

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

January 6, 2009

The Tangipahoa Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board room, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana, with President Al Link presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Link, Leonard Genco, Robert Potts, Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Rose Dominguez, Danny Ridgel, Sonya Traylor and Ann Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Dangerfield

Ashley Vicaro a Kindergarten student at Midway Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance. Hunter Fayard a 1st Grade student at Midway Elementary School led the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States. Jordon Knight, a Pre-K student at Midway Elementary School, and her mother, Ms. Diedra Knight, sang "God Bless the USA."

At this time, the floor was declared open for nominations for the office of President of the School Board for the year 2009.

Mr. Genco nominated Mr. Danny Ridgel for the office of President. There being no other nominations, the nominations were declared closed. Mr. Ridgel was elected President of the School Board by acclamation.

President Ridgel assumed the gavel.

President Ridgel thanked his fellow Board members.

Mr. Link thanked the Board members for their professionalism during this past year. He thanked Superintendent Mark Kolwe and his staff for all their hard work and dedication.

President Ridgel stated that the floor was now open for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board for the year 2009.

Ms. Dominguez nominated Ms. Ann Smith for the office of Vice-President. There being no other nominations, the nominations were declared closed. Ms. Smith was elected Vice President of the School Board by acclamation.

Ms. Smith thanked the Board members for their vote of confidence.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Potts to set the regular Board meetings for the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Tangipahoa Parish School System, Central Office Board Room, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the Board minutes of December 9, 2008 and December 15, 2008 as distributed. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Mrs. Bailey-Simmons recognized the recipients of the "Jake Bailey Above and Beyond" Award – Ms. Kristy Rocquin, Teacher – Tucker Elementary and Ms. Melanie Sledge, Tangi First Mentor – C.M. Fagan.

Ms. Bailey-Simmons recognized Miss Ashley Vicaro for her compassion for others in writing a letter to President Bush concerning the starving children in America. Miss Vicaro received a letter and picture from President Bush.

Mr. Dangerfield entered the meeting.

In personal privilege, Ms. Smith relayed a message from Lisa Fussell, principal at Kentwood High School, stating she was unable to attend the meeting but thanking the Board members, Superintendent Kolwe and staff for their support during the holidays in having the school ready for the return of the students. She stated that everything went extremely well on the first day back for the students. Ms. Smith expressed appreciation to Mr. Link for his years of service to the Board and as President of the Board and that he was a role model and inspiration for his fellow Board members.

In personal privilege, Mr. Link informed everyone of the death of Mr. Bill Lukawecki, a former teacher, principal and supervisor for Tangipahoa Parish School System.

In personal privilege, President Ridgel commended Mr. Link for devoting his life to the betterment of this school system, students and Board.

It was moved by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Ms. Smith, to enter Executive Session to discuss the cases of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB and Ronnie Wesby, etal vs. TPSB. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

The Board entered Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session.

There was no action in the case of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to accept the attorney's recommendation in the case of Ronnie Wesby vs. TPSB. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned (6:49 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Ridgel
President

Mark Kolwe, Secretary-Treasurer

Recorded By: Cynthia Jenkins (January 6, 2009)