

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

JUNE 16, 2009

The Tangipahoa Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, June 16, 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

Shelbilyn Mott, a Vinyard Elementary student, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the Board minutes of June 2, 2009 as distributed. The motion passed from the following roll call vote:

YEAS: Rose Dominguez, Sonya Traylor, Eric Dangerfield, Ann Smith, Danny Ridgel, Robert Potts, Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Al Link and Leonard Genco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Ms. Dominguez introduced Ms. Anna Billiot, State PTA Board Member. Superintendent Mark Kolwe, Ms. Dominguez and Ms. Billiot presented certificates to the recipients of the State PTA Educator of Distinction awards;

Ginger Brown	Champ Cooper Elementary School
Paula Splane	Sumner Middle School

and to the recipients of the District PTA Educator of Distinction awards:

Laurie Girgenti	Sumner High School (accepted by Lionel Jackson, principal)
Karla Booth	Independence Elementary School

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Link and seconded by Mr. Genco:

**RESOLUTION**

A Resolution creating Parishwide School District of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana; defining and describing the boundaries thereof; repealing resolutions in conflict herewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, this Parish School Board deems it to the best interests of the public school system of the Parish of Tangipahoa and the residents of the following taxing districts with their common name in parenthesis (i) (Hammond) Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, (ii) (Amite) School District No. 102 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, (iii) (Loranger) School District No. 104 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, (iv) (Champ Cooper) School District No. 106 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, (v) (Kentwood) School District No. 107 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, (vi) (Ponchatoula) School District No. 108 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, (vii) (Independence, Natalbany and Tickfaw) Consolidated School District No. 115 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, and (viii) (Sumner, Chesbrough and Spring Creek) Consolidated School District No. 116 of said Parish, to

create a parishwide school district with boundaries containing all the territory presently within the boundaries and corporate limits of the Parish of Tangipahoa; and

WHEREAS, Section 1371 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R. S. 17:1371) authorizes the creation of parishwide school districts at the discretion of the Parish School Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana:

SECTION 1. That acting under and by virtue of the authority conferred on Parish School Boards of the State of Louisiana by Section 1371 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R. S. 17:1371), and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, there be and there is hereby created a parishwide school district, which parishwide school district shall contain within its boundaries all the territory presently contained within the Parish of Tangipahoa, Louisiana.

SECTION 2. That the parishwide school district hereby created shall be known and is hereby designated as "Parishwide School District of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana," and as such shall constitute a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, and shall have all the powers and enjoy all the rights, privileges and authority granted by the Constitution and statutes of this State, including the authority to incur debt, to issue bonds and to levy taxes.

SECTION 3. That the official seal of this Parish School Board be and the same is hereby designated and adopted as the official seal of said Parishwide School District.

SECTION 4. Employment of Special Counsel. It has been recognized, found and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of the law firm of Foley & Judell, L.L.P., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as special counsel, in connection with the creation of the Parishwide School District. The fee to be paid to special counsel with respect to the creation of the aforesaid Parishwide School District shall be computed at an hourly rate not exceeding the amount provided by the guidelines for such services as approved by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana, plus out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the creation of the Parishwide School District.

SECTION 5. That all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, except that this resolution shall not be interpreted as affecting in any way the corporate existence of any existing underlying school district or consolidated school district.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:           Rose Dominguez, Sonya Traylor, Eric Dangerfield, Ann Smith,  
                    Danny Ridgel, Robert Potts, Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Al Link and  
                    Leonard Genco  
NAYS:           None  
ABSENT:       None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

/s/ Mark Kolwe

/s/ Danny Ridgel

Secretary-Treasurer

President

STATE OF LOUISIANA

## PARISH OF TANGIPAHOA

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), do hereby certify that the foregoing two (2) pages constitute a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by

the Governing Authority on June 16, 2009, creating Parishwide School District of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, defining and describing the boundaries thereof; repealing resolutions in conflict herewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of this Governing Authority at Amite, Louisiana, on this, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

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Mark Kolwe, Secretary-Treasurer

The following resolution was offered by Ms. Dominguez and seconded by Ms. Traylor:

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution activating the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana; determining the number of members of said District; appointing the members to the board of directors of the District; approving the drafting of a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Parish School Board and the District; directing the holding of an Organizational Meeting of the board of directors of said District; making School Board personnel available to the District for its use; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, Act 1460 of the Regular Session of 1997 (the "Act") (La. R.S. 33:2740.35) created the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District") as a political subdivision to assist the Tangipahoa Parish School Board by providing funding for matters for which the School Board is authorized to expend funds and by assisting with the funding of capital facilities or other needs; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that the District shall be administered and governed by a board of directors (the "EFID Board") comprised of such number of members as determined by the School Board, not to be less than five, appointed by the School Board based on their experience in financial matters and their ability to act effectively for the best interest of the School System; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that each director of the EFID Board shall be appointed for a term of six years; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that the District may make use of such persons as the School Board may make available to the EFID Board for its use; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the EFID Board to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the School Board to transfer proceeds received by the District from collections of the District tax or other funds, to the School Board to accomplish any of the purposes, objectives, or findings of the Act; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), that:

SECTION 1. Activation of District. The School Board hereby activates the District created by the Act.

SECTION 2. Selection of EFID Board of Directors. The School Board pursuant to the provisions of the Act, specifically La. R.S. 33:2740.35C(1) and (2), hereby appoints for a term of six years the following five (5) persons, based on their experience in financial matters and their ability to act effectively for the best interest of the School System, to the EFID Board:

1. Terry Brown
2. Sandy Davis
3. Daryl Ferrara

4. Logan Guess
5. James Stewart

SECTION 3. Staffing. Pursuant to the Act the School Board authorizes the Superintendent of the School Board to make resources and personnel of the School Board available to the District for its use.

SECTION 4. Boundaries. The boundaries of the District are hereby recognized as being coterminous with the boundaries of the Parishwide School District of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana.

SECTION 5. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. The School Board authorizes the drafting of a preliminary Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the District and the School Board to address the support requirements of the District pending the levy of the District's tax.

SECTION 6. Organizational Meeting. The School Board hereby directs the holding of an organizational meeting of the District to be held following the meeting of the School Board held this date.

SECTION 7. Employment of Special Counsel. It has been recognized, found and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of the law firm of Foley & Judell, L.L.P., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as special counsel, in connection with the activation of the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana. The fee to be paid to special counsel with respect to the activation of the aforesaid Educational Facilities Improvement District shall be computed at an hourly rate not exceeding the amount provided by the guidelines for such services as approved by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana, plus out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the activation of the Educational Facilities Improvement District.

SECTION 8. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Rose Dominguez, Sonya Traylor, Eric Dangerfield, Ann Smith, Danny Ridgel, Robert Potts, Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Al Link and Leonard Genco  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

/s/ Mark Kolwe

/s/ Danny Ridgel

Secretary-Treasurer

President

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
 PARISH OF TANGIPAHOA

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, for school purposes (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings made by said Governing Authority on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, activating the Educational Facilities Improvement District of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana; determining the number of members of said District; appointing the members to the board of directors of the District; approving the drafting of a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Parish School Board and the District; directing the holding of an Organizational Meeting of the board of directors of said District; making School Board personnel available to the District for its use; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the Parish at Amite, Louisiana, on this, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

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 Secretary-Treasurer

President Ridgel commended the five (5) newly selected members of the Educational Facilities Improvement District for their service on this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Link, to accept the low quote from Tangi Enterprises in the amount of \$2,675.00 to remove the stage at Midway Elementary School and to purchase a portable stage in the amount of \$15,065.88 on state contract from Louisiana School Equipment Company for Midway Elementary Cafeteria, to be paid from Pay-as-You-Go funds. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

YEAS: Rose Dominguez, Sonya Traylor, Eric Dangerfield, Ann Smith, Danny Ridgel, Robert Potts, Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Al Link and Leonard Genco  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSTAIN: None

It was unanimously moved to accept the Committee and Delegation Reports contained on the agenda. Mr. Genco recused himself from Item C # 1 and requested the item pulled for a separate vote. He also requested to remove Item H #15, Alisa LaGroue, Sabbatical Leave. Following are the reports as accepted by a roll call vote:

YEAS: Rose Dominguez, Sonya Traylor, Eric Dangerfield, Ann Smith, Danny Ridgel, Robert Potts, Sandra Bailey-Simmons and Al Link  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSTAIN: Leonard Genco

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE – JUNE 2, 2009**

1. It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Link, to accept the proposal from G.B. Lawn Care Service for the Independence School District for \$37,000.00 to be paid from the Maintenance Fund. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve the Accounts Payable check Register dated April 25, 2009 through May 22, 2009 for \$10,891,919.82. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve the implementation of an on-line payment system for the school cafeterias. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
4. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to accept the following bids:
 

2009-3	Low bid award
2009-4	Low bid award
2009-5	IBC Sales, Corp
2009-6	S&W Wholesale Foods
2009-7	PON Food Corporation
2009-8	PON Food Corporation
2009-9	PON Food Corporation
2009-19	Economical
2009-21	Low bid award paid from the Carl Perkins Fund

 Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
5. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to appoint The Daily Star as the Official Journal for 2009-2010. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
6. It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to adopt the 2008-2009 Revised Budget for Special Revenue Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

7. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve the following to exceed their Out-Of-Parish travel:
 

Laurie Dagro	paid through SE306
Josh Varnado	paid through the Carl Perkins Grant

 Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
8. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve Mr. Bret Schnadelbach to seek bids to purchase used school buses for the 2009-2010 school year. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
9. It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Link, to employ J.V. Burkes & Associates to perform flood elevation certificates for 30 buildings located at six (6) campuses determined to be within flood zone areas at the cost of \$6,750.00. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
10. Mr. Schnadelbach gave an update on fuel purchases for the upcoming school year. He informed the Committee members that the new state vendor for fuel would be FUELTRAC.
11. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve the purchase of a used lift school bus with an air-conditioner for \$6,500.00 from Mr. Anthony Ribando. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – JUNE 9, 2009**

#### **TEACHER – REHIRE**

Terry James, Behavior Interventionist – Special Services Center (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Probationary

Miya Martin, Guidance Counselor – Hammond High (position held 2008-09) July 27, 2009, Probationary

Tangerine Hart, ACP Teacher – Hammond Eastside Upper (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009

Jennifer Palmer, Pre-K 8G Teacher – Independence Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute

Kiley Westerman, CSR Teacher – Independence Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute

Karla Douglas, CSR Teacher – Independence Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute

Marilyn Calcagno, Reading Coach – Independence Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute

Karla Booth, Reading Interventionist – Independence Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute

Tashawna Feast, K Teacher – Independence Elementary (place of Sheila Willie – reclassified) August 10, 2009, Probationary

Kylie Sharkey, CSR K Teacher – O. W. Dillon Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute

Deborah Sassone, Reading Coach – O.W. Dillon Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute

Tricia McCain, CSR Teacher – O.W. Dillon (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute

Brenda Dixon, Numeracy Coach – O. W. Dillon Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute

Rosa Cowell, Title I PK Teacher – O. W. Dillon Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute

Stephanie Sanders, Title I PK Teacher – Loranger Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute

April Shaw, Title I Teacher – Independence Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute

Michelle Hampton, CSR K Teacher – Independence Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute

Christina Sticker, Teacher – Ponchatoula Junior High (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2008, Probationary

Bryanne Mader, Teacher – Ponchatoula Junior High (position held 2008-09)  
 August 10, 2009, Probationary  
 Leah Richardson, K5 Music Teacher – Chesbrough Elementary (position held  
 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
 Jocelyn Nelson, Teacher – Chesbrough Elementary (place of Celestine Tucker  
 – retired) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
 Crystal Morgan, Teacher – Chesbrough Elementary (position held 2008-09)  
 August 10, 2009, Probationary  
 Erika Pecoraro, Teacher – Chesbrough Elementary (position held 2008-09)  
 August 10, 2009, Probationary  
 Janice Roberts, CSR Teacher – Chesbrough Elementary (position held 2008-  
 09) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
 Melanie Booty, Title I PreK Teacher – Chesbrough Elementary (position held  
 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
 Casey Leblanc, Counselor/Teacher – Tucker Elementary (position held 2008-  
 09) August 10, 2009, Probationary

