

JPSB MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
JEFFERSON PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
February 9, 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, Ms. Bourgeois, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Dale, Ms. Doucet, Mr. Bonura, Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge

Mr. St. Pierre was absent.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was led by Reverend Wilford Brown, Jr., Pastor of Everett Temple Church of God in Christ and pledge of allegiance was led by Ms. Germain Gilson, Chief Student Support Officer.

The Board President, made note that the agenda would be amended to hear NSBA Presentation directly following the Audit Review of Carr Ingram.

Presentations

The Board recognized Bridget Seals for being awarded the 2015 Rolland Van Hattum Award from the American Speech Language Hearing Association.

The Board recognized Suzane Bordlee, Principal of Leo Kerner Elementary School, for being selected 2016 Elementary Principal of the Year by the Louisiana Department of Education.

The Board recognized Faith Joseph, Principal of Henry Ford Middle School for being selected 2016 Middle School Principal of the year by the Louisiana Department of Education.

The Board recognized Jamie Zapico, Principal of Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy, for being selected 2016 High School Principal of the Year by the Louisiana Department of Education.

The Board recognized Pablo Patto, elementary teacher at Geraldine Boudreaux Elementary for being selected 2016 elementary teacher of the year by the Louisiana Department of Education. Mr. Patto was not in attendance.

The Board recognized Shannon Walker, 8th grade teacher at Henry Ford Middle School for being selected 2016 middle school teacher of the year by the Louisiana Department of Education.

The Board recognized Raleigh Collins, 9th grade teacher at Grace King High School for being selected 2016 high school teacher of the year by the Louisiana Department of Education.

The Board recognized Gayun Knam, 5th grade student at Harold Keller Elementary School for being selected 2016 elementary student of the year by the Louisiana Department of Education.

The Board recognized Tram Nguyen, high school student at Thomas Jefferson High School for being selected 2016 High School Student of the Year by the Louisiana Department of Education.

The middle school student of the year Daniel Lou, a student at Meisler Middle School could not be in attendance due to a prior family commitment and will be recognized at a future board meeting.

Review of Audit for FY2014 – Carr Ingram, CPA’s by Phillip Rebowe

NSBA Presentation by Mr. Floyd, Board President

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes of the Regular Session School Board Meeting on January 14, 2015 and the Special Session of January 29, 2015.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, Seconded by Mr. Floyd

Unanimously carried.

There were no public comment at this time.

Consent Agenda

SR-2 Board approval is requested to enter into a contract with independent camera operator for JPS-TV

The district's TV studio, JPS-TV, often needs additional camera operators to cover school district events. These include, but are not limited to, school board meetings, school graduations, and awards events. In July 2014, the school board approved contracts with four independent camera operators to be used at a variety of events throughout the year, at a cost of \$25 per hour. Since then, two of the contractors have moved on, and so the TV studio is seeking approval of this contract with another independent camera operator.

This contract is to expire at the end of fiscal year 2016 and allows for the use of the operator on an as-needed basis.

The contract should not exceed \$3,500 per year, to be paid from the General Fund.

Moved by Ms. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Floyd

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-3 Board approval is requested to enter into a contract with Career Compass of Louisiana as part of the Louisiana Department of Education's Jump Start grant to provide college and career counseling services to 700 students

Jefferson Parish Public School System received a grant from the Louisiana Department of Education called "Jump Starting Jump Start."

Funding will come from the Louisiana Department of Education's Jump Start grant awarded to JPPSS.

Moved by Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Floyd

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-5 To consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed \$52,000,000 of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds (1/2%) in one or more series, of

the Parish School Board of the parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said bonds and providing for other matters in connection therewith

The Series 2007 and 2008 sales tax bonds are both potential refunding candidates at current market rates. Portions of the 2007 and 2008 bonds would be advance funded with no debt extension. Preliminary analysis indicates that the total savings over the life of the issue at current rates will be about \$2 million or annually on average about \$200,000. The final maturity of the bonds will be June 30, 2028. Actual savings would be determined at the time of sale of the refunding bonds.

