

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 20, 2009

The Tangipahoa Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana, with President Danny Ridgel presiding.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Smith

Hammond Junior High School Color Guard led the pledge. The students were Darion Hodge, Kaitlyn Loyd, Timothy Perkins, Courtney Beach and Shaniqua Bernard. Timothy Perkins read a brief overview about President Barack Obama.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the Board minutes of January 6, 2009 as distributed. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was unanimously moved to approve the Committee and Delegation reports, except the Personnel Reports, on the agenda. Following are the reports as approved:

FINANCE COMMITTEE – JANUARY 6, 2009

1. It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve the Accounts Payable Check Register dated November 22, 2008 through December 12, 2008 in the amount of \$7,537,675.44. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve Bid #2008-19 for School Food Service Lines to Buckleew Hardware in the amount of \$156,860.00 to be paid from School Food Service funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve Cathy Stevens to exceed her Out-Of-Parish travel allotment by \$941.41. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
4. Mr. Ron Caruso, Chief Financial Officer, presented a proposed plan for establishing a reserve for school roofs.
5. It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve Lynell Higgenbotham to exceed her Out-Of-Parish travel allotment to attend the 2009 National Legislative Advocacy Leadership Conference. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

AMITE BOARD DELEGATION – JANUARY 13, 2009

1. It was moved by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to nominate Ms. Ann Smith as Chairman of the Amite Delegation for 2009. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve low quote from Ebarb Dozer Service, in the amount of \$3,400.00 to disk and level 6.5 acres at Northwood High School, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Fund. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve low bid from GM Builders, Inc., in the amount of \$257,000.00 for the Amite High School Weight Room Renovation Project, to be paid from Bond Construction Fund. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Mr. Tregre, pending final Court approval, is ready to move forward to accept bids on the Amite Westside School A/C Replacement Project and Amite Westside School Improvements Project.

HAMMOND BOARD DELEGATION – JANUARY 14, 2009

1. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to nominate Mr. Dangerfield Chairman for year 2009. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve purchasing 100 folding chairs for Hammond Eastside Upper from Virco, Mfg., in the amount of \$1,450.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to approve a budget amount of \$477,282.00 for the cooling tower replacement at Hammond Eastside School, to be paid from Maintenance and Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Mr. Caruso will have Court approval prior to seeking bids. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
4. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, for the purchasing department to seek bids on HVAC units for Hammond Eastside and Hammond High Schools. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
5. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to approve the computer upgrades for Hammond High School, in the amount of \$2,986.76 from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
6. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to approve purchasing one (1) Canon iR-5055 Digital Copier for Hammond High School's main office from Southeast Business Systems, in the amount of \$9,831.80 from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
7. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$3,808.41, for the Hammond Junior High School Football Field Lighting Project. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
8. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to approve quote from LaTech, in the amount of \$19,220.00 from Pay-As-You-Go Funds, for the replacement of security cameras at Hammond Junior High School. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
9. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to approve a Pay-As-You-Go budget amount of \$60,000.00 for the purchase of one (1) 24' x 64' portable building, in the amount of \$44,705.00 from ModSpace for the Woodland Park Early Learning Center Library. The remaining amount of \$15,295.00 will be for the portable building ramps, electrical, fire alarm and intercoms. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

INDEPENDENCE BOARD DELEGATION – JANUARY 14, 2009

1. Mr. Genco was selected Chairman for year 2009.
2. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Link, to approve the state contract quote of \$16,728.00 from LaTech for security cameras at Nesom Middle School, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

PONCHATOULA BOARD DELEGATION – JANUARY 14, 2009

1. Mrs. Bailey-Simmons nominated Ms. Traylor, Chairman for year 2009. Ms. Traylor accepted the nomination. Mr. Ridgel nominated Mrs. Dominguez. Mrs. Dominguez declined. Ms. Traylor requested for Mrs. Dominguez to preside as Chairman for this Delegation Meeting. Mrs. Dominguez accepted. The nomination was closed.
2. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to approve purchasing twenty (20) Singer Sewing Machines from AAA Sewing and Vacuum Center, in the amount of \$3,550.00 from Pay-As-You-Go Funds, for Ponchatoula High School. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Ms. Traylor, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the low quote from Stevens' Dirt and Concrete Works, in the amount of \$62,500.00 from Pay-As-You-Go Funds, for the Ponchatoula High School Student Parking Lot Extension Project. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

4. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to approve the low quote from Tri-Parish Home Improvements, in the amount of \$8,076.00 from Pay-As-You-Go Funds, for the Ponchatoula High School Special Education Building Walkway Canopy. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
5. It was moved by Ms. Traylor, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the low bid from Allstate Canopies & Rooms, LLC, in the amount of \$119,000.00 from Pay-As-You-Go Funds, for the Ponchatoula High School Roof Repairs Project. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
6. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to approve purchasing twenty-four (24) Dell laptops for Vinyard Elementary School, in the amount of \$27,479.34 from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to add Addendum #1 to the Personnel Report of January 13, 2009. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve the Personnel Reports of January 6, 2009, January 13, 2009 and Addendum #1. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted. Following are the reports as approved:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – JANUARY 6, 2009

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve the items contained in the Agenda. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Genco, to approve incentive pay for the teachers at Northwood High School for the remainder of the 2008-09 school years. Certified teachers would be paid \$1,500.00 and \$750.00 for non-certified teachers, paid through the HEAP Grant. Incentive pay for the following school years would be \$3,000.00 for certified teachers and \$1,500.00 for non-certified teachers, being funded through the HEAP grant until expiration.

TEACHER – NEW HIRE

Hollye Nicholas, K Teacher – Woodland Park ELC (place of Angellue Hamilton – leave) January 5, 2009, Substitute
 Tiffany Markey, Teacher – Vinyard Elementary (place of Cynthia Chatelain-resigned) November 20, 2008, Substitute
 Jill Wilson, SpEd Teacher – Midway Elementary, January 5, 2009, Substitute
 Danielle Wilson, Teacher – Tucker Elementary (place of Jill Miller – resigned) January 5, 2009
 Sheila Conley, SpEd Teacher – Northwood (place of Philicia Mollere – transferred) December 1, 2008, TAT
 Jessica Lee, Counselor – Independence Elementary (place of Melanie Ard – resigned) January 5, 2009, Substitute

TEACHER – REHIRE/TRANSFER

Kelly Jenkins, From: SpEd Teacher – Natalbany Elementary, To: SpEd Teacher – Tucker Elementary (place of Amanda Foy – leave) January 5, 2009, PL1

SUPPORT PERSONNEL – NEW HIRE

Mark Wilson, 9 mo 8 hr Janitor – Ponchatoula High (place of Paul Harris – retired) December 1, 2008
 Jerry Canale, LPN Child Specific Para – Loranger Elementary (place of Jacquell Jackson – resigned) December 1, 2008
 Michael Thompson, SpEd Para – Independence Elementary, November 17, 2008
 Hope Taylor, Child Specific Para – Natalbany Elementary (new position) December 1, 2008
 Jennifer Fletcher, Pre-K LA4 Para – Midway Elementary (new position) December 8, 2008

Charles Whitley, 11 mo 8 hr Custodian – Tucker Elementary (place of J.C. Smith –retired) January 5, 2009

SUPPORT PERSONNEL – TRANSFER

Brenda Pecoraro, From: Deaf Ed. Para – Independence Middle, To: Deaf Ed. Para – Independence Elementary, December 7, 2008

SUPPORT PERSONNEL – TRANSFER/RECLASSIFICATION

Phillip Brown, From: 9 mo Custodian – Ponchatoula High, To: 12 mo Custodian – Ponchatoula Junior High (place of Jesse Smith, Jr. – resigned) January 5, 2009