#### TEACHER – TRANSFER

Tasha Toups, From: SpEd Teacher – Midway Elementary, To: SpEd Teacher –  
 D.C. Reeves Elementary (place of Lisa Zeringue – resigned) August 10, 2009,  
 Probationary  
 D. Dedmond, From: SpEd Teacher – Nesom Middle, To: SpEd Teacher –  
 Midway Elementary (place of Tasha Toups – transferred) August 10, 2009,  
 Probationary

#### TEACHER – REHIRE/TRANSFER

Lisa Genco, From: Teacher – Midway Elementary, To: Teacher –  
 Independence Elementary (place of Tim Guernsey) August 10, 2009,  
 Probationary

#### TEACHER – REHIRE/RECLASSIFICATION

Valerie Prier, From: ACP PreK Teacher – Woodland Park ELC, To: K Teacher  
 – Woodland Park ELC (place of Brenda Dausat – retired) August 10, 2009

#### TEACHER – REHIRE/TRANSFER/RECLASSIFICATION

Holly Duncan, From: ACP Teacher – Hammond Eastside Primary, To: SpEd  
 Teacher – Special Services Center – Special Education (place of Tara Kinchen  
 – transferred) August 10, 2009

#### TEACHER – RECLASSIFICATION

Sheila Willie, From: K Teacher – Independence Elementary, To: Regular  
 Program Teacher – Independence Elementary (place of Amber Broussard)  
 August 10, 2009  
 Amanda Bracey, From: Counselor – Sumner High, to: Home Economics  
 Teacher – Sumner High (place of Patricia Ricks – retired) August 10, 2009

#### ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT RENEWALS

Paulette Walkwitz	Supervisor	Central Office
Victoria Ott-Frye	Supervisor	Central Office
Joanna Newman	Supervisor	Central Office
Ronald Genco	Director Human Resources	Central Office
Reginald Elzy	Asst. Director Human Resources	Central Office
Melissa Stilley	Chief Academic Officer	Central Office
Daniel Williams	Director of Curriculum and Instruction	Central Office
Vicki Blackwell	Director of Technology	C.M. Fagan
Thomas Bellavia	Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Karen Ellis	Program Administrator	C.M. Fagan
Lawrence Thompson	Coordinator	Special Services Ctr.
Deborah Forshag	Director of Federal Programs	Title I Resource Ctr.
Mike Diaz	Asst. Director of Technology	C.M. Fagan
Nancy Kropog	Coordinator	Hammond Junior High
Jim Reeve	Coordinator	Adult Education
Theresa Domiano	Title I Coordinator	Adult Education
Anthony Sciortino	Principal	Champ Cooper
Glenda O'Banion	Principal	Hammond E. Primary
Jan Williams	Principal	Hammond Junior High
Alexa Hookfin	Principal	Hammond W. Upper
Deborah Browning	Principal	Loranger Elementary
Billie Theriot	Principal	Loranger High
Roxanne Patti	Principal	Midway Elementary
Maureen Terese	Principal	Nesom Middle
Kay Christmas	Principal	Amite Elementary
Mike Stant	Principal	Amite High
Amber Gardner	Principal	Tucker Elementary
Theresa Hamilton	Principal	Vinyard Elementary
Brenda Johnson	Principal	Roseland Elementary
Rhea Marrs	Principal	Northwood
Cheryl Santangelo	Asst. Principal	Loranger High
Kelly Ollar	Asst. Principal	Vinyard Elementary
Marquita Jackson	Asst. Principal	Hammond Junior High
James Keith	Asst. Principal	Hammond W. Upper
Strader Cieutat	Asst. Principal	D.C.Reeves Elementary
Mary Correjolles	Adm. Assistant	Hammond E. Primary
Theresa Varnado	Asst. Principal	Independence Middle
Rhonda Vaccaro	Asst. Principal	Midway Elementary
Mary Beth Crovetto	Asst. Principal	Ponchatoula High
Diane Richardson	Asst. Principal	Ponchatoula High
Daniel Strickland	Asst. Principal	Ponchatoula High
Chad Troxclair	Asst. Principal	Ponchatoula High
Daria Landry	Asst. Principal	Ponchatoula Junior
Glenda Potasnik	Asst. Principal	Ponchatoula Junior
Mildred Johnson	Asst. Principal	Hammond High
Walter Stuckey	Asst. Principal	Sumner High
Dana Topps	Asst. Principal	Amite Elementary