To initiate this refinancing the School Board will need to adopt a preliminary approval resolution at this Board meeting. We attached the form of resolution. Adoption of this resolution will permit us to file an application with the State Bond Commission for approval at their March 19, 2015 meeting. Assuming the market remains favorable following State Bond Commission approval, we would proceed with pricing by the Underwriter and complete the refinancing. If interest rates are not favorable following State Bond Commission approval, we would not complete the refinancing until the market is favorable and we can realize sufficient net savings. We also attach the proposed time table describing the time sequence towards the expected bond issuance on April 28, 2015.

The following resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____

RESOLUTION

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Fifty Two Million Dollars (\$52,000,000) of Sales Tax Refunding School Bonds (1/2%), in one or more series, of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Refunding Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer") has heretofore issued (i) \$22,000,000 of Sales Tax School Bonds (1/2%), Series 2007, dated June 1, 2007 (the "Series 2007 Bonds") and (ii) \$50,000,000 of Sales Tax School Bonds (1/2%), Series 2008, dated May 1, 2008 (the "Series 2008 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide debt service savings to the Issuer, the Issuer desires to refund all or any portion of the Issuer's outstanding Series 2007 Bonds and Series 2008 Bonds, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"), through the issuance of its refunding bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, and subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, the Issuer desires to accomplish the refunding by authorizing the issuance of not exceeding Fifty Two Million Dollars (\$52,000,000) of its Sales Tax Refunding School Bonds (1/2%), in one or more series (the "Refunding Bonds"), said Refunding Bonds, together with the Outstanding Bonds (hereinafter defined), to be payable from and secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the net avails or proceeds of the Issuer's special one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales and use tax now being levied and collected by the Issuer (the "Net Revenues of the Tax"), pursuant to Article VI, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and pursuant to elections held in the Issuer on October 5, 1954 and January 12, 1971, subject only to the prior payment of the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has no outstanding bonds or other obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the Net Revenues of the Tax herein pledged, except the

(i) unrefunded portion of the Sales Tax School Bonds (1/2%), Series 2007, if any, which are not refunded by the Bonds, (ii) unrefunded portion of the Sales Tax School Bonds (1/2%), Series 2008, if any, which are not refunded by the Bonds, and (iii) Sales Tax Refunding School Bonds (1/2%), Series 2012 (collectively, the “Outstanding Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to make formal application to the State Bond Commission for approval of the issuance of the Refunding Bonds;

of Jefferson, State of Louisiana (the “Parish School Board”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana for school purposes, that:

SECTION 1. Preliminary Approval of the Refunding Bonds. Preliminary approval is given to the issuance of not exceeding Fifty Two Million Dollars (\$52,000,000) of Sales Tax Refunding School Bonds (1/2%), in one or more series (the "Refunding Bonds"), of the Issuer, to be issued for the purpose of refunding all or any portion of the Issuer’s outstanding Series 2007 Bonds and Series 2008 Bonds and paying the costs of issuance of the Refunding Bonds, said Refunding Bonds, together with the (i) unrefunded portion of the Sales Tax School Bonds (1/2%), Series 2007, if any, which are not refunded by the Refunding Bonds, (ii) unrefunded portion of the Sales Tax School Bonds (1/2%), Series 2008 , if any, which are not refunded by the Refunding Bonds, and (iii) Sales Tax Refunding School Bonds (1/2%), Series 2012 (collectively, the “Outstanding Bonds”), to be payable from and secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the net avails or proceeds of the Issuer’s special one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales and use tax now being levied and collected by the Issuer (the “Net Revenues of the Tax”), pursuant to Article VI, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and pursuant to elections held in the Issuer on October 5, 1954 and January 12, 1971, subject only to the prior payment of the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the sales tax. The Refunding Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed five percent (5%) per annum, to be determined by subsequent resolution of this Parish School Board at the time of the sale of the Refunding Bonds, and shall mature in annual installments due no later than February 1, 2028. The Refunding Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form, shall be sold to the purchasers thereof at a price of not less than 97% of par, plus accrued interest, Board.

