

## Special Session Scheduled School Board Meeting (Monday, September 14, 2015)

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### Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 4:39 PM

## 1. Meeting Opening

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1.01 Roll Call

1.02 Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

## 2. Presentations

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2.01 Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

Sarah Caruso gave a presentation on the proposed FY 2015-16 budget.

The following public comment was heard:

Kessler Cameese Jones, JFT representative, she stated that the budget did not address employee compensation other than stipends or step raises. JFT is willing and prepared to step up to the table and negotiate these things.

Moved by Mr. St. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Floyd to adjourn the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

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## 3. New Business

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3.01 First Readings

3.03 Adoption of FY 2015-16 Budget

The following board member comments were heard:

Mr. Bonura inquired about employee step raises not being included in this budget. Ms. Caruso confirmed that funds were not available to fund the step raises annually.

Mr. Floyd stated when the books close we will be able to find the funds for the step increases.

Ms. Doucet offered an amendment to the budget statement as follows:

Move that each School Board member shall be notified in writing by the Superintendent of the Jefferson Parish School System of any proposed amendments to the operating or capital budget of the school system together with justification for the amendment. The proposed amendment shall identify the revenue source and specific budget to be amended along with the actual dollar amount of the decrease/increase in the budget line item.

Any line item, transfer, establishment or deletion of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more shall be presented to the School Board for approval as a Board resolution prior to the requested budget adjustment being implemented.

Amended Motion by Melinda L. Doucet, second by Cedric Floyd

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cedric Floyd, Marion Bonura, Sandy DenapolisBosarge, Ricky Johnson, Melinda L. Doucet, Melinda L Bourgeois, Ray R StPierre

Not Present at Vote: Larry Dale

Motion by Ray R StPierre, second by Cedric Floyd

That the position of Chief of Legal Services be eliminated effective as of September 30, 2015.

The following board member comments were heard:

Mr. Floyd stated that this item is part of the budget, page 159 number 3.

Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge inquired about the rationale for the elimination of this position. There was brief discussion as to the rationale for this position and whether an in-house salary was a cost savings. Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge stated she was not in favor of eliminating the position. Mr. St. Pierre inquired about the services provided exclusively by Grant & Barrow, whether Grant & Barrow's fees would increase. Mr. Joseph stated that he would like to have been consulted about the elimination of a member of his staff.

Ms. Bourgeois stated the board should not be changing the Superintendent's organization chart, which was previously board approved, piece by piece.

Mr. St. Pierre withdrew his motion.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R **StPierre**, for the adoption of the budget.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Roll call vote was as follows:

Yea: St. Pierre, Bourgeois, Doucet, Johnson, Bosarge, Bonura, Floyd

Not Present at Vote: Larry Dale, Mark Morgan

### 3.04 Belair, et. al, vs JPSB

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre to go into Executive Session.

After discussing in Executive Session, the Board agreed to settle with Belair, et. al. for \$823.686.51.

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Sandy DenapolisBosarge, Ricky Johnson, Ray R StPierre, Melinda L Doucet, Melinda L Bourgeois, Marion Bonura, Cedric Floyd

Not Present at Vote: Larry Dale

### 3.05 JPPS ePayroll Addendum Extension

JPPS epayroll contract addendum

Motion by Cedric Floyd, second by Ray R StPierre.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Sandy DenapolisBosarge, Ricky Johnson, Ray R StPierre, Melinda L Doucet, Melinda L Bourgeois, Marion Bonura, Cedric Floyd

Not Present at Vote: Larry Dale

## 4. Public Comment

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

## 5. Adjournment

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5.01 There being no further business the meeting is adjourned.

## 6. End Meeting

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