### LEAVES\*RESIGNATIONS\*RETIREMENTS

#### SABBATICAL LEAVES

Karen Ellis, Coordinator – C.M. Fagan, medical 2009-10, 2 semesters  
 Marcia Basford, Teacher – Hammond Eastside Upper, P&I 2009-10, 2 semesters  
 Elizabeth Rick, Teacher – Independence Elementary, medical 2009-10, 2 semesters  
 Stacey Cooper, Teacher – Kentwood High, medical 2009-10, 1 semester  
 Bradley Waites, Teacher – Northwood High, P&I 2009-10, 2 semesters  
 Jennifer Allen, Teacher – Ponchatoula Junior High, medical 2009-10, 2 semesters  
 Brenda Hurst, Speech Therapist – Roseland Elementary, medical 2009-10, 2 semesters  
 Brandee Kemp, Teacher – Spring Creek Elementary, P&I 2009-10, 2 semesters  
 Mary Crouch, Teacher West Side Middle, medical 2009-10, 2 semesters  
 Daniel Goldsby, Teacher – West Side Middle, medical 2009-10, 1 semester  
 Kathleen Bridges, Ed. Diagnostician – Special Services Center, medical 2009-10, 2 semesters  
 Nicole Milton, Teacher – Vinyard Elementary, P&I 2009-10, 2 semesters  
 Kristi Byers, Teacher – Vinyard Elementary, P&I 2009-10, 2 semesters

Stephanie Waguespack, Teacher – Vinyard Elementary, medical 2009-10, 2 semesters

Lillie Johnson, Asst. Principal – TPSS High, medical 2009-10, 2 semesters

### LEAVES

Mona Williams, Para – Ponchatoula High (extended sick leave due to illness using sick days first – May 22, 2009) April 23, 2009

Karen Ellis, Coordinator – C.M. Fagan (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – August 10, 2009) March 16, 2009

### RESIGNATIONS

Deborah Butler, Teacher – Ponchatoula High, July 26, 2009

Roslyn Cardona, Para – Migrant, May 22, 2009

Antoinette Waddell, Secretary – Tucker Elementary, August 2, 2009

Chris Fussell, Teacher – Sumner High, August 2, 2009

Betsy Garrety, Teacher – Northwood High, August 2, 2009

Sheila Conley, Teacher – Northwood High, August 2, 2009

Christy Forrest, Teacher – Sumner Middle, August 2, 2009

### RETIREMENTS

Barbara Wax – change retirement date to May 23, 2009

Anthony Ribando, Bus Driver – Nesom Middle, May 27, 2009

Gloria Pierre, Bus Driver – Loranger, June 5, 2009

Janice Dunnington, Billing Clerk/Cashier – Loranger, July 7, 2009

Dianne Williams, Teacher – Hammond Eastside Primary, May 28, 2009

Sharon Haight, Teacher – Vinyard Elementary, May 23, 2009

Regina Oliver, Secretary – Amite Elementary, August 30, 2009

Bonnie Kelsey, Teacher – Amite Elementary, June 3, 2009

Ralph Garner, Teacher – Loranger High, July 17, 2009

### **INDEPENDENCE BOARD DELEGATION – JUNE 9, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Genco, to approve low quote of \$10,978.00 from Hull Roofing & Waterproofing for re-roofing the Independence Middle School Library, to be paid from the Roof Replacement Fund. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Genco, to approve low quote of \$10,200.00 from Ebarb Dozer & Backhoe to correct a drainage problem at Midway Elementary School, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds.

The following item was not on the agenda.

3. The delegation approved a Not-to-Exceed amount of \$25,000.00 for re-roofing the office wing at Independence Elementary School, to be paid from the Roof Replacement Fund. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

### **LORANGER BOARD DELEGATION – JUNE 9, 2009**

1. Approve low bid from Bernhard Mechanical of \$52,500.00 for the Loranger High School Sewer Lift Station Replacement Project, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds.
2. Approve low quote from Allstate Canopy of \$13,800.00 for a canopy for Loranger Middle School from main building to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade building, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds.