SECTION 2. Employment of Bond Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, LLP, of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Refunding Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Refunding Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance thereof and shall furnish their opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Refunding Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of said bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work in connection with the issuance of each such series of revenue bonds and based on the amount of said bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said bonds. That pursuant to instructions from the Secretary, Bond Counsel shall cause to be prepared an official statement with respect to the sale of the Refunding Bonds and the costs of the preparation and printing of said official statement, as approved by the State Bond Commission, shall be paid from the proceeds of the issue for which it has been prepared. Said Official Statement may be submitted to one or more of the nationally recognized bond rating service or services, together with a request that an appropriate rating be assigned. Payment for all ratings shall be made by the Secretary upon presentation of appropriate statements from the particular rating service furnishing the ratings. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Chief Financial Officer is hereby empowered and directed to issue vouchers in payment for the work herein provided for upon completion of the work herein specified and under the conditions herein enumerated.

SECTION 3. State Bond Commission. Application is hereby made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for approval of the issuance and sale of the Refunding Bonds and for consent and authority to proceed with the issuance and sale of the Refunding Bonds as provided above, and Bond Counsel is directed to make application to the State Bond Commission in accordance with the foregoing on behalf of the Governing Authority.

By virtue of applicant/issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 4. Appointment of Investment Banker/Underwriter. Raymond James & Associates, Inc., of New Orleans, Louisiana (the "Senior Managing Underwriter") and Stephens Inc., of Baton Rouge Louisiana (the "Co-Underwriter") (the Senior Managing Underwriter and banker/underwriter in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the Issuer and to be paid from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and contingent upon the issuance of the Refunding Bonds; provided that no compensation shall be due to the Underwriter unless the Refunding Bonds are sold and delivered.

SECTION 5. Sale of Refunding Bonds. The Refunding Bonds are hereby authorized to be sold to the Underwriter, and the Board President is hereby authorized to execute a Bond Purchase Agreement with the Underwriter, in form and substance satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the Issuer, provided the sale of the Refunding Bonds produces minimum net present value savings (after payment of all costs) in excess of the Minimum Present Value Savings to Refund guidelines of the State Bond Commission.

SECTION 6. Confirmation of Municipal Advisor. The Issuer hereby confirms the retention of Sisung Securities Corporation (SSC), of New Orleans, Louisiana, Registered Municipal Advisors, to act as its Independent Registered Municipal Advisor ("IRMA") pursuant to the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the Final Rule adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commissioners on September 20, 2013 and the adopted final release (the "Release") for the purpose of providing advice on structure, timing, terms and other matters relating to the Refunding Bonds, upon which the Issuer may rely. The fee for such services shall be payable solely from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and the amount thereof shall be subject to approval by the Issuer and subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Cedric Floyd	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ray St. Pierre	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mark Morgan	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ricky Johnson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Melinda Bourgeois	_____	_____	_____	_____
Larry Dale	_____	_____	_____	_____
Melinda Doucet				
Marion Bonura				
Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge				

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 9th day of February, 2015.

Secretary

President

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH

OF JEFFERSON

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board on February 9, 2015, giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Fifty Two Million Dollars (\$52,000,000) of Sales Tax Refunding School Bonds (1/2%), in one or more series, of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Refunding Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this, the 9th day of February, 2015.

