

## TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

MAY 5, 2009

The Tangipahoa Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 5, 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, Al Link, Danny Ridgel, Sonya Traylor, Eric Dangerfield, Sandra Bailey-Simmons and Rose Dominguez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leonard Genco

Presentation of the Colors was performed by Ponchatoula High School's ROTC. Ezra Bailey, a student of Tucker Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Victoria Bailey, a student of Ponchatoula Junior High School, led the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States. Sonora Kelly, a student from Ponchatoula High School, sang "America the Beautiful." Brianna Showers, a student from Ponchatoula Junior High School, read a poem entitled "Mine Eyes."

President Ridgel introduced Juvenile Court Judge Blair Edwards.

Judge Edwards administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected School Board Members, Danny Ridgel and Sonya J. Traylor.

Superintendent Kolwe and Chief Academic Officer Melissa Stilley recognized and presented plaques to District seniors who became members of the 2009 Senior Exclusives Club.

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the Board minutes of April 21, 2009 and April 27, 2009 as distributed. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Ms. Bailey-Simmons and Ms. Wanda Davis, principal, recognized Ms. Julie Vosbein, a teacher and reading coach at Woodland Park Early Learning Center with the Enos "Jake" Bailey, Jr. Above and Beyond Award.

It was moved by Mr. Potts, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the low quote of \$2,875.00 from Southeast Business Systems for a Riso Duplicator for Chesbrough Elementary School to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Committee and Delegation Reports contained on the agenda with the change of Item #1 of the Ponchatoula Delegation Report of April 27, 2009 indicating the motion was seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons not Mr. Link. Following are the reports as approved:

### **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – APRIL 21, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Link, to accept the selected parent and community members to serve on the 2009-10 Pupil Progression Plan Committee. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. Ms. Lisa Fussell, Kentwood High School principal, and Ms. Roslyn Varnado, teacher, gave a brief overview of Kentwood High School's Senior Project Components. The four basic components were Paper, Portfolio, Project and Presentation. Mr. Tevin Goggins, a senior at Kentwood High School presented his project to the Committee members.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – APRIL 27, 2009**

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

**SUPPORT PERSONNEL – NEW HIRE**

Miranda Fayard, Para Interventionist – Midway Elementary, April 1, 2009  
Jacqueline Sanders, Custodian 11 mo – Hammond Junior High (place of Alfred Hannible – resigned) April 1, 2009

**LEAVES\*RESIGNATIONS\*RETIREMENTS****LEAVES**

Carla Macaluso, Bus Driver – Ponchatoula High (extended sick leave due to illness using sick days first – May 21, 2009) March 1, 2009

**AMITE DELEGATION – APRIL 27, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve low quote from Custom Sports Surfacing for Amite High School Weight Room rubber flooring, in the amount of \$55,850.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve low bid from Mayeaux's Air Conditioning & Heating, Inc. for the Amite Westside Middle School HVAC Replacement Project, in the amount of \$117,300.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve purchasing one (1) SmartBoard for Roseland Elementary School providing IT signing the requisition. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

**CHAMP COOPER DELEGATION – APRIL 27, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to approve low quote of \$92,074.12 from Total Recreation Products, Inc. for Champ Cooper Elementary School playground equipment, to be paid from Wal-Mart Fund. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

**HAMMOND DELEGATION – APRIL 27, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the Substantial Completion Certification for the Woodland Park E.L.C. Restroom Renovation Project. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the State Contract quote from LaTech for security cameras at Hammond Eastside Upper School for \$23,008.00 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. Link, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the State Contract quote from LaTech for security cameras at Hammond Eastside Primary School for \$18,409.00 with ½ paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds and ½ from Secure Our Schools Grant. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
4. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve low bid for Hammond High School HVAC units from Able Industrial, in the amount of \$106,617.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds and Hammond Eastside Upper and Primary HVAC units from Able Industrial,

- in the amount of \$80,487.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
5. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to approve purchasing one (1) Canon iR5055 copier for Hammond Eastside Upper School from Southeast Business Systems for \$9,647.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
  6. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to approve purchasing twenty (20) SmartBoards for Hammond Eastside Primary School from Detel Computer Solutions for \$64,663.06, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
  7. Consider approval to purchase one (1) flagpole for Hammond High School from Werco Building Specialties, Inc. for \$1,470.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds was deferred and will be placed on the next delegation agenda.
  8. Consider approval to purchase five (5) vertical blinds for the Nurses' office at Hammond High School from Budget Blinds for \$1,258.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds was deferred and will be placed on the next delegation agenda.
  9. It was moved by Ms. Traylor, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve purchasing three (3) SmartBoards from Detel Computer Solutions for \$12,368.94 for Hammond Westside Primary to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
  10. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to approve purchasing one (1) Dell Computer and one (1) HP LaserJet Printer for Hammond Westside Primary School for \$2,114.49 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

#### **INDEPENDENCE DELEGATION – APRIL 27, 2009**

1. The discussion on the cost of adding electrical circuits in eighteen (18) classrooms at Midway Elementary School for additional computers was deferred and will be placed on the agenda of the next delegation meeting.