A roll call vote was taken on the Personnel Report, Item C #1. The item was accepted with the following results:

YEAS: Rose Dominguez, Sonya Traylor, Eric Dangerfield, Ann Smith, Danny Ridgel, Robert Potts, Sandra Bailey-Simmons and Al Link  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Leonard Genco

It was moved by Ms. Traylor, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to accept the low quote for the D.C. Reeves Elementary parking lot from Ebarb Dozer & Backhoe in the amount of \$12,900.00, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds and to accept the change order for the Ponchatoula Junior High School New Parent Pick-Up Drive from Stevens' Dirt & Concrete in the amount of \$23,368.00, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

YEAS: Rose Dominguez, Sonya Traylor, Eric Dangerfield, Ann Smith, Danny Ridgel, Robert Potts, Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Al Link and Leonard Genco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Link, to waive the rules to add an item from the Independence Delegation. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

YEAS: Rose Dominguez, Sonya Traylor, Eric Dangerfield, Ann Smith, Danny Ridgel, Robert Potts, Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Al Link and Leonard Genco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve a Not-To-Exceed \$25,000.00 for re-roofing the office wing at Independence Elementary School, to be paid from the Roof Replacement Fund. The motion passed from the following roll call vote:

YEAS: Rose Dominguez, Sonya Traylor, Eric Dangerfield, Ann Smith, Danny Ridgel, Robert Potts, Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Al Link and Leonard Genco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Ms. Keri Wickham, Amite Area Director of Kids Hope USA, gave a PowerPoint presentation on this national school based-church sponsored mentoring program. She stated that four schools participated in this program: Hammond Westside Primary, Loranger Elementary, Amite Elementary and O. W. Dillon Elementary. The five (5) participating churches are First United Methodist Church of Amite, First United Methodist Church of Hammond, Woodland Park Baptist Church of Hammond, First United Methodist Church of Loranger and Orange Grove Church of God in Christ of Amite. Chief Academic Officer Melissa Stilley recognized the Kids Hope Volunteers.

Mr. William Wainwright, Regional Director/Dean of the Louisiana Technical College (LTC) and Mr. Mack Jackson, Hammond Area Campus Administrator, gave an overview of the technical college courses offered throughout the LTC Region 9 and the strides the colleges are making in the education and training of all ages.

Mr. Link called a point of order to recognize the Central Office Administrators, Principals and Assistant Principals whose contracts were approved in the Personnel Committee Report of June 9, 2009.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mr. Genco, to amend the agenda to add entering into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's contract. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's contract. The motion was adopted from the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Link stated that the Board feels very strongly that the Superintendent has worked very diligently over the past two years in bringing the system forward, overcoming many issues, the desegregation case, and that the contract negotiated is reasonable.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve the Superintendent's contract and to authorize Mr. Chris Moody, Board Attorney, to draw up a three (3) year contract for Superintendent Kolwe and to include a 5 percent salary increase per year, effective July 1, 2009, to increase travel allotment to \$1,000.00 and \$250.00 for technology allotment per month, four (4) weeks leave per year and reimbursement of additional out-of-pocket expenses. The motion passed from the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Superintendent Kolwe thanked the Board for their vote of confidence and support.

President Ridgel passed the gavel to Vice-President Smith.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the cases of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB, Janice M. butler vs. TPSB and JoAnn Perkins vs. TPSB. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

The Board entered Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session.

President Ridgel assumed the gavel.

In personal privilege, Ms. Bailey-Simmons requested Mr. Ron Caruso, Chief Financial Officer, to report on the amount of funds which have been spent on the desegregation case. Mr. Link requested this be presented at the Finance Committee meeting.

In personal privilege, Ms. Dominguez requested Superintendent Kolwe consider rescheduling the Board Member Retreat of August 6, 2009.

President Ridgel announced a special Board meeting will be held on June 29, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (8:39 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Ridgel  
Board President

Mark Kolwe, Secretary-Treasurer

Recorded by: Cynthia Jenkins, June 16, 2009