



## **Special Session School Board Meeting - Amended (Wednesday, January 9, 2019)**

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Germaine Gilson, Chief District Affairs Officer, was the Mistress of Ceremonies.

### **The Invocation**

The Invocation was led by Brother David McCullen, Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Xavier Kent, John Ehret High School, Student Body President.

Dr. Cade Brumley, the Superintendent, gave his message to the Board.

### **Swearing-in of School Board Members**

Mark Morgan, School Board member District I, was given the oath of office by his father, David William Morgan and Judge Henry Sullivan.

Ricky Johnson, Sr, School Board member District II, was given the oath of office by Judge Lee V. Faulkner.

Tiffany Higgins Kuhn, School Board member District III, was given the oath of office by Attorney Harry L. "Chip" Cahill.

Clay Moise, School Board member District IV, was given the oath of office by Judge John J. "Johnny" Lee Jr.

Simeon Dickerson, School Board member District V, was given the oath of office by Councilman Mark D. Spears, Jr.

Larry N. Dale, School Board member District VI, was given the oath of office by Attorney Leonard Penzo and Jaclyn Dale Penzo.

Billy North, School Board member District VII, was given the oath of office by Attorney Stephen M. Petit, Jr.

Chad Nugent, School Board member District VIII, was given the oath of office by Judge Scott U. Schlegel.

Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge, School Board member District IX, was given the oath of office by Councilman Dominick Impastato.

Each Board member said a few words of thanks.

### **Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM**

#### **1. Meeting Opening**

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After the swearing-in of the Board members, the Board meeting was called to order with the following Board members answering Roll Call –Mr. Morgan, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Kuhn, Mr. Moise, Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Dale, Mr. North, Mr. Dickerson, Ms. Denapolis-Bosarge

#### **2. New Business**

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##### **Action: 2.01 Election of Officers for 2019**

Motion by Mark Morgan to nominate Larry Dale as President and Tiffany Kuhn as Vice President, second by Sandy Denapolis-Bosarge.

The following voice vote was taken by acclamation with no opposition and was unanimously carried.

Larry Dale was elected President, and Tiffany Kuhn was elected as Vice President of the Jefferson Parish School Board by acclamation.

**Procedural: 2.02 First Reading authored by Larry Dale: I move to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution amending and restating 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 levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.**

Mr. Dale stated that at the December 13, 2018 meeting of the Jefferson Parish School Board, the board approved the calling of an election seeking 7.9 mills for teacher and other school employees' raises and 8.31 mills for infrastructure improvements.

The superintendent has shown the need for increases in pay for our teachers and support staff in order to recruit and retain personnel to provide a quality education for the children of Jefferson Parish. While it is clear that the overall school infrastructure is badly in need of improvement, the school buildings are secondary to the need for quality teachers to educate our children and for a living wage for our significantly underpaid support staff.

We recognize that the property taxpayers of Jefferson Parish currently bear a substantial tax burden. It is submitted therefore that an action seeking such a large increase in property taxes in a single election is asking too much of the public that we serve.

It is suggested, therefore, that we amend the call for the election to postpone the millage for the 8.31 mills for infrastructure improvements and proceed only with the election for the 7.9 mills to support our staff.

We will again request assistance for infrastructure improvements once we have exhibited advances in student achievement and proven that we have been good stewards of the assets with which we are entrusted.

**3. Adjournment**