Secretary

**TENTATIVE TIMETABLE
PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
PARISH OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**SALES TAX SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS (1/2%) (REFUNDING
OF SALES TAX SCHOOL BONDS (1/2%), SERIES 2007 AND SALES
TAX SCHOOL BONDS (1/2%), SERIES 2008)**

- 2/9 Parish School Board - preliminary approval of Bonds and parameter sale
- 2/18 State Bond Commission deadline for March meeting
- 2/25 Completion of draft Preliminary Official Statement and mailing to S&P and AGM
- 3/11 S&P conference call (tentative)
- 3/19 State Bond Commission approval of Bonds
- 3/19 Post Preliminary Official Statement
- 3/25 Conference call to discuss anticipated net savings prior to pricing of Bonds
- 3/26 Underwriter prices Bonds
- 3/26 Board President shall execute Bond Purchase Agreement
- 4/9 Parish School Board - adopt Bond Resolution
- TBD Distribute final Official Statement
- TBD Deadline for publication of sale minutes in the official journal
- 4/28 Delivery of Bonds to Underwriter
- 4/28 Notice of Redemption mailed to owners of Refunded Series 2007 Bonds
- 4/28 Notice of Redemption mailed to owners of Refunded Series 2008 Bonds
- 2/1/17 Refunded Series 2007 Bonds redeemed 2/1/18
- Refunded Series 2008 Bonds redeemed

Moved by Ms. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Floyd

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-6 Board approval is requested for the settlement in the case of Karl J. Riche' and Donna D. Riche' v. Jefferson Parish School Board and Princeton Excess & Surplus Lines Insurance Company, in the 24th Judicial District Court, case No. 697-888.

Approved the proposed settlement is the result of formal mediation conducted prior to a four day jury trial, which was set to begin on January 26, 2015. The Board attorney, a representative of CCMSI, the Board's third party administrator, and a representative of Princeton Excess & Surplus Lines Insurance Company participated in the mediation. This case arises out of a flash fire or combustion explosion that occurred when the Plaintiff was attempting to light the pilot light on an overhead commercial heater located in a warehouse building owned by the Board. The complete details of the settlement are not for dissemination to the public.

A separate Board Report setting forth the details of the settlement is attached hereto. Because the proposed settlement exceeds the sum of \$20,000.00 final Board authority is required. Any discussion of the settlement should take place in Executive Session. The Clerk is requested to schedule an Executive Session should it become necessary to discuss this settlement in detail. The Board attorney, with the approval of CCMSI the Board's TPA, the Board's in house coordinator, and the Princeton representative all recommend that the Board approve the settlement.

The funds will come from funds specifically set out for the payment of such claims from the general fund.

Moved by Ms. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Floyd

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-7 Fiscal Year 2013/2014 External Audit

Approved the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 external audit performed by Carr, Riggs Ingram, LLC, is presented to the Jefferson Parish School Board for review, analysis and acceptance. The audit consists of: (1) the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), (2) the Management Letter and (3) the Single Audit Act Report.

For 25 consecutive years, the external auditors have expressed an opinion that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School System, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Jefferson Parish School System was awarded the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) and Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. The school system has received these prestigious awards for 23 years. The Acting Superintendent and Acting Chief Financial Officer believe that this current Comprehensive Annual Financial Report continues to meet certificate program requirements and have submitted it for ASBO and GFOA consideration.

The Acting Superintendent and Acting Chief Financial Officer would like to acknowledge the long hours and dedication of the entire Business Services Division.

Competent financial reporting ensures that all funds received from State or Federal levels are used to provide the best educational materials and to maintain safe facilities in which to house the students in Jefferson Parish.

Moved by Ms. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Floyd

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-8 Revision to Advanced Study Academy Admissions and Dismissal Policies and Procedures

Approved revision to ASA Admissions and Dismissal Policies originally approved on December 7, 2011, the JPSB approved that JPPSS would require two consecutive years of testing data for students entering grades six through eleven in Advanced Academy Schools. On January 15, 2015, the Louisiana Department of Education issued to LEAs Louisiana PARCC Frequently Asked Questions indicating that state testing for Spring 2015 results will not be available until fall of 2015. Due to the delay in the availability of state testing results for the 2014-2015 school year, JPPSS will temporarily amend Part II: L and M of the Advanced Study Academy Admissions and Dismissal Policies and Procedures to read: " For students entering grades six through eleven, the application will be screened for residency, standardized test scores for the 2013-2014 school year, and report card grades for the last two years."

M: " For screening purposes pertaining to the 12/13 school year and thereafter, if iLEAP or LEAP scores are submitted, a student must have scored a minimum of Mastery in both English Language Arts and Math during the 2013-2014 school year."

The proposed revision to the Pupil Progression Plan is not projected to require additional funding.

Moved by Ms. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Floyd

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-9 Interim revision to 2014-15 Pupil Progression Plan to conform with updated state assessment policy

Approved Document 1: "Final - PPP - 2014-15 Revised - Markup displayed" shows the sections that were removed using strikethrough and the new sections that replaced them. Document 2: "Final - PPP - 2014-15 Revised - Markup displayed" is a clean copy of the proposed PPP with adjusted sections marked by highlighter.

When the Pupil Progression Plan was approved by the JPSB in August 2014, we were still waiting on guidance from the state regarding what test would be administered and when we would receive the results of that assessment. At this point, we are confident that the results of the spring state test administration will not be available until late fall and will not be available for supporting remediation, promotion, or retention decisions this summer. This interim revision describes how the district will address these decisions in the absence of assessment data. In summary, the district proposes using final report card grades in Math, English, and Reading to determine who is required to attend remediation. Students who attend 80% or more of summer remediation and demonstrate proficiency and/or growth on a standards-based assessment will be recommended to the building A/BIT team for a final decision regarding promotion or retention.

The proposed revision to the Pupil Progression Plan is not projected to require additional funding.

Moved by Ms. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Floyd

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-10 CR-Acceptance, Harahan Elementary School, Project No. 2010-48

Accepted the renovations at Harahan Elementary School as designed by Harry Baker Smith Architects II and as performed by Crescent Commercial Construction, LLC. in the amount

of \$1,104,598.00 as recommended by the architect/engineer, Harry Baker Smith Architects II and the Facilities Department.

On Monday, January 12, 2015, the project was completed with no punch list items. The project was completed within the contract completion date.

This recommendation is for acceptance only and produces no further impact.

Moved by Ms. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Floyd

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-11 CR-Acceptance, Woodmere Elementary School, Project No. 2012-29

Accepted the demolition and site restoration at Woodmere Elementary School as designed by Burgdahl-Graves Architects and as performed by Murphy Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$177,409.00 as recommended by the architect/engineer, Burgdahl-Graves Architects, the Program Manager, CSRS, Inc. and the Facilities Department.

On Thursday, September 25, 2014, the project was completed.

This recommendation is for acceptance only and produces no further impact.

Moved by Ms. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Floyd

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-12 CR-Acceptance, Gretna Park Elementary School, Project No. 2012-40 **Committee Reports**

Accepted the waterproofing and repairs at Gretna Park Elementary School as designed by Linfield Hunter & Junius, Inc. and as performed by Tuna Construction, LLC. in the amount of \$196,000.00 as recommended by the architect/engineer, Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc. and the Facilities Department.

On Tuesday, January 13, 2015, the project was completed with no punch list items. The project was completed within the contract completion date.

This recommendation is for acceptance only and produces no further impact.

Moved by Ms. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Floyd

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-13 CR-Bid Acceptance, Administration Annex Building, Project Nos. 2011-02 and 2014-02

Accepted the lowest bid for data center upgrades at the Administration Annex Building.

At 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, bids were received in the office of the Facilities Department for the above-captioned project. Five (5) contractors submitted a bid. The low base bid of \$3,731,000.00 was submitted by The McDonnell Group, LLC. The time of two hundred twenty (220) calendar days was specified for all bidders. See the attached bid tabulation.

The low base bid of The McDonnell Group, LLC in the amount of \$3,731,000.00 is below the combined construction budgets of \$4,000,000.00. Acceptance is recommended by the architect/engineer, ECM Consultants, Inc. and the Facilities Department.

The low base bid in the amount of \$3,731,000.00 is \$269,000.00 below the combined construction budgets from 2011-02 (BP Fund 41) and 2014-02 (BP Fund 54) of \$4,000,000.00. BP Fund 41 and 54.

Moved by Ms. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Floyd

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-14 CR-Bid Acceptance, West Jefferson High School, Project No. 2014-04

Accepted the lowest bid for auditorium renovations at West Jefferson High School.

At 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2014, bids were received in the office of the Facilities Department for the above-captioned project. Five (5) contractors submitted a bid. The low base bid of \$414,000.00 was submitted by Tasch, LLC. The time of one hundred eighty (180) calendar days was specified for all bidders. See the attached bid tabulation.

Since the low base bid of \$414,000.00 of Tasch, LLC. is below the funds available for construction of \$414,282.00, acceptance is recommended by the architect/engineer, Burgdahl-Graves Architects and the Facilities Department.

The low base bid in the amount of \$414,000.00 is \$282.00 below the funds remaining for construction of \$414,282.00. BP Fund 41.

Moved by Ms. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Floyd

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-15 CR-Acceptance, Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies, Project No. 2012-37B

Accepted the renovations at Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies as designed by Meyer Engineers, Ltd. and as performed by Tuna Construction, LLC., in the amount of \$927,000.00 as recommended by the architect/engineer, Meyer Engineers, Ltd. and the Facilities Department.

On Thursday, December 18, 2014, the project was completed with no punch list items. The project was completed within the contract completion date.

This recommendation is for acceptance only and produces no further impact.

Moved by Ms. Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. Floyd

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

Item Pulled from the Consent Agenda

SR-1 Board approval is requested to enter into a contract with 1-World Language, includes three sessions of “Interpreters in the Community Setting Trainings-20 hours” for all personnel in Jefferson Parish that serve as interpreters for parents. In addition, 1-World will provide 3 sessions of “Continuing Education Courses for Interpreters-8 hours” for interpreters who have already been trained.

On, July 8, 2014, the Jefferson Parish Public School System voluntarily came to an agreement with the Department of Justice/Civil Rights Division and Department of Education/Office for Civil Rights to resolve the investigation into complaints concerning (a) JPPSS’s policies and practices for student registration, enrollment, and graduation; (b) JPPSS’s policies and practices for communicating with national origin minority parents who have limited English proficiency (“LEP”); and (c) JPPSS’s response to alleged harassment creating a hostile environment for Latino students based on their national origin, of which JPPSS knew or reasonably should have known.

The Agreement states that “JPPSS shall ensure that all individuals who provide translation and/or interpretation services for JPPSS are:

- (a.) Demonstrably competent to interpret and/or translate in both languages;
- (b.) Trained in providing the interpretation and/or translation they are asked to provide or sufficiently knowledgeable in both languages of any specialized terminology needed (e.g., special education terminology) to provide the requested interpretation and/or translation accurately; and
- (c.) Trained on the role of the interpreter and translator, the importance of accuracy and completeness, the ethics of interpretation and translation, and the need to maintain confidentiality.”

In an effort to ensure that all personnel that provide translation and /or interpretation services for JPPSS are trained in providing interpretation services, JPPSS will contract 1-World to provide these trainings. The contract with 1-World Language includes three sessions of “Interpreters in the Community Setting Trainings-20 hours” for all personnel in Jefferson Parish that serve as interpreters for parents. In addition, 1-World will provide 3 sessions of “Continuing Education Courses for Interpreters-8 hours” for interpreters who have already been trained.

