

**PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
HELD ON MARCH 11, 2020**

A special called meeting of the Natchitoches Parish School Board was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish School Board Office, 310 Royal Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, and upon roll call, the following members 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. Superintendent Skinner was not present for the proceedings.

The meeting was called to order by President Billy Benefield, followed by an invocation by Ms. Palmer and Pledge of Allegiance by Ms. Phelps.

At 4:36 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Guidroz to enter into executive session. The motion passed with a second from Mr. Metoyer and unanimous consent from all members present. At 5:33 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Garner to come out of executive session. The motion passed with a second from Mr. Danzy and unanimous consent from all members present.

The board then held a Meet and Greet with the public and candidates: Dr. Michael Robinson and Mr. Grant Eloi.

At 6:15 p.m. the board began the second round of interviews starting with Dr. Michael Robinson. Interview questions to be asked by Attorney Bob Hammonds. Board members were allowed to ask follow up questions if needed.

At 7:02 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Danzy to enter into executive session with applicant Dr Michael Robinson. The motion passed with a second from Mrs. Broadway and unanimous consent from all members present. At 7:27 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Harris to end executive session. The motion passed with a second from Mrs. Willis and unanimous consent from all members present. The board then began the second round of interviewing Mr. Grant Eloi for the position of Superintendent of Natchitoches Parish Schools.

At 8:19 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Harris to enter into executive session with applicant Grant Eloi. The motion passed with a second from Mrs. Broadway and unanimous consent from all members present. At 9:33 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Metoyer to end executive session. The motion passed with a second from Mr. Danzy and unanimous consent from all members present.

The process for choosing the next Superintendent would be done by ballot vote. Each board member would choose one name from the final five candidates. The candidate with the most votes would be the next Superintendent of Natchitoches Parish Schools. A motion was made by Mrs. McGaskey to approve the voting process for choosing the next Superintendent. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mr. Harris and unanimous consent from all members present.

Attorney Hammonds read each ballot individually with the board members each verifying their ballot. A tally of the votes was as follows: Jesse Winston received votes from Steven Harris, Dorothy McGaskey and Emile Metoyer. Grant Eloi received votes from Katrina Willis, Reba Phelps, Beverly Broadway, Rhonda Guidroz, Russell Danzy, Tan'Keia Palmer, Eugene Garner and Billy Benefield. Mr. Grant Eloi was then named Superintendent-Elect for Natchitoches Parish Schools.

On motion of Mrs. Guidroz and seconded by Mrs. Phelps the meeting adjourned at 9:21

p.m.

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

BILLY BENEFIELD JR., PRESIDENT