

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING ON MARCH 4, 2021**

A public meeting was held at the Natchitoches Parish School Board on March 4, 2021, 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 Dr. Grant Eloi, were present: Russell Danzy, Emile Metoyer, Billy Benefield, Eugean Garner, Steven Harris, Rhonda Guidroz, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. Katrina Willis was absent from Thursday's meeting. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Steven Harris, followed by an invocation by Mrs. Rhonda Guidroz and Pledge of Allegiance by Mrs. Beverly Broadway.

At Tuesday's Committee Meeting, Superintendent Dr. Eloi presented updates regarding COVID cases, reporting less than 4% among children and staff in the parish according to the redcap system. The state is currently in Phase 3 as of this week according to the governor. COVID vaccines are being offered to staff at NRMC as well as the School Health Based Centers. High School Juniors will take the ACT test at their schools next week. Dr. Eloi mentioned the status of summer school in the parish for students this year. Policies are still be looked at in regards to retention. Board members attended a broadband event in Goldonna earlier. Payroll survey remains opens, with responses currently favoring no changes to the payroll.

Under New Business, Mr. Waskom read the Announcement of a Public Meeting concerning Natchitoches Schools Consolidated School District No. 8 and Consolidated School District No. 10. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, 310 Royal Street, Natchitoches, LA, with plans to adopt a resolution ordering and calling elections to be held.

A motion was made by Mr. Metoyer to accept the following Consent Agenda. Mrs. Broadway offered a second to the motion. Upon unanimous consent from all members present, the motion passed:

1. *Adoption* of Agenda.
2. *Approval* of Minutes of February 4, 2021
3. FINANCE ITEMS

A. *Payment of Bills:*

B. *Out of State Travel:*

1. **1SG(R) Michael Selby**, NCHS JROTC, travel to Daytona Beach, FL, April 29-May 1, 2021, to chaperone NCHS Drill Team who will compete in the 2021 U.S. Army Cadet Command National Drill Championship. The trip is a no cost to the board.

2. **LTC(R) Anthony Mault**, NCHS JROTC, travel to Daytona Beach, FL, April 29-May 1, 2021, to chaperone NCHS Drill Team who will compete in the 2021 U.S. Army Cadet Command National Drill Championship. The trip is a no cost to the board.

C. *School Bus Routes Changes:*

D. *Purchase of Buses:*

E. *Advertisements:*

1. *Permission to advertise for bids:*

- a. Camera System at Natchitoches Junior High
- b. Camera System at Weaver Elementary
- c. Camera System at Natchitoches Magnet
- d. HVAC Preventative Maintenance Contract
- e. To secure a vendor to deploy the Parish wide

broadband internet.

- 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 Transportation Report, Tax Commission Report, Budget Update, Maintenance Report and School Food Service Reports as presented. The motion was accompanied by a second from Ms. Phelps and upon unanimous consent from all members present. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Danzy to approve a broadband internet resolution to be presented to the Louisiana Senate and the Louisiana House of Representatives, to invest in the installation of high-speed internet for rural Louisiana. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mr. Garner. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russell Danzy, Emile Metoyer, Billy Benefield, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Rhonda Guidroz, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: Katrina Willis. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Garner to adopt the revised budget as presented by Mr. Lee Waskom. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mrs. Broadway. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russell Danzy, Emile Metoyer, Billy Benefield, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Rhonda Guidroz, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: Katrina Willis. The motion passed.

A motion was made to table the discussion of the 13.4 acres of land in Lena, LA. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mrs. McGaskey. The board unanimously agreed to table the discussion.

A motion was made by Mr. Metoyer giving permission to Mr. Lee Waskom to move forward with preparation of legal paperwork for the purposes of providing a possible donation of Cloutierville School for the purpose of a Cloutierville Community Center. The motion was accompanied by a second from Ms. Palmer. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russell Danzy, Emile Metoyer, Billy Benefield, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Rhonda Guidroz, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: Katrina Willis. The motion passed.

The Personnel Report was presented by Mrs. Linda Page. A motion was made by Mr. Garner to accept the Personnel Update as presented. Mr. Danzy offered a second to the motion. All members present, unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Benefield to approve the new position and job description of Instructional Specialist. The motion was accompanied by a second from Ms. Phelps. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russell Danzy, Emile Metoyer, Billy Benefield, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Rhonda Guidroz, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: Katrina Willis. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Metoyer to proceed with the hiring of a Property Manager. The motion was accompanied by a second from Mr. Garner. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russell Danzy, Emile Metoyer, Billy Benefield, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Rhonda Guidroz, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: Katrina Willis. The motion passed.

The Executive Report was presented by Ms. Phelps.

A motion was made by Mr. Metoyer to approve moving NPTCC onto the NCHS campus effective January 2022. The motion was accompanied by a second from Ms. Phelps. Upon roll call, the following votes were recorded. YEAS: Russell Danzy, Emile Metoyer, Billy Benefield, Eugene Garner, Steven Harris, Rhonda Guidroz, Beverly Broadway, Dorothy McGaskey, Tan'Keia Palmer and Reba Phelps. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: Katrina Willis. The motion passed.

The board meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m. on a motion from Mrs. Guidroz.

GRANT ELOI, SECRETARY-TREASURER

STEVEN HARRIS, PRESIDENT