

JPSB MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
JEFFERSON PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
March 10, 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 invocation was led by Rev. Ricky Johnson, Board Member, District II and pledge of allegiance was led by Brandon Morales, 4th grader at Dolhonde Elementary School.

Presentations

The Board recognized Ebony Hills of John Ehret for winning the Girls' Indoor Track 60 Meter Hurdles State Championship

Recognition of Henry Ford Boys' Basketball Team for winning parish championship

School Showcase - Dohlondé Elementary School
Samonica Randall, 5th grader recited, "Ain't I a Woman?" the historical speech delivered by Sojourner Truth at the 1851 Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio. Somonica also placed 1st in Dolhonde's Speech Night Competition.

LSBA Convention – Board Presentation by Mr. Floyd, Board President

Proposal for an ESL/Immigrant Welcome Center

Presentation to Mark Morgan, Past JPSB President

Second Readings

Second Reading authored by Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge concerning the fiscal impact of extending the \$5,000 annual national board certification stipend to school social workers, psychologist, speech/language pathologist, audiologist and educational diagnosticians

Moved by Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge, seconded by Mr. Floyd

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 delegation addressed the board in favor of this motion:

Mary Phillips
Randi Henriques

A brief Board discussion was held.

The Board deferred this item to the budget committee.

Second Reading authored by Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge concerning the salary schedule for K-8th/Pre-K through 8th grade school administrators

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.

Moved by Ms. Bosarge, seconded by Mr. Floyd

A brief Board discussion was held discussion.

The Board deferred this item to the budget committee.

Second Reading authored by Mrs. Denapolis-Bosarge concerning information being placed on JPPSS official website

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.

Moved by Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge, seconded by Ms. Bourgeois

No Public Comment was held at this time.

A brief Board discussion was held.

Mr. Morgan offered the following amended motion:

Move to amend the motion to charge the administration with developing a policy for use of the website for Board consideration.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge accepted Mr. Morgan's amended motion.

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.

Consent Agenda

SR-1 Cancellation of the Jefferson Parish School Board meeting scheduled for March 18, 2015

The Superintendent recommends that the Board cancel the regularly scheduled Board meeting of March 18, 2015. The special meeting held March 10, 2014 will take the place of the regularly scheduled March meeting.

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

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-2 Remainder of the School Year Expulsions/Alternative Site Placements

Approved upholding Remainder of the School Year Expulsions/Alternative Site Placements:

108,109,110,203,204,405,406,407,408,509,510,511,512,513,514,605,606,607,702,703,704,705, 802,803,902,903,904,1002,1003,1004,1005,1102,1103,1201,1301,1302,1303,1304,1401,1402, 1403,1501,1502,1503,1504,1505,1506,1507,1508,1601,1602,2101,2102,2103,2104,2105,2106, 3100, 3200, 3300

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

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-3 Proposed Plan – Stipend for Bilingual Teachers

Approved stipend for Bilingual Teachers in response to the Board's vote to adopt a stipend policy for bilingual teachers and classified employees, the Superintendent recommends the attached plan for its implementation.

The stipend will be covered by the same funding source as the salary of each employee who receives the stipend (general fund for general fund positions, grant funds for grant funded positions, etc.). Beginning in 2015-16, the funds will be expended from General Fund line items: 51520112 for teachers; 51520115 for paras, 52180119 for Classified, Title II, migrant and Indian.

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

~~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.~~

The Board deferred this item to the budget committee.

SR-4 Board approval is being requested to purchase from Sungard the Software License, Professional Services and Hardware Components to implement the Contract Management module within Business Plus

Approved the Contract Management module to our Business Plus accounting system provided to us since 2007 from Sungard Public Sector Inc. This module serves as a data base for contracts. It will automatically link to Accounts Payable and the budget. It will enable the processor to attach a copy of the contract and will encumber the budget in the same manner as a purchase order does now. It will also preclude the payment of a contractor's invoice beyond the value or unit price of the contract. This is an enhancement to the accounting and budgeting system that supports efficiencies with contracts.

