

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 5, 2010

The Tangipahoa Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board room, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana, with President Ann Smith presiding.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Potts

Mr. Ridgel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to set the regular Board meetings for the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Tangipahoa Parish School System, Central Office Board Room, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Link, to approve the Board minutes of December 8, 2009 as distributed. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Mr. David Henderson, Bond Attorney, presented and explained a resolution calling a special election for Consolidated School District No. 1.

President Smith asked if anyone in the audience had comments or questions regarding the tax funding of the Visual and Performing Arts and Accelerated Curriculum Programs. No one responded.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Link, seconded by Mr. Ridgel:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, on March 27, 2010, to authorize the levy and collection of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Parish School Board"), acting as the governing authority of Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"):

SECTION 1. Election Call. That, subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under the authority conferred by Section 811 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 39:811), Article VIII, Section 13(C) Third of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6A and Chapter 6B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, a special election be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District, on SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010, between the hours of six (6:00) o'clock a.m. and eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 18:541), and that at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

**CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE
PARISH OF TANGIPAOHA, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: 3 YEAR, 9 MILLS PROPERTY TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT BY PROVIDING FUNDS FOR OPERATING, MAINTAINING AND EQUIPPING VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS FOR ALL ELEMENTARY, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS AND FOR ACCELERATED CURRICULUM PROGRAMS AND PAYING SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF TEACHERS AND OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE TANGIPAOHA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH PROGRAMS.

Shall Consolidated School District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy a special tax of nine (9) mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$2,085,000 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) for a period of three (3) years, beginning with the year 2010 and ending with the year 2012, for the purpose of giving additional support to the public elementary schools in said District by providing funds for operating, maintaining and equipping visual and performing arts for all elementary, seventh and eighth grade students and for accelerated curriculum programs and paying salaries and benefits of teachers and other public school personnel employed by the Tangipahoa Parish School Board in connection with such programs?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. That there shall be published in the *Hammond Daily Star*, a newspaper of general circulation within the District, published daily in the City of Hammond, Louisiana, and being the official journal of this Parish School Board, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for election, notice of said election, which notice shall be substantially in accordance with the Notice of Special Election annexed hereto as "**Exhibit A**" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. That this Parish School Board, acting as the governing authority of the District, will meet at its regular meeting place, Parish School Board Building, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, APRIL 6,**

2010, at SIX (6:00) O'CLOCK P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. That the polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be those persons designated according to law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. That the officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 18:1287) shall hold the said special election as herein provided, shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Parish School Board on April 6, 2010, and that the compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by law. All registered voters in the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines shall be used thereat.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. That the Secretary-Treasurer of the Parish School Board is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, and the Registrar of Voters in and for said Parish, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. That application be and the same is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the aforesaid special election as herein provided, and in the event the aforesaid Proposition is carried, for its further consent and authority to levy and collect the special tax provided for in said Proposition in the amount, for the purpose and for the number of years therein specified. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Parish School Board, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application. By virtue of the Parish School Board's application for, acting as the governing authority of the District, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, the Parish School Board resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are

expressly conditioned upon, and the Parish School Board further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 9. 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 holding, calling and canvassing of the aforesaid special election. The fee to be paid to special counsel with respect to the holding, calling and canvassing of the aforesaid special tax election 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 holding, calling and canvassing of said special election.

SECTION 10. Approval of Attorney General. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fee herein designated, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Parish School Board is hereby empowered and directed to issue a voucher or vouchers to said special counsel in payment of the fee herein provided for under the conditions herein enumerated.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of January, 2010.

/s/ Mark Kolwe

/s/Ann Smith

Secretary-Treasurer

President

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of

Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on January 5, 2010, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the District on SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

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The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within the limits of the District, which polls will open at six (6:00) o'clock a.m., and close at eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 18:541), to-wit:

POLLING PLACES

<u>WARD/PRECINCT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
040	Hammond Fire Station #3, 1614 N. Oak St., Hammond
040A (in part)	Hammond Fire Station #3, 1614 N. Oak St., Hammond
041	Hammond Fire Station #3, 1614 N. Oak St., Hammond
042	Michael J. Kenney Rec. Center, 601 W. Coleman St. Hammond
042A	Michael J. Kenney Rec. