

## TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

JUNE 29, 2009

The Tangipahoa Parish School Board met in regular session on Monday, June 29, 2009 at 10:00 a.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, Rose Dominguez, and Sandra Bailey-Simmons

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Dangerfield

President Ridgel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the Board minutes of June 16, 2009 as distributed. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Potts, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the purchasing of 30 chairs and six (6) activity tables from School Specialty for Sumner High School in the amount of \$1,468.32 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to approve the Change Order No. 001 from Continental Flooring Co. for the Tucker Elementary School Flooring Replacement Project in the amount of \$6,662.25. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve the Change Order No. 001 from Fox Construction, Inc. for the Tucker Elementary School Carpool Pick-up Area in the amount of \$7,500.00. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Ms. Traylor, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve the quote from Allstate Canopies & Rooms for two canopies at D.C. Reeves Elementary School in the amount of \$27,285.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons to approve the hydro-seeding of Hammond Junior High School's football field by Coyts Landscaping in the amount of \$3,700.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Link, to approve the Personnel Committee Report of June 29, 2009. Ms. Smith objected. Ms. Traylor requested Item K to be pulled from the agenda.

It was moved by Ms. Traylor, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, that Item K be pulled and that the Board enter into Executive Session to review the scores. Mr. Link objected. The motion failed from the following roll call vote:

YEAS (4): Sonya Traylor, Ann Smith, Sandra Bailey-Simmons and Leonard Genco

NAYS (4): Rose Dominguez, Danny Ridgel, Robert Potts and Al Link

ABSENT (1): Eric Dangerfield

A roll call vote was taken on the original motion for the Personnel Report of June 29, 2009 excluding Item K. The motion passed from the following roll call vote:

YEAS (7): Rose Dominguez, Sonya Traylor, Danny Ridgel, Robert Potts,  
Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Al Link and Leonard Genco  
NAYS (1): Ann Smith  
ABSENT (1): Eric Dangerfield

Following is the report as approved:

It was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to enter into Executive Session to discuss hiring employees relative to the Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB Case. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

The Committee entered Executive Session.

The Committee returned to Open Session.

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to approve the items contained in the Agenda. Ms. Smith stated for the record that she objected because the Compliance Officer requested to hold up on hiring due to the scheduled Court date of June 30, 2009. Hearing no further objection, the motion was adopted.

#### TEACHER – NEW HIRE

Zenovia Merrells, Teacher – Midway Elementary (place of Terry Burton – retired), August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Michael Kyles, Teacher – Ponchatoula Junior High (place of Jennifer Allen-leave) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Phyllis Hayward, Teacher – Hammond Junior High (place of Bobby Matthews-reclassified) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Kimberly Muirhead, Teacher – Loranger High (place of Ralph Garner – retired) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Pamela Cyprian, Teacher – West Side Middle (place of Valerie Rarick) August 10, 2009  
Kimberly Carriere, Teacher – Hammond Junior High (place of Kristen Oberschmidt) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
James Square, Band Teacher – Kentwood High (place of Steven Chalmers) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Willie McCray, Teacher – Kentwood High (place of Alicia Williams- resigned) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Katie Corkern, SpEd Teacher – Amite Elementary (place of Jennifer Higgins – reclassified) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Ruth Sandifer, SpEd Teacher – O.W. Dillon Elementary (place of Tonja Thompson) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Shawn Guidry, Marine Instructor – Ponchatoula High (place of Ira Brown – reclassified), August 10, 2009  
Brent Grigas, Teacher/Coach – Hammond High (place of Rod Williams) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Laura Woods, Counselor 10 mo. – Independence High (place of Loretta McGee – transferred) July 27, 2009, Substitute 2  
Shywanda Royal, Teacher – Hammond Junior High (place of Dana McLin-resigned) August 10, 2009, Substitute

#### TEACHER – REHIRE

Mary Terrell, Teacher – Hammond Westside Upper (place of Judith Dunomes – leave) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Carrie Jones, Speech Therapist – DC Reeves Elementary (place of Tammy Campo – reclassified) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
Amy Johnson, Teacher – Kentwood High (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
Gail Gerike, Reading Coach – Hammond Eastside Primary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2008, Substitute