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE – NEW HIRE

Hilda Stass, SFS Worker, 4 hr – Ponchatoula High (place of Lachedra Legard – resigned) December 1, 2008

Sandra Theriot, SFS Worker, 4 hr – Hammond High (place of Shirley Reed – transferred) December 8, 2008

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE – TRANSFER/RECLASSIFICATION

Shirley Reed, From: SFS Worker, 4 hr – Hammond High, To: SFS Worker, 7 hr – Hammond Junior High (place of Mary Weathersby – resigned) December 2, 2008

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE – TRANSFER

Debbie Beyl, From: Billing Clerk, 7 hr – Vinyard Elementary, To: SFS Worker, 4 hr – Vinyard Elementary (new position) December 1, 2008

LEAVES*RESIGNATIONS*RETIREMENTS

SABBATICAL LEAVES

Kathy Dyer, Speech Therapist – Spring Creek Elementary, Medical, 2nd semester 08-09, 1st semester 09-10

Phyllis Lockwood, Teacher – Sumner Middle, Medical, 2nd semester 08-09

Susan Hoover – Vinyard Elementary – rescind 2nd semester Sabbatical leave

LEAVES

Rebecca Bowles, Teacher – Hammond Westside Primary (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – undetermined) January 5, 2009

CHANGE IN DATES FOR:

Melissa Hebert, Teacher – D.C. Reeves Elementary (extended sick leave using sick days first due to surgery – February 23, 2009) January 6, 2009

Gaye Guzzardo, Coordinator (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – June 19, 2009) January 5, 2009

Larry Frazier, Bus Driver (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – January 31, 2009) November 1, 2008

Bridget Dunn, SFS Worker – Ponchatoula High (extended sick leave using sick days first due to surgery – undetermined) December 10, 2008

Loreta Campo, Teacher – West Side Middle (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – January 5, 2009) November 7, 2008

Adra Johnson, Teacher – Loranger High (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – May 22, 2009) January 5, 2009

Sylvia Pitts, Bus Driver (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – March 5, 2009) January 5, 2009

Sheila Imbornone, Teacher – Independence High (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – undetermined, December 1, 2008)

Antionette Sellers, SFS Worker – Hammond Westside (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – December 8, 2008) November 5, 2008

Shanteleia Earlycutt, Para – Parent Center (extended sick leave using sick days first due to surgery – January 5, 2009) November 3, 2008
 Melissa Capadona, Teacher – Independence High (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – December 11, 2008) October 1, 2008
 Tabitha Bankston, Teacher – Sumner High (extended sick leave using sick days first due to maternity – May 22, 2009) December 19, 2008
 Pamela Thompson, Bus Driver (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – February 2, 2009) December 1, 2008
 Angelue' Hamilton, Teacher – Woodland Park ELC (extended sick leave using sick days first due to maternity – May 22, 2009) January 5, 2009

RESIGNATIONS

Priscilla Bennett, SFS Worker – West Side Middle, December 19, 2008
 Shirley Stanley, SFS Worker – Nesom Middle, December 9, 2008
 Jill Miller, Teacher – Tucker Elementary, December 19, 2008
 Stefanie Sorbert, Teacher – D.C. Reeves Elementary, January 5, 2009
 Tonya Hardy, Teacher – Independence Middle, December 19, 2008
 Linda Brumfield, Lunchroom Monitor – Roseland Elementary, January 6, 2009
 Jan Morgan, School Secretary – Ponchatoula Junior High, December 19, 2008

RETIREMENTS

Kathleen Sewell, Teacher – Ponchatoula Junior High, January 12, 2009

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – JANUARY 13, 2009 AND ADDENDUM #1

