

Special Session School Board Meeting (Thursday, January 19, 2017)

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Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM

1. Meeting Opening

Information: 1.01 Roll Call

Members present

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

Information: 1.02 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation and Pledge was led by Krista Palmisano, a student from Matas Elementary.

2. Public Hearing

Discussion: 2.01 Public Hearing to discuss proposed attendance zone changes for Miller Wall Elementary, C.T. Janet Elementary, Pittman Elementary, Truman Middle, Worley Middle, Allen Ellender, Estelle, Marrero Middle and Gretna Middle Schools

The following public comment was heard in opposition to the proposed attendance zone changes: Leslie Landry, Tamica Smith, Candy Jones, Erica Cooper, Barney Cooper, Shannon Martinez, Melanie Lee, Wanda Clark, Leon Clark, Corey Murdoch, Jada Bolden, JaMon Harris.

The following board members spoke in opposition to the reading: Melinda Doucet, Cedric Floyd, Marion Bonura. Mr. St. Pierre then announced that he was withdrawing the reading from the agenda and that it would not be voted upon.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Floyd asked the President to adjust the order of the agenda to take up item 4.03 at this time.

3. Second Readings

Action: 3.01 Second Reading (deferred from January 10, 2017) authored by Mr. Floyd regarding a \$250M bond issue plan - THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN

Action: 3.02 Second Reading authored by Mr. Floyd regarding retaining the services of Volkert, Inc., for the \$250M bond issue plan

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Melinda L Bourgeois

Ms. Bourgeois offered an amended reading to solicit RFP for project manager services such as those offered by Volkert. Mr. Floyd was not opposed to the recommendation. Ms. DenapolisBosarge seconded the amended motion. Board discussion followed. Ms. Doucet called for the vote.

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. New Business

Action: 4.02 A resolution approving the "Capital Improvement Plan", designating purposes for which proceeds of proposed General Obligation Bonds will be budgeted, and otherwise providing respect thereto. - THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Action: 4.03 A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in School District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Mark Morgan

The Board discussed whether the item should be placed on the April 29th ballot while there was no consensus on the plan. It was decided to not move forward with the calling of the election and this item was withdrawn.

First Reading co-authored by Melinda Doucet and Ray StPierre

5. Public Comment

Information: 5.01 Citizens who sign up prior to the start of the meeting will be called to speak on school system related matters.

Ms. Cathy Johnson spoke in support of the services of a project manager for the \$250M plan.

The following public comment was heard on item 3.01 although it was withdrawn from the agenda:

Suzanne Nugent - oppose the plan; Joseph Nugent - oppose the plan; James Hester - oppose the plan; Rhonda Ehmer - oppose the plan; Subody Pethe - in favor of the plan; Uma Pellegrain - in favor of the plan; Susan Brune - oppose the plan; Heidi Schexnayder - oppose the plan; Kathleen Kabel - oppose the plan; MaryLynn Pursell - oppose the plan; Chris Vedros - in favor of the plan; David Prentice - in favor of the plan; Lauren Noel - in favor of the plan; Jerome McDuffie - oppose the plan; Mike Walker - questions for the board.

Mr. Dale thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Bonura acknowledged two of the three Principals of the Year were in attendance.

6. End Meeting

Procedural: 6.01 Adjourn