

The St. Landry Parish School Board was called to order by the President and convened in regular session on, Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 5:11 p.m. in the Office of the Board, Supplementary Resource Center, Opelousas, Louisiana.

A roll call was taken and in attendance were the following members: Mrs. Hazel Sias, Ms. Mary Ellen Donatto, Mrs. Candy Gerace, Anthony Standberry, Charles Ross, Milton Ambres, Donnie Perron, Kyle Boss, Huey Wyble, Raymond Cassimere, Roger Young, Albert Hayes, and Randy Wagley. Mr. Bob Hammonds, attorney for the board, was also in attendance.

Mr. Charles Ross offered a prayer and thereafter the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item #5:

Upon motion of the entire membership of the Board, the resolution of sympathies were adopted.

Item #6:

President Gerace addressed the members of the audience and the Board.

Item #7:

Superintendent Jenkins made presentations and recognitions.

Item #8:

Superintendent Jenkins addressed the board and audience.

Item #9:

Upon motion by Mr. Perron, seconded by Mr. Standberry, the following meeting minutes were approved:

- i. Amended Executive committee meeting held on January 22, 2018
- ii. Regular board meeting held on February 1, 2018
- iii. Executive committee meeting held on February 19, 2018
- iv. BLS committee meeting held on February 19, 2018
- v. Finance committee meeting held on February 19, 2018
- vi. Academic committee meeting held on February 20, 2018
- vii. Personnel committee meeting held on February 20, 2018
- viii. Committee of the Whole Meeting (Board Retreat) held on February 22, 2018

Item #10:

Action Items:

- a. Executive Committee Recommendations:
 - i. Upon motion of Mr. Perron, seconded by Mr. Boss, and carried with no objections, the full Board approved a resolution requesting the creation of a task force to address the shortage certified teachers in the state of Louisiana.

- ii. Upon motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Boss, and carried with no objections, the full board approved to table the approval of the Academie Franco-louisianaise de Sunset (AFS) Contract to operate in St. Landry Parish as a Type I Charter School.
 - iii. Upon motion of Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Ambres, and carried with one objection, the board approved to table the cost of bus transportation expenses for Southwest Elementary.
- b. BLS Committee Recommendations:
- i. Upon motion of Mr. Boss, seconded by Mr. Perron, and carried with no objections, the full board approved to accept the lowest bid from Athletic Turf Solutions for the football field and track at Beau Chene High School.
 - ii. Upon motion of Mr. Cassimere, seconded by Mr. Young, and carried with no objections, the full board approved to accept the lowest bid from Mitchell Pitre to replace the soffit and overhangs on the library at Grand Prairie Elementary.
 - iii. Upon motion of Mrs. Sias, seconded by Mr. Ross, and carried with no objections, the full board approved the advertisement for the addition to the weight room at Opelousas High School.
- c. Personnel Committee Recommendations:
- i. Upon motion of Mrs. Sias, seconded by Mr. Wyble, and carried with no objections, the full board approved to send letters of assurance to all employees for the 2018-2019 school year.

Item #11:

Approval of St. Landry Parish School Board's Capital Improvement Project Plan

- i. Upon motion of Mr. Standberry, seconded by Mr. Young, and carried with no objections, the full board approved Phase I for the Northwest High School Zone.
- ii. Upon motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Ms. Donatto, and carried with no objections, the full board approved Phase I for the Eunice High School Zone.
- iii. Upon motion of Mr. Wagley and seconded by Mr. Wyble, a sub motion was made for the Opelousas High School Zone. The sub motion was to remove Park Vista Elementary from the configuration plan and keep as a K-6th grade school with French Immersion.

A roll call vote was taken:

YEAS: Mr. Perron, Mr. Wyble, Mr. Boss, Mr. Wagley, Mr. Young

NAYS: Mr. Ambres, Mr. Cassimere, Mrs. Sias, Ms. Donatto, Mrs. Gerace

ABSENT: ~

ABSTAIN: Mr. Standberry, Mr. Ross, Mr. Hayes

Motion Failed for Lack of Majority Votes

Upon motion of Mr. Wagley and seconded by Mr. Wyble, an amendment to the sub motion was made for the Opelousas High School Zone. The amendment to the sub motion was to remove Park Vista Elementary from the configuration plan and keep as a K-5th grade school with French Immersion.

A roll call vote was taken:

YEAS: Mr. Ross, Mr. Perron, Mr. Wyble, Mr. Boss, Mr. Wagley, Mr. Young

NAYS: Mr. Standberry, Mr. Ambres, Mr. Cassimere, Mrs. Sias, Ms. Donatto,
Mrs. Gerace

ABSENT: ~

ABSTAIN: Mr. Hayes

Motion Failed for Lack of Majority Votes

Upon motion of Mrs. Sias and seconded by Mr. Standberry, the motion was made to approve the original configuration plan, Phase I, for the Opelousas High School Zone.