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to approve the items contained in the Agenda. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to advertise for the positions of Head Coach and Guidance Counselor at Hammond High School. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to add Debbie Richardson, Teacher – Loranger Elementary School, to the agenda list for Sabbatical Leaves, for the 2nd semester of 2008-09 effective January 5, 2009. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Mr. Ron Genco stated the second Job Fair will be held at SLU on April 30, 2009, 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

TEACHER – NEW HIRE

Chantee' Horning, Teacher – Champ Cooper Elementary (place of Cathy Gambel – leave) January 5, 2009, Substitute
 Christina Sticker, Teacher – Ponchatoula Junior High (place of Kathy Sewell – retired) January 12, 2009, Substitute
 Joyce Robbins, Teacher – O.W. Dillon Elementary (vacancy) January 5, 2009, Substitute
 Zaklina Hutchinson, Teacher – Hammond High (place Deborah Martin – leave) January 5, 2009, Substitute
 Donna Woodburn, Teacher – Midway Elementary (place of Sherry Soley) January 5, 2009, Substitute
 Crystal Garrett, Teacher – West Side Middle (vacancy) January 5, 2009, Substitute
 Jacqueline Harris, Teacher – Hammond Junior High (place of Bobby Matthews – transferred) January 5, 2009, Substitute
 Terry Whitton, School Psychologist – Special Services Center (vacancy) January 7, 2009

Bryanne Mader, Teacher – Ponchatoula Junior High (vacancy) January 5, 2009, Substitute
Aletta Tricou, Librarian – Tucker Elementary (place of Krystle Hyman – leave) January 5, 2009, Substitute
Jessie Hoover, Agri. Teacher – Loranger High (place of James Bailey – leave) January 5, 2009
Eleanor Case, Teacher – Sumner High (place of Phyllis Lockwood – leave) January 5, 2009, Substitute

TEACHER – REHIRE

Amy White, Teacher – Loranger High (place of Adra Johnson – leave) January 5, 2009, Substitute

TEACHER – TRANSFER

Arthur Barrilleaux, From: Teacher – Hammond High, To: Teacher – Independence High (place of Laura Ashbrook – reclassified) January 5, 2009

TEACHER – RECLASSIFICATION

Laura Ashbrook, From: Regular Program Teacher – Independence High, To: Title I Teacher – Independence High (place of Sheila Imbornone – leave) January 5, 2009, Substitute

SUPPORT PERSONNEL –NEW HIRE

Rebecca Roberts, SpEd Para – D.C. Reeves Elementary (place of Wendy Shirley – resigned) January 6, 2009
Janice Legendre, Child Specific Para – Loranger Elementary (new position) January 6, 2009
Marla Aucoin, Child Specific Para – Midway Elementary (place of Laci Kyzar – reclassified) January 6, 2009
Charles Whitley, Custodian 11 mo 8 hr – Tucker Elementary (place of J.C. Smith – retired) January 5, 2009
Melissa Killebrew, School Secretary 10 mo – Ponchatoula Junior High (place of Jan Morgan – resigned) January 5, 2009
Patsy Cryer, Para – Hammond Junior High (vacancy) November 10, 2008

SUPPORT PERSONNEL – RECLASSIFICATION

Laci Kyzar, From: Child Specific Para – Midway Elementary, To: Interventionist/Para – Midway Elementary (new position) January 6, 2009

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE – NEW HIRE

Denise Taylor, SFS Worker 4 hr – West Side Middle (place of Priscilla Bennett – retired) January 6, 2009

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE – TRANSFER/RECLASSIFICATION

Vonda Fisher, From: SFS Worker 7 hr – Kentwood High, To: Production Manager 7 hr – Amite High (place of Phyllis Reynolds – transferred) January 12, 2009

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE – RECLASSIFICATION

Patricia Taylor, From: SFS Worker 4 hr – Kentwood High, To: SFS Worker 7 hr – Kentwood High (place of Vonda Fisher – transferred) January 12, 2009

