

## TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

The Tangipahoa Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 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

Posting of Colors was done by the Hammond High School ROTC, Cadets Joseph Alexander, Triston Manuel, Taylor Lewis and Giovanni Costanza.

Ms. Crystal Gonzalez and Mr. Keith Tillman sang the Star-Spangled Banner.

PFC Cameron Palmisano led the Pledge and the Preamble to the United States Constitution.

Cadet Battalion Commander Rebecca Beach read a biography of PFC Matthew E. Wildes.

PSC Stephen Cheramie read the Soldier's Creed.

It was moved by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve the Board minutes of September 1, 2009 as distributed. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Ms. Melissa Stilley, Chief Academic Officer, recognized the Loranger High School FFA for receiving a 2 Star Rating for the National Chapter Award Program. She recognized the Ponchatoula High School FFA for receiving a 3 Star Rating for the National Chapter Award Program and the National Chapter Award for Models of Innovation and being a finalist in the Community Development and Student Development division.

Ms. Dominguez congratulated Ponchatoula High and Loranger High FFA Chapters for the great job.

Ms. Bailey-Simmons stated she was proud of Ponchatoula High and Loranger High FFA members.

Ms. Traylor congratulated Ponchatoula High and Loranger High FFA Chapters on all their accomplishments.

It was moved by Mr. Potts, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve installing twenty-six (26) network drops at Sumner High School in the amount of \$4,400.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

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

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register dated July 30, 2009 through August 21, 2009 in the amount of \$10,403,426.86. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

2. It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Link, to accept the report on the Work Plan for Forest Management. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to accept the resolution authorizing the Superintendent and Board President to sign a Custodial Agreement with Hancock Bank. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
4. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to accept Bid#2009-26, SFS Additional Food Items. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

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

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

#### **SUPPORT PERSONNEL – NEW HIRE**

Barbara Bryant, Para/Tutor – Natalbany Elementary (vacancy) September 1, 2009  
John Currier, Child Specific Para – Midway Elementary (place of Laci Kyzar – resigned) August 31, 2009  
Shannon Navarro, Office Assistant II – Central Office (place of Ella Williams – reclassified) September 21, 2009

#### **SUPPORT PERSONNEL – TRANSFER/RECLASSIFICATION**

Bridget Giaratano, From: Para/Tutor 9 mo – Loranger High, To: School Secretary 10 mo – Amite Elementary (place of Regina Oliver – retired) September 8, 2009  
Ella Williams, From: Transportation – Central Office, To: Drop-Out Specialist – Sumner High (vacancy) August 31, 2009

#### **SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE – NEW HIRE**

Betty Tate, SFS Worker 7 hrs – Ponchatoula High (place of Stacey Nixon – transferred) September 1, 2009  
Misty Creekmore, SFS Worker 7 hrs – Ponchatoula High (place of Bridgette Dunn – transferred) September 1, 2009  
Florence Dixon, SFS Worker 7 hrs – Loranger Elementary (place of Holly Bordelon – resigned) September 1, 2009  
Cindy Willie, SFS Worker 4 hrs – Loranger Elementary (place of Denise Johnson – reclassified) September 1, 2009  
Carla McKee, SFS Worker 4 hrs – Ponchatoula Junior High (place of Delores Lawson – reclassified) September 1, 2009  
Diana Seal, SFS Worker 4 hrs – Ponchatoula Junior High (place of Bessie Ponds) September 1, 2009

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

##### **LEAVES**

Billie Adams, Bus Driver (extended sick leave due to surgery using sick days first – September 25, 2009) August 13, 2009  
Christy Hoover, Teacher – Woodland Park ELC (extended sick leave due to surgery using sick days first – October 5, 2009) August 28, 2009  
Sam Rogers, Bus Driver (extended sick leave due to surgery using sick days first – October 1, 2009) August 13, 2009

Leslie Cuti, Teacher – Amite Elementary (extended sick leave due to maternity using sick days first – November 30, 2009) October 8, 2009  
Beverly Gordon, Para – Northwood (extended sick leave due to surgery using sick days first – September 21, 2009) August 12, 2009  
Monica Paillet, Teacher – Loranger Elementary (extended sick leave due to maternity/surgery using sick days first – December 18, 2009) August 11, 2009  
Jennifer Matheny, Teacher – Midway Elementary (extended sick leave due to maternity using sick days first – December 18, 2009) October 19, 2009  
Kelley Cook, Teacher – Champ Cooper Elementary (extended sick leave due to maternity/surgery using sick days first – November 30, 2009) August 31, 2009

### RESIGNATIONS

Laci Kyzar, Para – Midway Elementary, August 27, 2009  
Wendy Turner, Office Assistant – Sales Tax, October 12, 2009

### RETIREMENTS

Alice Bankston, Teacher – Sumner High, May 23, 2009  
Sara Davis, Para – Midway Elementary, August 11, 2009  
Robert Elzy, Jr., Teacher – Independence Middle, August 17, 2009

### SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Link, to amend the agenda to add Personnel Addendum #1 to the agenda. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to accept the Personnel Addendum #1. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted. Following is the report as approved:

### SUPPORT PERSONNEL – TRANSFER/RECLASSIFICATION

Lorri Poirrer, From: 10 month School Secretary – Northwood High, To: Office Assistant II – Central Office (place of Mary Giacone)

### SUPPORT PERSONNEL – RECLASSIFICATION

Amy Pitre, From: Office Assistant I – Central Office, To: Office Assistant II – Central Office (place of Barbara Stevens – transferred)

### SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE – NEW HIRE

Tidie Batiste, SFS Worker 7 hr – Hammond Junior High (place of Leona Thomas – resigned)

### SUPPORT PERSONNEL – NEW HIRE

Melvina Burch, Para-Tutor – Loranger High (place of Bridget Giaratano – reclassified) September 8, 2009  
Ado McMorris, Custodian – D.C. Reeves Elementary (vacancy) September 3, 2009

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#### SABBATICAL LEAVES

Karen Ellis, Tangi First Coordinator, medical – 2 semesters, 09-10 school year

#### LEAVES

Renette London, Teacher – Amite High School (extended sick leave using sick days first – October 12, 2009) August 25, 2009

Lawrence Thompson, Pupil Services – Coordinator (extended sick leave using sick days first – April 30, 2010) September 2, 2009

### RESIGNATIONS

Atlanta Woods, Para – Migrant Education, September 10, 2009

There was no Public Input.

In personal privilege, Mr. Ridgel read an invitation from the Hammond High School JROTC to the Triennial Unit Inspection on Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the case of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB; Fenestial Buckels Montgomery obo Malaysia Buckels vs. TPSB and Leslie Dean Smith vs. TPSB. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

The Board entered Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session.

No action was taken in the case of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to accept the attorney's recommendation on the cases of Fenestial Buckels Montgomery obo Malaysia Buckels vs. TPSB and Leslie Dean Smith vs. TPSB. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (6:58 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Ridgel  
Board President

Mark Kolwe, Secretary-Treasurer

Recorded by: Cynthia Jenkins, September 15, 2009