#### **KENTWOOD DELEGATION – APRIL 27, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the cost of \$7,500.00 to dismantle, relocate and setup one (1) double portable classroom building from Kentwood High School to O.W. Dillon Elementary School and continue the monthly lease/purchase price of \$800.00, plus the Not-To Exceed amount of \$10,000.00 for connection of electrical and fire/intercom system at new location. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to return three (3) leased double portable classroom buildings located at Kentwood High School back to Satellite Shelters, Inc. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

#### **LORANGER DELEGATION – APRIL 27, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve the labor cost of \$1,200.00 from Troxell Communications, Inc. to install three (3) projectors in the ceilings at Loranger High School, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve purchasing eleven (11) tables for Loranger High School Art Department from Sax Arts & Crafts for \$4,400.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve purchasing thirty (30) adjustable stools for Loranger High

School Art Department from Hertz Furniture Systems for \$1,485.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. The delegation authorized Mr. Charles Bracey to meet with the principal at Loranger Middle School and to seek quotes for fencing the campus.
5. The delegation discussed Court approval on the Loranger High School Faculty Workroom. Ms. Higgenbotham will email Mr. Patin for an update.

**PONCHATOULA DELEGATION – APRIL 27, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mrs. Dominguez, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to approve low quote, in the amount of \$26,300.00, from Stevens' Dirt & Concrete Works for concreting the Ponchatoula Junior High School Parent Pick-up Drive Project, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mrs. Dominguez, to approve the Not-To-Exceed amount of \$6,000.00, materials and labor, for Len Rodriguez to construct forty (40) locker units for Ponchatoula Junior High School's football hut, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mrs. Dominguez, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve purchasing two (2) computers for Ponchatoula Junior High School's coaches' office from Dell for \$1,930.09 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
4. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mrs. Dominguez, to approve low quote, in the amount of \$30,125.00, from Fox Construction for concreting the Tucker Elementary School Carpool Pick-up Area, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
5. It was moved by Mrs. Dominguez, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve low quote, in the amount of \$27,945.00, for the Tucker Elementary School Bus Canopy, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
6. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve low bid, in the amount of \$73,830.00, from Continental Flooring Co. for the Tucker Elementary School Floor Replacement Project, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
7. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mrs. Dominguez, to approve purchasing 231 desks and chairs for Tucker Elementary School from Indeco Sales for \$13,289.43 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
8. It was moved by Mrs. Dominguez, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve purchasing one (1) Canon LC2050P Fax Machine for Tucker Elementary School from Southeast Business Systems for \$666.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
9. It was moved by Mrs. Dominguez, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve purchasing two (2) Canon SD360 Duplicators for Tucker Elementary School from Southeast Business Systems for \$6,250.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
10. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mrs. Dominguez, to approve purchasing ten (10) SmartBoards for Tucker Elementary School from Detel Computer Solutions for \$40,876.80 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
11. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve purchasing five (5) SmartBoards for D. C. Reeves Elementary

School from Detel Computer Solutions for \$14,011.15 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

12. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mrs. Dominguez, to authorize the Maintenance Department to seek quotes for an asphalt Covered Parent Pick-up Area for D. C. Reeves Elementary School. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mrs. Dominguez, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to waive the rules to add an item to the agenda. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Discuss the teacher's parking lot at D. C. Reeves Elementary.

13. The Maintenance Department will meet with the Principal at D. C. Reeves Elementary School to discuss the problem of water standing in the teacher's parking lot.

Superintendent Kolwe reported the Job Fair held on April 30, 2009 at SLU was a huge success with 200 teachers in attendance. He thanked Mr. Reginald Elzy, Assistant Director of Human Resources, and Mr. Ron Genco, Director of Human Resources, for their hard work.

Superintendent Kolwe gave an update on the coordinating efforts by School System school nurses, faculty and staff regarding the swine flu. He thanked Ms. Leigh Smith, Head Nurse, and all school nurses for staying on top of the situation.

In personal privilege, President Ridgel commended the amazing talent of School System students performed by the Hammond Accelerated Magnet Program at the Columbia Theatre and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tangipahoa Parish Elementary Music Festival held at Ponchatoula High School.

In personal privilege, Mr. Link echoed President Ridgel's comments and expressed the gratifying experience of watching the students from the Hammond Accelerated Magnet Program.

In personal privilege, Mr. Dangerfield expressed that upon communicating with his constituents, he regrets his vote at the previous Board meeting regarding the acceptance and submission of the Desegregation Plan.

Mr. Link made a point of order that this item should be a part of the agenda. President Ridgel referred the item to the Board Attorney.

Mr. Chris Moody, Board Attorney, stated that if he desired to officially move to reconsider his vote from the previous meeting, that the proper procedure would be to suspend the rules and add the item to the agenda or he could add it to the agenda at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Dangerfield stated that he has major issues with the plan and presently does not endorse the plan presented to the judge. He requested that this item be placed on the next Board agenda.

In personal privilege, Ms. Dominguez thanked everyone for their support following her daughter's car accident.

In personal privilege, Ms. Traylor recognized and thanked her family for coming to support her tonight for the Oath of Office ceremony.

In personal privilege, Ms. Smith, commended Amite High School for their outstanding Spring Concert.

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Ms. Smith, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the case of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB; Osa Williams vs.

TPSB; Sakie Merrell obo minor child, Rokesha Merrell vs. TPSB and Donald Brown 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 cases of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB or Osa Williams vs. TPSB.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to accept counsel's recommendation in the cases of Sakie Merrell obo minor child, Rodesha Merrell vs. TPSB and Donald Brown vs. TPSB. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (7:48 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Ridgel  
Board President

Mark Kolwe, Secretary-Treasurer

Recorded by: Cynthia Jenkins, May 5, 2009