JPPSS has utilized 1-World Language in the past and has been satisfied with the training they provided. These training sessions will fulfill our obligation under said Voluntary Agreement.

Financial impact for this item is funded through Title II.

Moved by Mr. Bonura, seconded by Mr. Doucet

The following discussion was held:

Mr. Bonura asked if the school system used 1-World in the past to provide services and will the individuals receiving training will be certified interpreters once the training is completed.

Ms. Blouin-Williams responded to Mr. Bonura answering in the affirmative that all individuals receiving training through 1-World will receive certification. She also stated that individuals having been trained already by 1-World Language will have the opportunity to become re-certified.

Ms. Karina Castillo, Executive Director of ELL gave a brief overview of the certification JPSchool employees as well as those in the community setting through 1-World Language. It's a 3 day, 20 hour training sessions for new interpreters and 8 hours of continuing training for employees who have already received training. Jefferson Parish use both the program at Loyola and 1-World. The Loyola program is more intensive and it used for those in the medical and legal purposes. The training 1-World provides is more community based.

Mr. Bonura asked if all trained interpreters are used, those receiving their certification from Loyola and 1-World. Ms. Castillo replied yes.

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. St. Pierre

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

SR-16 CR-Approve a Budget, Scope of Work and Appoint an Architect, Lincoln Elementary School for the Arts, Project No. 2015-50

There is a need to construct an arts wing to provide the necessary space for the arts educational program. The budget of \$3,300,000.00 includes site construction, building cost, fees, technology and FF&E cost and will be deducted from BP Fund 41.

The budget of \$3,300,000.00 will be deducted from BP 41.

Moved by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Johnson

Mr. Dale asked David Taylor, Executive Director of Facilities to explain the project to the Board. Mr. Taylor explained the budget and scope of work was to design and construct an Arts Wing at Lincoln Elementary School for the Arts. The recommended architect is Hewitt Washington, the same architects that the designed the school.

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. St. Pierre

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Floyd stated that since public comment was not offered on the items pulled the Board will take up public comment at this time and revote if necessary.

The following delegations addressed the board:

Margie Zeno addressed the Board to say thank you for approving the construction of the arts wing at Lincoln Elementary School for the Arts.

Robert Jones addressed the Board to say thanks and that the Lincoln Alumni will continue to assist the school in it's development of the arts.

Mr. Bonura asked Mr. Jones how many members the Lincoln Alumni Association has. Mr. Jones asked alumni who were present to stand and stated this was not the entire group.

Mr. Floyd did a vote by acclamation to approve a Budget, Scope of Work and Appoint an Architect, Lincoln Elementary School for the Arts, Project No. 2015-50

The vote was unanimously carried with Mr. St. Pierre being the only school board member absent.

Committee Report

Executive Committee Second Reading - February 9, 2015

Approved the minutes of the January 12, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting

Moved by Ms. Doucet, Seconded by Mr. Floyd

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. St. Pierre

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

Executive Committee Second Reading - February 9, 2015 4:30 PM in reference to policy concerning Board attending conferences

Move that restrictions on board member's out-of-state travel be rescinded.

Moved by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Ms. Doucet

A brief discussion followed. This motion if accepted would be rescinding the policy concerning board member out-of- state travel first made in 2013.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge asked that all board members be notified of the opportunity to attend any and all conferences.

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: Mr. Dale

ABSENT: Mr. St. Pierre

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried.

Executive Committee Report - February 9, 2015, 4:30 PM concerning the Superintendent Search

Approved the schedule of activities for the Superintendent selection.

Moved by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Johnson

A brief discussion followed.

Executive Committee Report - February 9, 2015 - 4:30 PM concerning a breakfast meeting with the Jefferson Parish School Board Legislative Committee and Jefferson Delegation

Jennifer Ansardi, Legislative Liaison to the Jefferson Parish School Board addressed the board at this time.

