

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

NOVEMBER 3, 2009

The Tangipahoa Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, November 3, 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

Mariah Gonzales, a student at Ponchatoula Junior High School led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tommy Hebert, a student at Ponchatoula Junior High School led the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States and the Ponchatoula Junior High School Band played the "Star-Spangled Banner."

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the Board minutes of October 8, 2009 and October 20, 2009 as distributed. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Ms. Bailey-Simmons recognized the recipient of the Enos "Jake" Bailey, Jr. "Above and Beyond" Award – Ms. Deborah Endris, a teacher at Independence Elementary School.

Mr. Link requested personal privilege. He acknowledged Mr. Edwin Newman, former Superintendent of the Tangipahoa Parish School System, who died on October 31, 2009 and expounded on his commitment to the students and school system.

Superintendent Mark Kolwe expressed his sympathy for Mr. Newman's family and stated that Mr. Newman was always an advocate for the School System and will be greatly missed.

Superintendent Kolwe and Chief Academic Officer Melissa Stilly recognized and presented plaques to the twenty-nine (29) district schools that increased their 2009 School Performance Scores.

It was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Genco, to accept the resolution of October 20, 2009. Ms. Traylor objected.

A substitute motion was made by Ms. Traylor, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to table the resolution as written and request the Superintendent and his staff to draft a new resolution using more general terms and called for a roll call vote.

President Ridgel passed the gavel.

An amended motion was made by Mr. Ridgel to strike the word "unanimous" and insert "majority" in the first sentence of the resolution. The motion died for lack of a second.

President Ridgel resumed the gavel.

A roll call vote was taken on the immediately pending motion. The motion passed as evidenced by the following vote:

YEAS (8): Rose Dominguez, Sonya Traylor, Eric Dangerfield, Ann Smith, Robert Potts, Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Al Link and Leonard Genco

NAYS (1): Danny Ridgel

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

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – OCTOBER 20, 2009

1. Ms. Alexandria Kless, Director of Outreach and Ms. Natalie Segura, Director of School Based Programs, representatives with the Princeton Review, gave brief overviews and updates of the ACT elective being implemented in district high schools.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – OCTOBER 27, 2009

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

ITEM A

TEACHER – NEW HIRE

1. Ina Blomeyer, Teacher – Hammond Westside Primary (place of Joelle Adams – transferred) October 26, 2009, substitute
2. Latasha Williams, Teacher – Northwood High (place of Patricia McClendon – resigned) October 13, 2009
3. Michele Woods, Teacher – Hammond Westside Primary (place of Jacqueline Palmer – reclassified) October 26, 2009, substitute

ITEM B

SUPPORT PERSONNEL – NEW HIRE

1. Jeanette Walls, Lunchroom Monitor – Hammond Westside Upper (place of Deidra Grant – resigned) October 1, 2009

ITEM C

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE – NEW HIRE

1. Jessica Hanna, SFS Worker – Hammond Westside Primary, November 2, 2009
2. Stephanie Pool, SFS Worker – Hammond Westside Primary, November 2, 2009

ITEM D

LEAVES*RESIGNATIONS*RETIREMENTS

LEAVES

1. Drinda Graham, Para – Ponchatoula Junior High (extended sick leave using sick days first due to surgery – December 19, 2009) October 9, 2009
2. Wilton Dyson, Bus Driver (extended sick leave using sick days first due to surgery – December 19, 2009) October 1, 2009
3. Wendy Teska, Para – Midway Elementary (extended sick leave using sick days first due to maternity – January 25, 2010) October 8, 2009
4. Kathleen Moore, School Nurse (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – May 4, 2010) October 12, 2009
5. Holly Baham, Teacher – Midway (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – November 9, 2009) October 19, 2009

