

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING ON JANUARY 17, 2019**

A public meeting was held at the Natchitoches Parish School Board on January 17, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish School Board Office, 310 Royal Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana. Upon roll call, the following members and Dale Skinner, Secretary-Treasurer, were present: Rhonda Guidroz, Tan'Keia Palmer, Dorothy McGaskey, Billy Benefield, Katrina Willis, Reba Phelps, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Beverly Broadway, Russell Danzy and Emile Metoyer. The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dale Skinner, followed by an invocation by Ms. Beverly Broadway and Pledge of Allegiance by Mrs. Katrina Willis.

At Tuesday's Committee meeting Mr. David Stamey, Clerk of Court, presided over the installation of the 2019 Board Members. Mr. Roger Cunningham presented the school Activity Fund Audit for 2017-2018.

Under New Business, Superintendent Skinner announced that Mr. Jesse W. Jackson III would be meeting with all board members on Thursday morning. Superintendent Skinner opened the floor to nominations for Board President. Mr. Garner made a motion to recommend Mrs. Rhonda Guidroz for Board President. Mr. Danzy seconded the motion. Mr. Emile Metoyer made a motion to recommend Mr. Steven Harris for Board President. Mrs. Willis seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following votes were cast in favor of Mrs. Guidroz for Board President: YEAS: Rhonda Guidroz, Billy Benefield, Reba Phelps, Eugene Garner, Beverly Broadway, Russell Danzy. NAYS: Tan'Keia Palmer, Dorothy McGaskey, Katrina Willis, Steven Harris, Emile Metoyer. Mrs. Rhonda Guidroz was voted in as the 2019 NPSB Board President. Mr. Russell Danzy made a motion to recommend Mr. Billy Benefield for Board Vice President. Mr. Garner seconded the motion. Mrs. Dorothy McGaskey nominated Mr. Steven Harris for Board Vice President. Mr. Harris respectfully declined. Mr. Billy Benefield was recognized as the 2019 NPSB Board Vice President.

A motion was made by Mr. Metoyer to accept the following Consent Agenda items. Mr. Harris offered a second to the motion. All members present at the meeting unanimously approved the motion and the second.

1. *Adoption of Agenda.*
2. *Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2018*
3. FINANCE ITEMS
 - A. *Payment of Bills:*
 - B. *Out of State Travel*
 1. **Rachel Cisneros**, Band teacher at Natchitoches Junior High, travel to San Antonio, TX, February 13-16, 2019, to attend Texas Music Educators Convention. The trip will be at no cost to the Board.
 - C. *School Bus Routes Changes:*
 - D. *Purchase of Buses:*
 - E. *Advertisements:*
 1. *Permission to advertise for bids:*
 - F. *Resignations:*
 - G. *Retirements:*
 - H. *Requests for Leave:*
 - I. *Termination:*

The Finance Report was present by Mr. Russell Danzy. A motion was made by Mr. Danzy, accompanied by a second from Mr. Benefield and unanimous consent from all members present, to reject all bids regarding the asbestos abatement and demolition of the old Magnet school due to wording issues with required licensing and to advertise again for bids.

A motion was made by Mr. Danzy, accompanied by a second from Mr. Garner and unanimous consent from all members present, to reject and advertise for new bids regarding the playground equipment at Fairview Alpha and Goldonna. The motion was based on the context and cost.

The Transportation Report was presented by Mr. Jason Edwards at Tuesday's Committee Meeting.

The Tax Commission Report was presented by Mr. Richard Foshee at Tuesday's Committee Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Danzy, accompanied by a second from Mr. Garner and unanimous consent from all members present, to approve the budget update as presented by Business Director, Richard Foshee.

A motion was made by Mr. Danzy, accompanied by a second from Mr. Metoyer and unanimous consent from all members present, to approve the School Activity Fund Audit for 2017-2018 as presented by CPA, Roger Cunningham. Mr. Harris called for question regarding the number of things that were specifically pointed out and the need to make sure that all schools are following policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Harris, accompanied by a second from Mrs. Phelps to approve the distribution of one-time MFP appropriations for \$583 for all certified personnel and \$250 for all other support staff. Mr. Billy Benefield called for an amendment to the motion to increase the amount for support staff to \$300. Ms. Palmer seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YEAS: Mrs. Guidroz, Ms. Palmer, Mrs. McGaskey, Mrs. Willis, Mr. Garner, Mr. Danzy and Mr. Metoyer. RECUSAL: Mr. Benefield, Mrs. Phelps, Mr. Harris, and Mrs. Broadway. Members who chose to recuse themselves did so because of immediate family members who are currently employed by the Natchitoches School Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Danzy, accompanied by a second from Mr. Billy Benefield, to approve the transfer of BRE from Cloutierville to Provencal based on percentages. Mr. Metoyer questioned the amount of money requested and the intended use of the money. Mr. Danzy amended his motion to request a transfer of BRE in the amount of \$10,000 from Cloutierville to Provencal for supplies. The amendment received a second from Mr. Benefield. Upon roll call, the board unanimously passed the amended motion. Superintendent Skinner was asked to check into the number of students K-5th grade who would be interested in attending Cloutierville Elementary.

On motion of Mr. Danzy, accompanied by a second from Mr. Benefield and unanimous consent from all members present, the board approved a resolution to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire-For Audit Engagements of Governments.

The Personnel Report was present by Mrs. Linda Page. A motion was made by Mr. Benefield, accompanied by a second from Mr. Metoyer, to accept the Personnel Report as presented.

The Executive Report was presented by Mr. Benefield. Mrs. Vanessa Stanfield from the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff Office and Ms. Anita Dubois, Child Welfare and Attendance Director, updated the board on parish policy regarding truancy in Natchitoches Parish Schools.

A motion was made by Mr. Benefield, accompanied by a second from Mr. Danzy and unanimous consent from all members present, to accept the recommendation that votes by the board be taken by yeas and nays as opposed to roll call unless called upon by a member. Roll call votes will be based on seniority.

At approximately 6:32 p.m. the board went into Executive Session. At the request of the employee to be discussed, the session was held in open meeting. The agenda item was to discuss the professional character and competency of an employee pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17 (A)(1). Mr. Danzy made the motion to accept the recommendation of termination of the employee. Mr. Benefield offered a second to the motion. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YEAS: Rhonda Guidroz, Billy Benefield, Reba Phelps, Eugene Garner, Beverly Broadway, Russell Danzy. NAYS: Tan'Keia Palmer, Dorothy McGaskey, Katrina Willis, Steven Harris. ABSTAIN: Emile Metoyer. The motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Benefield, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

RHONDA GUIDROZ, PRESIDENT