Julie White, Teacher – Nesom Middle (place of Pauline Baiamonte – reclassified) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
Jennifer Broman-Fulks, ACP Teacher – Hammond Westside Upper (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Debi Driscoll, ACP Teacher – Hammond Westside Upper (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Renee Fletcher, ACP Teacher – Hammond Westside Upper (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Phyllis Harris, Teacher – Kentwood High (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
Amanda King, Teacher – Amite Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
Glenda Cross, Teacher – Natalbany Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
Rosemary Sloan, Teacher – Northwood High (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
April Shaw, Title I Teacher – Independence Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Hank Tierney, Teacher – Ponchatoula High (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
Lauren Long, Teacher – Ponchatoula High (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
Kathy LaMarca, Teacher – Loranger High (place of Corey Martin) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
Debbie Drude, K Teacher – Perrin ELC (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
Elisha Lewis, Teacher – Tucker Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
Kim Davis, Teacher – Tucker Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
Danielle Wilson, Teacher – Tucker Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 10, 2009, Probationary

#### TEACHER – REHIRE/RECLASSIFICATION

Jennifer Higgins, From: SpEd Teacher – Amite Elementary, To: Regular Program Teacher – Amite Elementary (place of Bonnie Kelsey – retired) August 10, 2009, Probationary

#### READING INTERVENTIONIST/CURRICULUM COACH

Jill Foster, From: Teacher – Vinyard Elementary, To: Curriculum Coach, August 10, 2009, Substitute  
India Binner, From: Teacher – Natalbany Elementary, To: Title I Curriculum Coach, August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Gretchen Michel, From: Teacher – Hammond Junior High, To: Curriculum Coach, August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Glenda Husser, From: Teacher – Loranger Middle, To: Curriculum Coach, August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Melanie Sanchez, From: Teacher – Tucker Elementary, To: Curriculum Coach, August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Gloria Steptoe, From: Teacher – Amite High, To: Curriculum Coach, August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Shannon Watkins, From: Teacher – Hammond Westside Upper, To: Curriculum Coach, August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Chasity Collier, From: Teacher – Independence High, To: Curriculum Coach, August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Sondra Hunt, From: Teacher – Natalbany Elementary, To: Reading Interventionist, August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Tangerine Hart, From: Teacher – Hammond Westside Upper, To: Reading Interventionist, August 10, 2009, Substitute

JoMarie Schaff, From: Teacher – Champ Cooper Elementary, To: Reading Interventionist, August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Byrel Adams, From: Teacher – Vinyard Elementary, To: Reading Interventionist, August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Samantha Robertson, From: Teacher – Hammond Westside Upper, To: Reading Interventionist, August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Cathy Gambel, From: Teacher – Champ Cooper Elementary, To: Reading Interventionist, August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Melessa Walker, Reading Interventionist, August 10, 2009, Substitute  
Jackie McKinney, Reading Interventionist, August 10, 2009  
Dianne Morgan, Reading Interventionist, August 10, 2009  
Sharress Harrell, Reading Interventionist, August 10, 2009, Substitute

#### TEACHER – TRANSFER

Jennifer Daigle, From: Teacher – Hammond Junior High, To: Teacher – West Side Middle (place of Lance Harrell – resigned) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
Dwinette Brown, From: Teacher – Natalbany Elementary, To: Teacher – OW Dillon Elementary (place of April Holland – resigned) August 10, 2009, Probationary  
Carolyn Carona, From: Librarian – Midway Elementary, To: Librarian – Independence High (place of Mary Johnson- retired) August 10, 2009

#### TEACHER – TRANSFER/RECLASSIFICATION

Tammy Campo, From: Speech Therapist – Amite Elementary, To: Assistive Tech. Speech Therapist – Special Services Center – Special Education Dept. (place of Ila Cascio – retired) August 10, 2009  
Aimee Bancroft, From: Teacher – Hammond High, To: Inst. Tech. Fac. (Title I) – CM Fagan (new position)

#### SUPPORT PERSONNEL –NEW HIRE

Kylie Jones, Para/Intv. – Loranger Elementary, (place of Leslie Dempster – reclassified) August 11, 2009  
Geraldine Laciura, Para – Migrant Program – CM Fagan, August 11, 2009

#### SUPPORT PERSONNEL – REHIRE

Kimberly Brumfield, Title I Para – OW Dillon Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 11, 2009  
Lataura Knighten, Para/Intv. - OW Dillon Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 11, 2009  
Deidre Kinzy, Title I PK Para – OW Dillon Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 11, 2009  
Natasha Mearidy, Para/Intv. – OW Dillon Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 11, 2009  
Elaine Walker, Title I PK Para – Loranger Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 11, 2009  
Kelly Spears, Para/Intv. – OW Dillon Elementary (position held 2008-09) August 11, 2009