6. Orince Blackburn, SFS Worker – Kentwood high (extended sick leave using sick days first due to surgery – December 19, 2009) October 19, 2009
7. Denise Gautreaux, Teacher – D.C. Reeves Elementary (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – December 19, 2009) October 12, 2009
8. Marcy Jones, Office Assistant – Sales Tax (maternity leave using sick days) October 19, 2009
9. Doni Soza, Teacher – D.C. Reeves Elementary (extend extended sick leave due to maternity – December 19, 2009) October 23, 2009
10. Janice Sheridan, Bus Driver (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – December 19, 2009) September 28, 2009
11. Lauranne Shelton, Teacher – Hammond High (extended sick leave using sick days first due to surgery – October 26, 2009) September 11, 2009
12. Shanteleia Jones, Para – Title I Parent Center (extended sick leave using sick days first due to surgery – October 19, 2009) October 5, 2009
13. JoAnn Lay, Teacher – Natalbany Elementary (extended sick leave using sick days first due to surgery – December 19, 2009)
14. Tonia Vaughn, Teacher – Amite Elementary (extend sick leave using sick days first due to illness – January 18, 2010) September 13, 2009
15. Carla Van Vrancken, Teacher – Tucker Elementary (straight leave without pay due to illness – December 19, 2009) October 1, 2009
16. Beverly Avant, Para – Independence Middle (extend sick leave using sick days first due to illness – May 27, 2010) October 6, 2009

RESIGNATIONS

1. Dianne Morgan, Teacher – Loranger Middle, October 6, 2009

RETIREMENTS

1. Cathy Stevens, SpEd Facilitator, December 19, 2009
2. Shirley Cook, Teacher – Hammond Eastside Primary, November 8, 2009
3. John Trotter, Network Analyst, December 31, 2009
4. Deborah Lara, Teacher – Independence Elementary, January 4, 2010
5. Holly Nicholas, Teacher – Woodland Park ELC, May 23, 2009
6. Walter Fields, Jr., Custodian – D.C. Reeves Elementary, December 31, 2009

HAMMOND DELEGATION – OCTOBER 20, 2009

1. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the quote of \$24,150.96 to install security cameras at Hammond High School from LaTech, 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 Mr. Link, to approve the installation of thirty-nine (39) network drops at Hammond High School by Steve Meranta in the amount of \$3,900.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to approve the low quote of \$790.00 for concrete for new portable shed at Hammond Eastside Primary to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
4. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the quote of \$23,960.00 to install fans at Hammond High School from J.D. Roberts, Inc. to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

INDEPENDENCE DELEGATION – OCTOBER 20, 2009

1. Mr. Caruso and Mr. Genco gave an update on property adjacent to Independence Elementary and Independence Middle Schools.
2. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to approve the quote of \$4,975.00 for roof replacement on the portable buildings at Independence High School from Hull Roofing to be paid from Roofing Fund. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Link, to approve the quote of \$48,998.00 to purchase the portable building at Midway Elementary School from Satellite Shelters, Inc. 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. Smith, to approve the installation of network drops at all remaining school for NComputing setups in classrooms to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds from the school's delegation. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Potts, to accept the low quote for O.W. Dillon Elementary School's Restroom Renovations in the amount of \$51,800.00 from D.H. Quality Construction to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Ms. Patricia Morris spoke in Public Input.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Smith, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the case of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB; Tracey Carter #1 vs. TPSB; Tracey Carter #2 vs. TPSB; Fenestial Montgomery obo Malaysia Buckels vs. TPSB and Mark Clemmons and Angela Clemmons obo Shameria Clemmons 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 cases of Tracey Carter #1 vs. TPSB and Tracey Carter #2 vs. TPSB.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mr. Potts, to accept the attorney's recommendation on the case of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to accept the attorney's recommendation in the case of Fenestial Montgomery obo Malaysia Buckels vs. TPSB. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to accept the attorney's recommendation in the case of Mark Clemmons and Angela Clemmons obo Shameria Clemmons vs. TPSB. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (7:34 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Ridgel
Board President

Mark Kolwe, Secretary-Treasurer

Recorded by: Cynthia Jenkins, November 3, 2009