A roll call vote was taken:

YEAS: Mr. Standberry, Mr. Ross, Mr. Ambres, Mr. Cassimere, Mr. Perron,
Mr. Wyble, Mr. Boss, Mrs. Sias, Mr. Young, Ms. Donatto, Mrs. Gerace

NAYS: Mr. Wagley

ABSENT: ~

ABSTAIN: Mr. Hayes

Motion passed.

iv. Upon motion of Mrs. Sias, seconded by Mr. Perron, and carried with no objections, the full board approved Phase I for the North Central High School Zone.

v. Upon motion of Mr. Perron, seconded by Mr. Boss, and carried with no objections, the full board approved Phase I, Option 2, if funding is available, for the Port Barre High School Zone.

vi. Upon motion of Mr. Wyble and seconded by Mr. Hayes, an amendment to the original motion – Option 1, was made for the Beau Chene High School Zone. The amendment to the motion was to make Arnaudville Elementary and Leonville Elementary both Pre-K – 8th grade schools.

A roll call vote was taken:

YEAS: Mr. Ross, Mr. Wyble, Mr. Hayes

NAYS: Mr. Standberry, Mr. Ambres, Mr. Cassimere, Mr. Perron, Mr. Boss,
Mr. Wagley, Mrs. Sias, Mr. Young, Ms. Donatto, Mrs. Gerace

ABSENT: ~

ABSTAIN: ~

Motion Failed for Lack of Majority Votes

Upon motion of Mrs. Sias, seconded by Mr. Boss, and carried with no objections, the full board approved the original motion, Phase I, Option 1, for the Beau Chene High School Zone.

Item #12:

With there being no further business pending before the board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:18 p.m. by motion of Mr. Ambres and seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Mrs. Candy Gerace, Board President

LISTED BELOW ARE PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS, TRANSFERS, LEAVES, RESIGNATIONS, RETIREMENTS AND/OR POSITIONS AVAILABLE MADE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT PURSUANT TO ACT I OF THE 2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

APPOINTMENTS (*Denotes New Employee)

ANDREPONT, CHANCE – Elementary Teacher – Eunice Jr. High *

DELANEY, CORY – Elementary Teacher – Southwest Elementary *

LAPORTE, STEFAN – High School Teacher – Beau Chene *

WILLIAMS, LORENZO – High School Teacher – Opelousas High *

BENJAMIN, BRANDI – Clerical – Pupil Appraisal Center *

DUPLECHAIN, RACHEL – School Secretary – Grolee Elementary *

HIGGINBOTHAM, ALICIA – Clerical – Pupil Appraisal Center

TRANSFERS

DAVID, SHELLY – from Title 1 Instructional Paraprofessional to Computer Lab Facilitator – Leonville Elementary – effective February 1, 2018

LEAVES

Maternity Leaves

HENDERSON, TOMICA – Guidance Counselor – Opelousas High – effective October 31, 2017

HUGUET, ALESSI – KN Teacher – Leonville Elementary – effective April 16, 2018

SMITH, TYNESHIA – Interventionist – Pupil Appraisal – effective March 6, 2018

RESIGNATIONS

CASTILLE, CHARLOTTE, Instructional Specialist – Pupil Appraisal Center – effective at the close of the day February 23, 2018

COURVILLE, RUBY – Special Ed. Instructional Paraprofessional – Krotz Springs Elementary – effective at the close of the day February 28, 2018

FUSELIER, DENNIS – Teacher – Washington Career & Technical Education Center – **RESCINDING** resignation which was at the close of the day January 15, 2018

JEAN, KORWIN – Assistant Principal – Opelousas Jr. High – effective at the close of the day February 9, 2018

LALONDE, SHELLEY – Food Service Manager – Arnaudville Elementary – effective at the close of the day February 5, 2018

MOREAU, GINA – Teacher – Eunice Jr. High – effective at the close of the day February 9, 2018

ORTEGO, HALEY – Teacher – Highland Elementary – effective at the close of the day January 23, 2018

SOLOMON, SHANECE – Speech Therapist – Cankton Elementary – effective at the close of the day February 28, 2018

ZACHARY, PAUL – Custodian – Eunice High – effective at the close of the day January 31, 2018

RETIREMENTS

ABSHIRE, LISA – Teacher – Port Barre Middle – effective at the close of the day May 23, 2018

CHARLOT, MARIE – Special Ed. Instructional Paraprofessional – Grand Coteau Elementary – effective at the close of the day May 23, 2018

GREENE, TOM – Custodian – Plaisance Elementary – effective at the close of the day February 12, 2018

LEMELLE, FRANKIE – Custodian – Sunset Elementary – effective at the close of the day February 9, 2018

ROBESON, ELRIDGE (SR) – Custodian – East Elementary – effective at the close of the day March 27, 2018

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Instructional Paraprofessional (Title 1) – Central Middle

ATTEST: Mr. Patrick D. Jenkins, Superintendent