renewal of the agreement with the City of Kenner Police Department for the program formerly known as Police on Campus (POC), now to be designated as School Resources Officer (SRO), for Theodore Roosevelt Middle School, for the 2015-2016 school year.

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board approve the renewal contract, and authorize the Board President and Superintendent to sign the agreement on its behalf.

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

5.11 Board approval is required for the renewal of the CEA with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office for the program formerly known as Police on Campus (POC), now to be designated as School Resources Officer (SRO), for certain enumerated high schools.

Resolution: It is recommended that the Board approve the renewal contract and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement on its behalf.

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

5.12 Tabulation and Recommendation for FEMA Assistance Grant Application & Closeout Process (RFP 3111)

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the attached Tabulation and Recommendation as submitted

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

5.13 Board approval is requested in order to accept the bid received from Body of Christ Fellowship Church in connection with the advertisement for sale at auction, and thereby sell the surplus property located at 701 South Upland Avenue, River Ridge, La., known as the Benjamin Banneker School, to the highest bidder.

This item was withdrawn by the Superintendent.

5.14 Revision of Board Policy JR - Student Privacy and Education Records

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of the revised policy.

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

The following public comment was heard:

Lee Barrios spoke about her concern of the wording used in the policy revision. It was clarified by Ms. Patricia Adams that Ms. Barrios was referring the summary and not the actual wording of the policy revision, which complies with FERPA.

5.15 Amend 2015-2016 PPP

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

5.16 Amend ASA Admissions and Dismissal Policies and Procedures

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of the ASA Admissions and Dismissal Policies and Procedures (September 2015)

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

The following board comment was heard:

Mr. Bonura inquired why new students to JPPSS (private/parochial students) who wish to change to public schools cannot apply to the ASA schools during the year and why can't students be tested for admission all year.

5.17 CM000022 - Young Audiences contract with Lincoln School for the Arts - Title I fund 101.2016.107/budget code 5.1510.320

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Young Audiences contract with Lincoln Elementary School for the Arts.

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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

5.18 FY 2015 Budget Amendment

Resolution: To approve a budget amendment for FY 2015 to eliminate the remaining, non-FEMA operating deficits as of June 30, 2015.

Consent agenda

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

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. New Business

6.01 First Readings

First Reading authored by Mr. Bonura:

Move that the JPPSS investment advisor (Sisung) prepare a proposal to produce an annual contribution to the Athletic Department with the \$14 million held in reserve from the BP funds to fund all necessary activities to run the program as a first class program. That would include equipment, maintenance of equipment, security, and bus transportation, field maintenance and anything that is necessary for game performance. Another portion of the money is to be sued by Student Services for music and the arts depending on the proposed funds produced by the investment.

First Reading authored by Mr. Bonura:

Move that the Sisung Group make a proposal to invest our reserves of \$200M to produce more than the \$1M we are now earning.

First Reading authored by Mr. Bonura:

Move that all vacant administration positions be put on hold until all contracts are reviewed by the Board. And all new hires follow the same procedures as established by Act 1 LRS 17:44 paragraph 4B, letters a to i. The freeze shall be in effect until money is found to give teachers and staff their annual step increase.

Moved by Marion Bonura, second by Cedric Floyd for 72-hour waiver.

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

Yea: Marion Bonura, Cedric Floyd, Melinda L Bourgeois, Melinda L Doucet, Mark C Morgan, Ricky Johnson, Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, Ray R StPierre

No: Larry Dale

First Reading authored by Ms. Doucet:

Move that after the JPPSS customer service training, an area is added to the website where someone can take a quick survey on how they were treated.

First Reading authored by Ms. Doucet:

Move that the Campus of the Month/Year program be reinstated.

First Reading authored by Mr. Bonura:

Move to amend the ASA Admission Policy, specifically, the paragraph entitled "New Students to Jefferson Parish" to include students who attend private or parochial schools and live in Jefferson Parish and want to enter/apply for an ASA school during the school year and resides in Jefferson Parish.

Directive authored by Ms. Bourgeois:

That the Athletic Department develop a plan to increase participation and attendance at athletic events and present to the Board.

