

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 31, 2009

The Tangipahoa Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board room, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana, with President Danny Ridgel presiding.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Brandon Dykes and the Hammond High School ROTC Color Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the Board minutes of March 17, 2009 as distributed. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

President Ridgel reported that he and fellow Board members, Eric Dangerfield, Rose Dominguez and Ann Smith attended the 2009 LSBA Conference held in Lake Charles, Louisiana on March 4 -7, 2009, earning continuing learning units (CLU) as mandated by LA. R.S. 17:53 and requested this to be entered into the official minutes. (Certificates shown at the end of the minutes)

Ms. Patricia Morris spoke in Public Input.

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

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – MARCH 17, 2009

1. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mr. Genco, to accept the 2009-2010 Grammar/Writing, Spelling and Journalism Textbook Adoption Selections. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted. Following are the programs as approved:

K-G Grammar/Writing	Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt
K-6 Spelling	Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt
7-8 Grammar/Writing	Holt McDougal
7-8 Spelling	Holt McDougal
9-12 Grammar Writing	Holt McDougal
9-12 Journalism	Glencoe/McGraw-Hill

2. Ms. Cindy Williams, principal, gave an overview of the Independence High School Redesign Program.
3. Chief Academic Officer Melissa Stilley reported that testing begins on April 1, 2009 and the need for public awareness in order for the students to be prepared. She stated benchmark assessments are ongoing and Summary Reports were provided to the principals of high priority/high needs schools with recommendations and Mr. Williams is working on the Academic Plan's goals and objectives.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – MARCH 24, 2009

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

SCHOOL NURSE – NEW HIRE

Dayna Breaud, LA4/SpEd School Nurse – Independence High (place of Mona Davis – resigned) March 23, 2009

TEACHER – RECLASSIFICATION

Rosemary Furca, From: Interventionist – Tucker Elementary, To: Reading Coach – Tucker Elementary
Rebecca Johnson, From: Interventionist – Loranger Elementary, To: Reading Coach – Loranger Elementary

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE –NEW HIRE

Jude Boudreaux, SFS Worker 7 hrs – Hammond Westside Primary (place of Calvin Vernon- resigned) March 9, 2009

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE – RECLASSIFICATION

Phyllis Reynolds, From: Acting Manager – Hammond Junior High, To: Manager – Hammond Junior High (place of Regina Jones – retired) March 13, 2009

LEAVES*RESIGNATIONS* RETIREMENTSLEAVES

Karen Ellis, Coordinator – C.M. Fagan (extended sick leave due to surgery using sick days first – June 16, 2009) March 16, 2009
Mary A. Crouch, Teacher – West Side Middle (extended sick leave due to family illness using sick days first – May 22, 2009) March 2, 2009
Michelle Brister, Teacher – Hammond Junior High (extended sick leave due to maternity using sick days first – May 22, 2009) April 9, 2009
Lynda Cain, SFS Worker – Hammond High (straight leave without pay – April 20, 2009) March 20, 2009
Micki Zahn, Teacher – Loranger Elementary (extended sick leave due to surgery using sick days first – May 22, 2009) March 30, 2009
Larry Frazier, Bus Driver (extended sick leave due to illness using sick days first – May 22, 2009) January 6, 2009
Roxanne Cloutre, SFS Manager – Hammond High (extend extended sick leave due to illness using sick days first – May 23, 2009) March 9, 2009
Antoinette Sellers, SFS Worker – Hammond Westside (extended sick leave due to family illness using sick days first – March 26, 2009) February 17, 2009
Marjorie Titus, Teacher – Woodland Park ELC (extended sick leave due to maternity using sick days first – May 22, 2009) April 6, 2009
Elizabeth Cooper, Custodian – Vinyard Elementary (extend extended sick leave due to illness using sick days first – may 1, 2009) January 26, 2009

RESIGNATIONS

Alfred Hanible, Custodian – Hammond Junior High, March 16, 2009

RETIREMENTS

Pamela Wallace, Teacher – Loranger High, May 23, 2009

AMITE DELEGATION – MARCH 24, 2009

1. It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to approve the state contract quote for security cameras at Amite High School from LaTech for \$20,564.00 with ½ paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds and ½

- from Secure Our Schools Grant. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to approve the state contract quote for security cameras at West Side Middle School from LaTech for \$29,588.00 with ½ paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds and ½ from Secure Our Schools Grant. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
 3. It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to approve Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$3,213.48 for the Amite High School Weight Room Renovation Project. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

The Delegation authorized Mr. Glenn Tregre to search for rubber pad vendors and then meet with the Amite High School Coach and decide what will be best for the Amite High School Weight Room.

INDEPENDENCE DELEGATION – MARCH 24, 2009

1. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the state contract quote for security cameras at Independence Middle School from LaTech for \$13,454.00 with ½ paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds and ½ from the Secure Our Schools Grant. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to approve the state contract quote for security cameras at Independence High School from LaTech for a Not to Exceed amount of \$21,000.00 with ½ paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds and ½ from the Secure Our Schools Grant. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve purchasing fifty-four (54) computers for First and Second grade classrooms, pending the cost of adding electrical circuits in each of the eighteen classrooms, at Midway Elementary School for \$52,566.12, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

KENTWOOD DELEGATION – MARCH 24, 2009

Due to failure to obtain a quorum, the following agenda item will be brought to the full Board for consideration on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Consider approval of state contract quote for security cameras at Kentwood High School from LaTech for \$16,314.00 with ½ paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds and ½ from Secure Our Schools Grant.

Superintendent Mark Kolwe and Assistant Superintendent Thomas Bellavia recognized Ms. Michelle Blum Gallo, Director of Community Outreach, Child Advocacy Services and Mr. Rob Carlisle, Executive Director of Child Advocacy Services. They requested permission to launch the Blue Ribbon Campaign into the schools, recognizing and supporting April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

In personal privilege, Mr. Ridgel read an excerpt from a newspaper relative to the strides of public education in America. He thanked all faculty and staff for doing a great job.

In personal privilege, Ms. Bailey-Simmons thanked Hammond High School, ROTC, Cheerleaders, the Robotic Team and Pro-Start Team for making the day special for the Board members on Thursday, March 26, 2009.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Link, to waive the rules to add an item to reconvene the grievance proceedings of a student to the Executive Session agenda. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Smith, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the case of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB; Louisiana Farm Bureau vs. TPSB; Robert Garrett vs. TPSB; Jamarque Andrews vs. TPSB; Eric Stafford vs. TPSB; Amar Oil vs. TPSB John Canzoneri vs. TPSB and to convene the grievance proceedings of a student. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

The Board entered Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session.

No action was taken in the cases of Jamarque Andrews vs. TPSB and Eric Stafford vs. TPSB.

It was moved by Mr. Potts, seconded by Ms. Smith, to accept the attorney's recommendation on the cases of Louisiana Farm Bureau vs. TPSB; Robert Garrett vs. TPSB; Amar Oil vs. TPSB and John Canzoneri vs. TPSB. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

No action was taken in the case of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB. However, Board Attorney Alton Lewis reminded the Board that the 60/40 ratio was met in the early 1980's regarding the coaching positions.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Potts, to sustain the administration's recommendation on the student grievance. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Superintendent Kolwe announced the resignation of Cindy Benitez, Public Information Officer, effective April 10, 2009. He thanked her for everything she did for the School System and wished her well in her endeavors.

President Ridgel expressed his appreciation of the working relationship between Ms. Benitez and the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (7:09 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Ridgel
Board President

Mark Kolwe, Secretary-Treasurer

Recorded by: Cynthia Jenkins, March 31, 2009