LEAVES*RESIGNATIONS*RETIREMENTS

SABBATICAL LEAVES

Roberta Emmons, change 2nd semester 08-09 session – Medical Sabbatical
Judith Dunomes, Teacher – Hammond Westside Upper, Medical – 2nd semester
2008-09 session, Medical – 1st semester 2009-10 session
Cyndi Burchfield, Teacher – Champ Cooper Elementary, Medical 2nd semester
2008-09 session
Lonita Smith, Teacher – Hammond Eastside Upper, Medical – 2nd semester
2008-09 session
Debbie Richardson, Teacher – Loranger Elementary, Medical – 2nd semester,
January 5, 2009

LEAVES

Larry Morgan, Teacher – Hammond Junior High (military leave – August 28 –
September 21, 2008, December 15-17)
Carol Meyers, Teacher – Ponchatoula Junior High (extended sick leave using
sick days first due to illness – May 2009) January 5, 2009
Rebecca Passler Neal, Occupational Therapist (extended sick leave using sick
days first due to maternity – December 20, 2008) December 1, 2008
Maya Levy, Teacher – Vinyard Elementary (extended sick leave using sick days
first due to illness – April 1, 2009) January 5, 2009
Katherine Thomas, Para – Midway Elementary (extended sick leave using sick
days first due to illness – February 9, 2009) November 18, 2008
Turnisha Smith, Para – Nesom Middle (extended sick leave using sick days first
due to illness – undetermined) December 1, 2008
Scarlett Anderson, Teacher – Hammond Eastside Primary (extended sick leave
using sick days first due to maternity – may 1, 2009) March 20, 2009
Deborah Martin, Teacher – Hammond High (extended sick leave using sick days
first due to illness – undetermined) January 5, 2009
Glenda Cross, Teacher – Natalbany Elementary (extended sick leave using sick
days first due to surgery – February 16, 2009) January 5, 2009

RESIGNATIONS

Whitney Yohe, Teacher – Vinyard elementary, December 20, 2008
J.C. Smith, Custodian – Tucker Elementary, December 19, 2008

RETIREMENTS

Calvin Kaul, Jr., Guidance counselor – Hammond High, January 31, 2009
Willie Carter, Bus Driver – O.W. Dillon Elementary, December 20, 2008

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST

ADDENDUM #1

Virginia Peco, From: Coordinator of Pupil Services – 11 mo, To: Director of Special
Education -12 mo. (place of Diane Vaccaro – retired) 2 year contract

President Ridgel and Superintendent Mark Kolwe recognized and congratulated
Ms. Peco.

Superintendent Kolwe gave an update on the Tangipahoa Parish School
System's Leadership Academy.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the
Superintendent's recommendation to continue the additional 15 minutes per day from
April 1, 2009 through May 21, 2009 for instructional days missed for the snowstorm.
Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve the
Technology Committees recommendations for the contract services to implement the

2009-10 E-Rate Program. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted. Following are the recommendations as approved:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Vendor</u>
Local and Long Distance Phone Service	Hunt Brothers
Internet Service Provider	Hunt Brothers
Cabling	Stephen Meranta Contractors
Cabling Maintenance	Stephen Meranta Contractors
Citrix Presentation Server	New Interactive Solutions
Student E-Mail Services	Gaggle.net

There was no Public Input.

In personal privilege, Ms. Dominguez stated she attended the 13th Annual LaTech University School Law Institute held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on January 15 – 16, 2009.

In personal privilege, President Ridgel recognized Mr. Jerry Peters.

In personal privilege, Mrs. Bailey-Simmons stated that she would be attending the FRN Conference in Washington, DC on February 1-3, 2009 and would not be at the February 3, 2009 Board meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to enter Executive Session to discuss the case of Joyce M. Moore 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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned (6:29 p.m.).

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Ridgel
President

Mark Kolwe, Secretary-Treasurer

Recorded By: Cynthia Jenkins (January 20, 2009)