Directive authored by Ms. Bourgeois:

That JEDCO or their marketing team present their Edge 2020 to the Board and that JPPSS partner with them for Career Ed and facilities plans.

Moved by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre to go into Executive Session to discuss items 6.02 and 6.02.

Members returning from Executive Session were: Cedric Floyd, Ray St. Pierre, Mark Morgan, Melinda Doucet, Melinda Bourgeois, Ricky Johnson, Larry Dale, Marion Bonura

The Board voted to defer 6.03 until the next meeting.

6.02 Motion to amend settlement in litigation bearing suit number 724-112 presently pending in Division "H" of the 24th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, entitled "Major Arthur Belair, USAF (RET.), Master Sergeant Glenn J. Delery, USAF (RET.), Chief Master Sergeant Robert J. Doublet, USAF (RET.), Master Sergeant Wayne Gaudin, USAF (RET.), Lieutenant Colonel Terrance W. Hart, USAF (RET.), Lieutenant Colonel Thomas R. Nowak, USAF (RET.), Senior Master Sergeant Neil M. Ostroff, USAF (RET.), Colonel Harold Ray, USAF (RET.), Major Reynolds W. Rigney, Sr. USAF (RET.), Lieutenant Colonel James T. Webb, USAF (RET.), and Master Sergeant Michael W. Whitener, USAF (RET.) versus Jefferson Parish School Board", consolidated with "Major Ora J. Gibson, USAF (Ret.), Senior Master Sergeant Jason Pryor, USAF (Ret.), Senior Master Sergeant Jason Pryor, USAF (Ret.), Master Sergeant Melvin X. Bush, USAF (Ret.), Master Sergeant Edmund Wright, USAF (Ret.) versus Jefferson Parish School Board", bearing case number 739-629, presently pending in Division "A" of the 24th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana

Motion to amend the 1/2 of the legal interest owed in the settlement in the Belair Case to give them \$40,386.45 which is an increase in interest rate previously agreed to. Moved by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray St. Pierre

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Ray St. Pierre, Marion Bonura, Melinda Bourgeois, Melinda Doucet, Ricky Johnson, Mark Morgan, Larry Dale

Motion to amend the Gibson vs JPPSS lawsuit to allow plaintiff Ora J. Gibson to be paid half of the penalties and half of the legal interest that was awarded to the Belair plaintiffs for a total of \$25,923.44. Moved by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray St. Pierre

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

Yea: Mark C Morgan

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

Not present at vote: Sandy DenapolisBosarge

6.03 Motion to accept settlement offer from the plaintiffs in the matter entitled "Jefferson Federation of Teachers, Ann Abadie, Cheryl Bowman, Joann Chevalier, Michel Cristina, Tina Culpepper, Kevin Dehart, Susan Doell, Juliet Hebert, Tina Mezquita, Robin Pitre, Rochelle Pons, and Nathan Winesberry vs. the Jefferson Parish School Board, No. 731-971, Division "F" of the 24th Judicial District Court, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana."

Motion Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre to withdraw and move this item to the next board meeting.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6.04 Quantitative Performance Metrics for the Superintendent's Evaluation

This item was deferred to next the board meeting.

6.05 Election of 2016 Board Officers

Mr. Floyd nominated Mr. St. Pierre for the position of Board President for 2016. Mr. St. Pierre was elected by acclamation. Mr. Floyd nominated Ms. Doucet as Board Vice President for 2016. She was also elected by acclamation.

7. Public Comment

7.01 Citizens who sign up prior to the start of the meeting will be called to speak.

Ms. Lee Barrios spoke about the release of test scores.

Mr. Keana Calloway spoke about his non-profit program Detour.

Ms. Mary Nielson Phillips spoke about funding of National Board Certified professionals \$5,000 stipend feasibility study.

8. Announcements/Good News

8.01 Announcements and good news

Mr. Floyd announced that he filed a public records request for the BP records, that he intends to move to court and board association about the files not being with the custodian.

9. Convene to Executive Session

10. APPENDIX: Administrative Reports

10.01 Check Register 08.25.15-09.16.15

10.02 Financial Health of JPPSS

11. End Meeting