Executive Committee Second Reading - February 9, 2015 - 4:30 pm concerning union or professional dues deduction

Move to rescind employees having to yearly certify union or professional union dues deduction.

Moved by Mr. Bonura, seconded by Mr. Floyd

A brief discussion was held.

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. St. Pierre

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried

Executive Committee Second Reading concerning approval for seeking request for proposal (RFP) for insurance policies expiring April 1, 2015 or May 1, 2015

Approve seeking request for proposal (RFP) for the following insurance policies expiring April 1, 2015 or May 1, 2015

Moved by Ms. Doucet, seconded by Mr. Floyd

Ms. Breaux of Norris Insurance Agency gave an overview of the policies expiring.

A brief discussion was held. The Board requested that the insurance renewals go back out for RFP and brought back before the board at the March 10, 2015 meeting.

Voting was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. St. Pierre

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried

Executive Committee Report - February 9, 2015 - 4:30 PM concerning JPPSS mission statement to submit to Advanced Ed

Review mission statement for JPPSS to submit to Advanced Ed during re-accreditation process

Acting Superintendent, Michelle Blouin-Williams led a brief discussion.

Executive Committee Report - February 9, 2015 - 4:30 concerning a "Study Group" for reviewing uniform policy

To create a "Study Group" for review uniform policy (same bottom for all schools)

Moved by Mr. Bonura, seconded by

Executive Committee Report - February 9, 2015 - 4:30 pm concerning a "Study Group" for alternative Child Nutrition menu

To create a "Study Group" for alternative food concerning Child Nutrition that are mandated to be served to students.

Moved by Ms. Doucet, seconded by

New Business

Public Comment

Convene to Executive Session

Motion to approve a settlement in the matter entitled "Steve Barton v. the Jefferson Parish School Board, et al., Number 713-457 of the 24th Judicial District Court, Division 'C'."

Moved by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Ms. Doucet to go into Executive Session to discuss the following case:

The Board Attorney asks the Board to review a settlement offer in the case of Motion to approve a settlement in the matter entitled "Steve Barton v. the Jefferson Parish School Board, et al., Number 713-457 of the 24th Judicial District Court, Division 'C'."

To be determined by the Board if they approve the settlement offer.

It is recommended that the Jefferson Parish School Board review and advise whether or not it will approve a settlement offer made in the matter of Motion to approve a settlement in the matter entitled "Steve Barton v. the Jefferson Parish School Board, et al., Number 713-457 of the 24th Judicial District Court, Division 'C'."

Voting was as follows:

YEAS: None

NAYS: Mr. Morgan, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Bourgeois, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Dale, Ms. Doucet, Mr. Bonura, Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge

ABSENT: Mr. St. Pierre

ABSTAIN: None

Motion failed.

Reconvene to discuss case 114a

No decision was made at this time.

Superintendent Search

The Board agreed to move forward with the Superintendent Search process and hold an open forum on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 10 AM to allow the public, stakeholders and the business community to come out and voice their concerns and what they are looking for in a new superintendent.

New Business

First Readings

The following First Reading was offered by Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge:

Move that the Board direct the Acting Superintendent to investigate and report back on the fiscal impact of extending the \$5,000 annual national board certification stipend to school social workers, school psychologists, speech/language pathologists and audiologist and education diagnosticians for the purpose of providing to those school employees the same reward and incentive for excellence that is currently available to teachers and academic counselors.

The following First Reading was offered by Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge:

Move to amend the salary schedule to pay the administrations of a school that is pre-k through 8th grade or K through 8th grade, a salary equal to that of middle school administrators.

The following First Reading was offered by Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge:

Move that no information be placed on the JPPSS official website indicating that it comes from the Jefferson Parish School Board without a vote of the full Board.

Announcements/Good News

There were no announcements at this time.

APPENDIX: Administrative Reports

Check Registry from January 8, 2015 through January 30, 2015

Pre-K Infomercial

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.