

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING ON JANUARY 9, 2020**

A public meeting was held at the Natchitoches Parish School Board on January 9, 2020, 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: Russell Danzy, Emile Metoyer, Billy Benefield, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Rhonda Guidroz, Katrina Willis, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Rhonda Guidroz, followed by an invocation by Ms. Reba Phelps and Pledge of Allegiance by Mrs. Katrina Willis.

At Tuesday's Committee Meeting, topics of discussion were: the condition of the Head Start building and the cleaning of the old Cloutierville School.

New officers were elected to the board at Thursday's meeting. Current Board President Guidroz opened the floor for nominations. In past proceedings, the current Vice President steps up to assume the role of Board President. There were no objections nor further nominations and by unanimous consent, Billy Benefield was named 2020 NPSB President. Mr. Metoyer nominated Steven Harris for Vice President. There were no objections nor further nominations and by unanimous consent, Steven Harris was elected 2020 NPSB Vice President.

At Thursday's meeting, the board heard from the sponsors of the Natchitoches Junior High Girls Growing Gracefully Organization. Aqunette Morris and Shantonesia Below told the board of the reason behind creating the group as well as some of the many different skills that they have been and will be working on with the girls. There are currently 37 members in the group of girls who are in the 7th and 8th grades. Mr. James Wilkerson III was announced as the head football coach for Natchitoches Central High School.

Mr. Harris made a motion to suspend the rules and add a voting item to the agenda to solicit bids for the demolition of the Head Start building. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mrs. Guidroz and unanimous consent from all members present.

A motion was made by Mr. Danzy to solicit bids for the demolition of the Head Start building. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mr. Harris. The following votes were cast for the motion. YEAS: Russell Danzy, Billy Benefield, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Rhonda Guidroz, Katrina Willis, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey, Tan'Keia Palmer, Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. ABSTAIN: Emile Metoyer. The motion passed.

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 5, 2019
3. FINANCE ITEMS
 - A. *Payment of Bills:*
 - B. *Out of State Travel*
 - 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 presented by Mr. Russell Danzy. A motion was made by Mr. Danzy to accept the low bid from Skip Converse, Inc. for additions and alterations to Natchitoches Junior High School. The base bid amount was \$1,456,500 and an alternate #1 of \$37,900. The motion was accompanied by a second from Ms. Palmer and unanimous consent from all members present.

The Transportation Report was presented by Mr. Michael Babin at Tuesday's committee meeting. Mr. Babin reported that two new drivers would be starting this week and that there were two more in training. There was also one transfer from California. Mr. Babin also stated that he was in the process of trying to team up with firefighters to start a mission of "Riding with Hero's".

The Tax Commission Report update was given by Mr. Richard Foshee, who stated that year to date taxes were up 4.45%.

The was no budget report update at this month's meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Metoyer to approve distribution of one-time MFP appropriations: \$583 for all certified personnel and \$300 for all other support staff. This would be an approximate payout of \$317,285 and would be paid by the end of February 2020. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mr. Harris. The following votes were cast for the motion. YEAS: Russell Danzy, Emile Metoyer, Eugene Garner, Rhonda Guidroz, Katrina Willis, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey and Tan'Keia Palmer. NAYS: NONE. ABSTAIN: Emile Metoyer, Billy Benefield and Reba Phelps. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Eugene Garner to approve a resolution to call a special election for Consolidated School District No. 7 to levy a special tax on 12 mills on all property subject to taxation for a period of 10 years. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mr. Steven Harris and unanimous consent from all members present.

The Personnel Report was presented by Mrs. Linda Page. A motion was made by Mr. Garner to accept the Personnel Report as it was presented. The motion was accompanied by a second from Ms. Phelps and unanimous consent from all members present.

The Executive Report was presented by Mr. Harris. The topic of the 2020-2021 school calendar was discussed at Tuesday and Thursday nights meeting. Superintendent Skinner will meet with the Principals who will be allowed to create a calendar for the upcoming school year. The calendar will be presented to a team for correctness before being presented to the board at next month's meeting.

Technology Director, Michael Cozad, answered questions and concerns from board members regarding cyber security.

A motion was made by Mr. Danzy to suspend the rules and enter into Executive Session. The motion was accompanied by a motion from Mr. Harris and unanimous consent from all members present. The board entered into Executive Session at 5:36 p.m. on Tuesday to hear concerns regarding student action plans in Natchitoches Parish Schools.

A motion was made by Mrs. Guidroz to approve the Superintendent job description,

contingent upon approval from the board attorney. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mr. Garner and unanimous consent from all members present.

The board meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m. on a motion from Mr. Danzy and a second from Ms. Palmer.

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

BILLY BENEFIELD JR., PRESIDENT