Cost with Consulting and Training is \$28,362. There will be annual maintenance costs of \$3,610. This will be funded through General Funds.
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Moved by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre

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-5 Board approval is being requested for National Plan Administrator Contract Renewal

Approved the National Plan Administrators contract to provide services to the Jefferson Parish Public School System. National Plan Administrators (NPA) provide Third Party Administration (TPA) for Jefferson Parish Public School System's Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. This includes the administration of Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) for Health Care and Dependent Care. This also includes the administration of the Common Remitter Service which allows NPA to process payments for payroll deductions for benefits from external vendors. NPA provided the administration of FSA accounts at no cost in the past as a courtesy, however, as use rate numbers increased NPA began to invoice JPPSS. NPA has most recently provided Common Remitter Service to JPPSS through a contract effective April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012.

This proposed Administrative Services Agreement makes current both our Common Remitter Service and Flexible Spending Account management through NPA. It extends Common Remitter Service at the current rate of .30 per employee deduction per pay period processing. This fee is paid either by the vendor or by the employee as part of their premium. The agreement provides FSA management at the rate of \$3.50 per participant per month. This cost is only for employees who choose to participate in one or both FSA programs and is paid by JPPSS. The cost is the same regardless of if an employee is in one or both FSA programs (Health Care and Dependent Care). This is a pay per use contract.

Common Remitter Service Management is of no cost to the school system. This fee is paid either by the vendor or by the employee as part of their premium. The cost (based on current use rate) of managing the Flexible Spending Accounts is estimated at \$836.50 per month (\$10,038.00 per year). This is paid for from the general fund. This fee includes account maintenance, monthly plan reports, maintenance of employee account balances, and mailing of account balance reminders. This fee is paid by JPPSS General Fund 52514333.

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

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 Kelly Services, Inc. Posting Advertisements in JPPSS facilities

Approved Kelly Services posting advertisements and application information for JPPSS substitute teaching positions in JPPSS facilities.

There are no financial costs associated with this item.

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

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 Approval of 2015-2016 Job Descriptions for the Office of English Language Learners

Approved the 2015-16 job description for the Office of English Language Learners.

There are currently 5,870 English Language Learners (ELLs) enrolled in the Jefferson Parish School System. Since February 2, 2014 there has been an increase of 1,147 ELL students in JPPSS. English Language Learners make up 12% of the of total student enrollment in JPPSS. In order to better support students, schools and parents, the Office of English Language Learners is seeking approval of three job descriptions for the 2015-2016 school-year:

- ELL K-5 Specialist
- ELL 6-12 Specialist
- Bilingual Student Support Specialist

The attached “Proposed Staffing Plan for the Office of English Language Leaners” provides a summary of the current and proposed organization of the Office of English Language Learners. The goal of the “Proposed Staffing Plan for the Office of English Language Learners” is to provide direct support to students, teachers, principals and parents of English Language Learners (ELL).

ELL K-5 & 6-12 Specialist: The ELL K-5 Specialist and ELL 6-12 Specialist positions are designed to provide direct instructional support for teachers of ELL students in the school system. These positions would work directly with the Executive Director of English Language Learners to develop district academic initiatives and provide professional development sessions and materials to teachers, para-professionals and administrators that work with English Language Learners in their classrooms.

Bilingual Student Support Specialist: In the Agreement between the Jefferson Parish School System and the U.S.A. Department of Justice (July 2014) it states that the school system is responsible for ensuring that Limited English Proficient (LEP) parents are provided translation and interpretation services when receiving “essential information” about their child’s education. The proposed position of the Bilingual Student Support Specialist would collaborate with all personnel that works directly with interpreting services provided to parents who have students that are in the Academic/Behavioral Intervention Process. This Specialist would also serve as a point of contact for parents, teachers, administrators and interpreters to ensure that all information at Academic/Behavioral and Intervention Team (A/BIT) meetings is accurately interpreted for Limited English Proficient Parents.

The funding source for the three proposed positions will be general funds.

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

~~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.~~

The Board deferred this item to the budget committee.

SR-9 Board approval is requested to amend charter leases related to e-rate

Approved the amended charter leases related to E-rate, a federal program administered by the FCC that provides discounts to assist schools in obtaining affordable telecommunications and Internet access. Charter schools are separate legal entities that operate under the District's oversight as set forth in a detailed operating agreement. The current, board-approved operating agreements do not specify the obligations of the parties with respect to E-Rate filing and compliance. The proposed amendment to the specified operating agreements is intended to expressly state the obligations of the parties in order to ensure that the District will not be held liable for any failure on the part of a District authorized charter school to adhere to E-Rate guidelines.