#### SUPPORT PERSONNEL – RECLASSIFICATION

Mary McMorris, From: 10 mo. Janitor – DC Reeves Elementary, To: 9 mo Janitor – DC Reeves Elementary, August 11, 2009

#### SUPPORT PERSONNEL – TRANSFER

Debra Lala, From: 10 mo. Secretary – Hammond High, To: 10 mo. Secretary – Hammond Eastside Upper (place of Carol Shelton – retired) July 28, 2009

Olivia Mele, From: 9 mo. Secretary – Hammond Westside Primary, To: 9 mo. Itinerant Secretary – Hammond Eastside Upper and Woodland Park ELC, August 11, 2009

#### TEACHER – RECLASSIFICATION

Ira Brown, From: Marine Instructor – Ponchatoula High, To: Lead Marine Instructor – Ponchatoula High (place of Lt. Col. James Hulsey – retired)

#### LEAVES\*RESIGNATIONS\*RETIREMENTS

##### SABBATICAL LEAVES

Cynthia Head, Teacher – Independence Elementary, Medical 2009-10, 2 semesters

##### LEAVES

Wendy Turner, SFS Manager – Midway Elementary (extended sick leave due to maternity using sick days first – November 2, 2009) August 11, 2009

Darinda Abels, WIA (extended sick leave due to illness using sick days first – August 3, 2009) June 3, 2009

Alisa LaGroue, Para – Woodland Park ELC (professional reasons) 2009-10

##### RESIGNATIONS

Amy Nabors, Teacher – Hammond High, May 22, 2009

April Holland, Teacher – OW Dillon Elementary, August 1, 2009

Dana McLin, Teacher – Hammond Junior High, August 1, 2009

##### RESCIND RESIGNATION

Deborah Butler – Ponchatoula High

##### RETIREMENTS

Merlin Tynes, Teacher – Sumner High, June 23, 2009

Brenda Dillon, Para – Hammond Junior High, July 19, 2009

Celestine Joiner, Teacher – Chesbrough Elementary, June 21, 2009

Ramona Kaul, Teacher – Loranger Elementary, June 2, 2009

Martha Quillen, Teacher – Hammond Westside Primary, June 19, 2009

Mary Jones Johnson, Librarian – Independence High, June 25, 2009

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to accept Item K of the Personnel Report of June 29, 2009.

A substitute motion was made by Ms. Traylor to defer voting on Item K until everyone can have the opportunity to review the Objective Criteria scores and gather more information on the candidates so a more informed decision can be made for the District. President Ridgel declared that the motion died for lack of a second.

The motion to accept Item K passed from the following roll call vote:

YEAS (5): Rose Dominguez, Danny Ridgel, Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Al Link and Leonard Genco

NAYS (3): Sonya Traylor, Ann Smith and Robert Potts

ABSENT (1): Eric Dangerfield

Following is Item K as approved:

ADMINISTRATIVE – RECLASSIFICATION

Daniel Strickland, From: Assistant Principal – Ponchatoula High, To: Principal – Ponchatoula High (place of Cynthia Foster – retired)

Superintendent Mark Kolwe recognized the newly hired Curriculum Coaches and Mr. Daniel Strickland, Principal, Ponchatoula High School.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mr. Genco, to amend the agenda to add an emergency item for Midway Elementary School. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mr. Genco, to declare an electrical emergency at Midway Elementary School, address the situation and to approve a Not-To-Exceed amount of \$49,268.00 for repairs, to be paid from the Maintenance Fund. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Genco, to approve the purchasing of nComputing Project furniture for each Delegation, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go funds, as follows:

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| Amite Delegation        | \$28,243.84 |
| Champ Cooper Delegation | \$ 4,510.50 |
| Sumner Delegation       | \$24,657.40 |
| Ponchatoula Delegation  | \$65,970.38 |
| Hammond Delegation      | \$58,724.45 |
| Independence Delegation | \$47,761.45 |
| Loranger Delegation     | \$27,242.20 |
| Kentwood Delegation     | \$12,415.56 |

Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Smith, to add an item, Melvin Martin vs. TPSB, to Executive Session. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Genco, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the cases of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB and Melvin Martin vs. TPSB. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

The Board entered Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session.

President Ridgel stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Ms. Traylor stated she was very disappointed in not being able to review the Objective Criteria scores when requested prior to casting her vote regarding Item K of the Personnel Committee Report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned (10:52 a.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Ridgel  
Board President

Mark Kolwe, Secretary-Treasurer

Recorded by: Cynthia Jenkins, June 29, 2009