

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING ON JULY 14, 2020**

A public meeting was held at the Natchitoches Parish School Board on July 14, 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 Superintendent Grant Eloi, were present: Russell Danzy, Rhonda Guidroz and Billy Benefield. Members attending the meeting via zoom include: Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Emile Metoyer (5:30 p.m.), Katrina Willis, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey (5:06 p.m.) Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Billy Benefield Jr., followed by an invocation by Mr. Eugene Garner and Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Emile Metoyer.

At Tuesday's Committee Meeting, the board recognized coaches and players from the Lakeview Boys Basketball team for their outstanding season for the 2019-2020 school year.

Under Superintendent Eloi's monthly report, he gave updates on information regarding sports and the recent decision of LHSAA of no sports until phase 4 of the COVID-19 pandemic. He also spoke of the number of currently signed up for virtual learning (1462). Because of the large number of students opting for virtual learning, the district is looking into using Google Classroom for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Eloi also spoke of having a Special Called meeting next week to discuss possibly pushing the start of school back by a couple of weeks. Several online questions were also answered concerning the start of school and the COVID 19 pandemic.

A motion was made by Mrs. Guidroz to accept the following Consent Agenda. Mr. Danzy offered a second to the motion. Upon roll call the following votes were recorded: YEAS: Russell Danzy, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Emile Metoyer, Rhonda Guidroz, Katrina Willis, Billy Benefield, Beverly Broadway, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. Technical difficulties prevented Mrs. Dorothy McGaskey from voting. The motion passed.

1. *Adoption* of Agenda.
2. *Approval* of Minutes of June 4, 2020; Special Called Minutes of June 18, 2020
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:*
      - a. Security Camera System for East Natchitoches Elementary
      - b. Security Camera System for L. P. Vaughn Elementary
      - c. Intercom System for Lakeview Junior/Senior High
      - d. Reading Assessment and Progress Monitoring System
      - e. Reading Assessment and Progress Monitoring System including Math
  - 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 following bids. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mrs. Guidroz and unanimous consent from all board members upon roll call. Mrs. McGaskey was not available for voting.

Process & Frozen Foods for 7-1-20 through 12-31-20 was awarded to Sysco East Foods.

Milk and Milk Products for 2020-21 was awarded to D&D Distributors.

Paper & Cleaning supplies for 7-1-20 through 12-31-21 were awarded line by line.

Non-Hazardous Waste Disposal Service for 2020-21 was awarded to Terry Goynes.

Pest Control Service for 2020-21 was awarded to Ralston Exterminating LLC.

Natchitoches Central High School Addition and Alterations was awarded to MDescant LLC in the amount of \$7,278,000.00

The Transportation Report was given by Mr. Ryan Johnson.

The Tax Commission Report was given by Mr. Richard Foshee.

A motion was made by Mr. Danzy to accept the budget report as presented by Mr. Richard Foshee. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mr. Garner. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russell Danzy, Eugene Garner, Rhonda Guidroz, Billy Benefield, Beverly Broadway, and Tan'Keia Palmer. NAYS: Steven Harris, Emile Metoyer, Katrina Willis, and Reba Phelps. ABSENT: Dorothy McGaskey. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Danzy to approve the resolution to terminate the 99-year lease between NPSB and Northwestern State University. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mr. Garner. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russell Danzy, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Rhonda Guidroz, Katrina Willis, Billy Benefield, Beverly Broadway, Tan'Keia Palmer, and Reba Phelps. NAYS: Emile Metoyer. ABSENT: Dorothy McGaskey. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Guidroz to approve the necessary steps to roll forward with the millage rates on property taxes. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mr. Garner. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russell Danzy, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Rhonda Guidroz, Katrina Willis, Billy Benefield, Beverly Broadway, and Reba Phelps. NAYS: Emile Metoyer and Tan'Keia Palmer. ABSENT: Dorothy McGaskey. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Danzy to approve the grant agreement with the Rapides Foundation for the renewal of the Healthy Behaviors School District Partnership Grant for the 2020-2021 school year not to exceed \$39,450 over 12 months beginning July 1, 2020, with permission for the Superintendent to sign all necessary paperwork. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mrs. Guidroz. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russel Danzy, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Emile Metoyer, Rhonda Guidroz, Katrina Willis, Billy Benefield, Beverly Broadway, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: Dorothy McGaskey. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Garner to approve the grant agreement with the Rapides Foundation for the renewal of the Youth Volunteer School District Grant for the 2020-2021 school year not to exceed \$6,700 over 12 months beginning July 1, 2020, with permission for the Superintendent to sign all necessary paperwork. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mr. Metoyer. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russel Danzy, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Emile Metoyer, Rhonda Guidroz, Katrina Willis, Billy Benefield, Beverly Broadway, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: Dorothy McGaskey. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Metoyer to approve the use of 610 rock for the L.P. Vaughn School parking lot. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mr. Garner. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russel Danzy, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Emile Metoyer, Rhonda Guidroz, Katrina Willis, Billy Benefield, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Harris to accept the Personnel Report as presented by Mrs. Linda Page. The motion was accompanied by a second from Ms. Phelps. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russel Danzy, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Emile Metoyer, Rhonda Guidroz, Katrina Willis, Billy Benefield, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. The motion passed.

Mr. Harris deferred the presentation of the Executive Report to Mr. Benefield.

A motion was made by Ms. Phelps to receive the report from the Department of Exceptional Student Services regarding how services were maintained during COVID - 19, including how many children were serviced and whether services had been completely restored to include summer services. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mr. Harris. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russel Danzy, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Emile Metoyer, Rhonda Guidroz, Katrina Willis, Billy Benefield, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Benefield to move the discussion for a board training on Roles and Responsibilities of a School Board Member and Superintendent to a later date. The motion was accompanied by a second from Ms. Phelps. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russel Danzy, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Emile Metoyer, Rhonda Guidroz, Katrina Willis, Billy Benefield, Beverly Broadway, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: Dorothy McGaskey. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Harris to accept the revised cell phone policy. The motion was accompanied by a second from Ms. Phelps. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russel Danzy, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Emile Metoyer, Rhonda Guidroz, Katrina Willis, Billy Benefield, Beverly Broadway, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: Dorothy McGaskey. The motion passed.

There was no vote taken at the Superintendent's request on agenda items, Strong Start Natchitoches and COVID-19 procedures and precautions. Superintendent Eloi stated that new information and possible changes would likely be coming from BESE very soon.

A motion was made by Mrs. Broadway to extend the grace period for the purchase of school uniform until September 30, 2020 for the 20-21 school year, with the understanding that students would follow the guidelines for dress down day. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mr. Harris. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russel Danzy, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Emile Metoyer, Rhonda Guidroz, Katrina Willis, Billy Benefield, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. The motion passed.

At Ms. Palmer's request, the board discussed L.P. Vaughn playground access and conditions at Tuesday's meeting. A tour of the facilities was scheduled for Thursday.

There was a discussion on the construction of the new parking lot on Parkway Drive at Thursday's meeting. It was determined that construction had to come to a stop. Superintendent was still waiting to hear back from the lawyers on the situation.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. on a motion from Mrs. Guidroz, a second from Mr. Metoyer and unanimous consent from all members present.

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GRANT ELOI, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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BILLY BENEFIELD JR., PRESIDENT