There is no fiscal impact related to these amendments.

SR-10 Tabulation and Recommendations for Classroom Furniture (IFB 3099)

Approved tabulation and recommendations for classroom furniture IFB 3099.

All items are General Fund. See attachment for specific budget line items.

Moved by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Ms. Doucet

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

~~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 To Authorize the advertising for bids for the issuance of \$27,500,000 in Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2015

Approved to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution authorizing the advertising for bids for the purchase of Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2015, of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Repayment of bonds will include semi-annual principal and interest payments over a 20 year life. They will range from approximately \$1MM per year in the first several years of the amortization period to \$2.5MM in later years. Source of payments will be Property Tax Revenue. Fund 0330000000 will be set up to disburse principal and interest payments against this bond issue.

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

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 Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) Contract

Approved the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) Contract.

One of the goals for the Office of English Language learners is to develop our educators, including teachers and leaders, in their instructional practice, pedagogy and cultural awareness. The number of English Language Learners in the school district has increased dramatically over the past 4 years. English Language Learners make up 12% of our student population, the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) Model is an empirically-validated approach to teaching that helps prepare all students, especially English learners, to become college and career ready. The school district has provided SIOP training to ESL teachers in the past, through their online SIOP professional development courses.

The purpose of this contract is to provide teachers and administrators in Jefferson Parish Public Schools professional development in Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol Model and strategies for teaching content while developing English Language Learners' academic and social language. The contract includes a 3-day training for 204 teachers focused on an in-depth understanding of the components of the SIOP Model and strategies to implement it in their classrooms. Using the best-selling research-based book Making Content Comprehensible for English Learners: The SIOP Model, participants gain practical skills to collaborate, share, and implement lesson plans that incorporate all eight components and thirty features of SIOP in order to teach content while developing English Language Learners' academic and social language.

This contract also includes a 1-day workshop for 136 school and district administrators to learn about the SIOP Model and understand how it can improve instruction for all students, specifically English learners. Participants consider the roles that coaches and administrators can play in supporting teachers using the SIOP Model and are provided with The SIOP Model for Administrators to support implementation upon returning to their schools.

The contract total of \$110,000 would be funded by Title III federal funds for Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students. Fund 1032015222 line items 52234320 for instructional staff and 52834320 for non-instructional staff.

No discussion.

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

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 Approval of "Charter School Start-Up Loan Fund Agreement Type 1, 2 & 3 Charter Schools", a \$100,000 loan from the Louisiana Department of Education (LA DOE) to Kenner Discovery Health & Science Academy (KDHSA).

Accepted approval that Kenner Discovery Health Science Academy has applied and received approval from the LA DOE for a loan available to certain charter schools. The KDHSA board president, Diane Hollis, has signed the loan as their duly authorized representative. The document is being submitted for JPSB approval with authorization for the Acting Superintendent and Acting Chief Financial Officer to sign the document.

The school district will act as a pass through of funds for this loan transaction. The LA DOE will provide the funds directly to JPPSS and the district will send the funds directly to KDHSA. KDHSA will be responsible for all payments of the loan to LA DOE. There will be no financial impact on the district.

No discussion.

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

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-16 CR-Architect/Engineer Approval, Williams & Williams Architecture, LLC

Accepted approval of the Facilities Department after reviewing the qualifications and references, attached, submitted by Williams & Williams Architecture, LLC and recommend they be included on the list of approved architects and engineers for architectural services.

No discussion.

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

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-17 Proposal to suspend the district charter application process for applications to open Type 1 charters in the 2016-2017 school year.

Approved accepting the proposal to suspend the district charter application process for applications to open Type 1 charters in the 2016-2017 school year.

Under BESE policy, any LEA that will consider charter applications must engage in a transparent application review process that complies with the latest Principles and Standards for Quality Charter School Authorizing, as promulgated by the National Association of Charter School Authorizers, and shall provide for an independent evaluation of the charter proposal by a third party with educational, organizational, legal, and financial expertise. Currently we are in receipt of 4 possible charter applications to open schools in the 2016-17 school year. We are in receipt of bids from three third party educational organizations that range between \$10,000 and \$20,000 to conduct the review. This cost could be higher if we receive more than four applications.

Based on the submitted applications, and the performance of our current charter schools, I cannot recommend the district conduct an application process this year. With five current charter schools enrolling nearly 2,000 students and two more charter schools authorized to open next year, I believe we should suspend the current application process and focus on ensuring success for our current charter schools.

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

No discussion.

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-18 Approval of settlement in the case of Norma Stewart vs. Sonja Turner and Princeton Excess & Surplus Lines Insurance Company, in the 24th Judicial District Court, case No. 678-624.

Approved the proposed settlement is in the amount of \$22,500.00. This settlement is the result of settlement negotiations conducted prior to trial which trial was scheduled for January 25, 2015. The Board attorney and a representative of CCMSI, the Board's third party administrator, have taken part in the settlement negotiations. The suit involves a collision between a school bus and a passenger vehicle operated by the plaintiff, its owner. The complete details of the settlement are not for dissemination to the public.

A separate Board Report setting forth additional details will be provided to the Board upon request prior to the meeting. 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 and the Board's in house coordinator 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 Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre

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-19 Approval is being sought for a proposed settlement in the case of Woodrow Wilson Construction Co., Inc. v. Jefferson Parish School Board, in the 24th Judicial District Court, Div. J, case No. 713-088 . The settlement is for \$108,000.00.
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Approved accepting the proposed settlement in the case of Woodrow Wilson Construction Co., Inc. v. Jefferson Parish School Board, in the 24th Judicial District Court, Div. J, case No. 713-088 . The settlement is for \$108,000.00.

This case arises out of the Replacement of Woodmere Elementary School. Woodrow Wilson Construction Co. was the general contractor.

Funds will come from any funds that have been set aside for the project and not spent, and FEMA reimbursement will be sought.

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

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-20 The acquisition of the strip/parcel of land adjacent to Metairie Academy.

Approved going into Executive Session concerning the acquisition of the strip/parcel and land adjacent to Metairie Academy.

The Board attorney is requesting an Executive Session concerning further discussion and possible resolution of all issues related to the acquisition of the strip/parcel of land located between Metairie Academy and Metairie Road.

Previously, the Board authorized the acquisition of the subject property by whatever means were necessary including litigation and expropriation, including authorizing an offer to purchase at the appraised value. The titled owners rejected that offer, seeking a greater amount, resulting in the filing of suit.

Since that time there have been several developments in this matter, some favorable to the Board's position, that affect the Board's acquisition of the property. It is necessary to discuss these developments and to plot a further course of action.

Since this involves ongoing litigation, it is necessary and appropriate to do so in Executive Session. The Board Attorney is requesting that this matter be placed on the Agenda for this meeting and that it be referred for discussion in Executive Session.

The Board has offered the appraised value of \$1,325,000 for the property.

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

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-21 Board approval is requested to extend the Dandridge Settlement Agreement until June 30, 2015

Approved extending the Dandridge Settlement Agreement until June 30, 2015.

The Dandridge Settlement Agreement expires at the end of this month. Jefferson Parish School Board does not have a permanent superintendent at this time. Extending the settlement agreement will allow the Board time to complete its superintendent search, review The Task Force complaints, determine if it is viable for the system, and work with the Board to implement any decisions made.

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

No discussion.

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-22 Approval to lease a temporary 4-classroom building at Marie Riviere Elementary and to approve a budget and scope of work to construct a permanent, 8-classroom addition

Approved leasing a temporary 4- classroom building at Marie Riviere Elementary and a budget and scope of work to construct a permanent, 8-classroom addition.

For the last several years, the enrollment of Riviere Elementary has exceeded the capacity of the facility. As a result, it has been necessary to transfer students in multiple grade levels to other elementary schools. Nearby schools are at or near capacity, and projections suggest this “overflow” option may not be possible next year as enrollment in lower grades continues to grow across the area. The increase in enrollment is amplified by an increase in the demand for categorical special education classrooms with low student-to-teacher ratios (particularly autistic placements) and a rapid increase in ELL students.

Because of the urgency of the space shortage next year, it is imperative that we implement an immediate solution. However, we do not want to substitute an immediate solution for a long-term solution so we are proposing a two-part plan that meets our short term needs while responsibly planning for the future:

- 1) A two-year lease on a temporary 4-classroom building that will allow us to meet the demand for classroom space in the near term.

- 2) A proposal to begin the process of constructing a permanent, 8-classroom addition at Riviere Elementary to allow it to meet the long term needs forecast for this area of the district. An architect/engineer will be recommended at a future board meeting.

Riviere Elementary is a high performing school (School Grade: A) with a high demand for additional classrooms. Additional classroom space will help accommodate the growing needs of the area and increase the number of JPPSS students in A schools.

This project will be funded using \$3.15 million from remaining bond proceeds from the \$15 million limited tax bond, series 2013 (Fund 050).

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

No discussion.

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- 23 Proposed renovations to the currently closed St. Ville campus (1121 Paillet Avenue)

Approved the proposed renovations to the St. Ville campus as part of a broader plan to reopen St. Ville as an elementary school with the goal of alleviating the severe crowding at Terrytown Elementary – crowding that is projected to continue to get worse over the coming years. Approval of the renovations is the first step in the process and involves repairs required to get the school ready to open for the 2015-16 school year. The repairs are outlined in detail in the attached budget sheet.

The proposed enrollment of the new elementary school will be between 380 and 450 students and will reduce Terrytown’s enrollment from over 900 to around 750. Opening this elementary school in an area with significant space concerns will provide multiple benefits to the district. For one, it will provide room for pre-k classes that have had to be moved to other parts of the district because of rapid growth in the K-5 populations. It will also help free up much needed space in the surrounding schools for special education and ESL classes. It will also ensure that the district does not have to freeze enrollment at grade levels and bus students to neighboring schools rather than their attendance-zone school.

The exact nature of the changes to attendance zones in the area will be finalized at a later public hearing, but all preliminary projections done by staff include attendance zone changes for Terrytown, Hart, George Cox, McDonogh 26, and Johnson-Gretna Park. Proposed maps for two potential plans to change attendance zones (Plan A and Plan B), are attached but are provided as an FYI only as they will be adopted through a separate process. A table in the same attachment provides the likely enrollments of each impacted school under each plan.

This project will be funded with \$1.6 million from remaining bond proceeds from the \$15 million limited tax bond, series 2013 (Fund 050)

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

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.

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

SR-7 Recommendation to approve the successful proposal for the Property and Inland Marine Insurance renewal policies with an effective date of April 1, 2015.

The JPPSS Risk Management Department, through Norris Insurance Consultants, submitting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the renewal of the property and inland marine insurance policies that expire on April 1, 2015. Bid notice to agents was sent on February 10, 2015. Bid opening will be 1:00 pm, March 9, 2015.

The approval amount of the successful RFP will be charged to General Fund 001.

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

The following delegation addressed the Board:

Mike Madden

Calvin Shaw

A brief discussion was held.

The Board rejected all bids in connection with the RFP and recommended the process go out for rebid.

SR-11 Resolution for preliminary approval of the issuance of not exceeding Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000) of Sales Tax School Bonds (1/2%)

Approved to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000) of Sales Tax School Bonds (1/2%), in one or more series, of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana; providing certain terms of said bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

The bond sinking fund will be 034000000. Principal and interest payments for debt service will be made from this account. The construction account will be 057000XXX where XXX represents the school location. Bond proceeds will be deposited into this fund. Budget codes will vary depending on what type of construction is being done.

Moved by Mr. Floyd, Ms. Doucet

A brief discussion was held.

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.

Committee Second Readings

Committee Second Readings from the Executive Committee Meeting - March 10, 2015

Approve the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of February 9, 2015.

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

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.

New Business

Superintendent Search

Approve results of the discussion concerning the Superintendent search.

First Readings

The following First Reading was authored by Mr. Morgan:

Move to approval of administration recommendation to accept UDI for Wireless Upgrade/RFP-3088.

APPENDIX: Administrative Reports

1. Check Register for February 1 – 27, 2014.
2. Budget to Actual 12/31/2014

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.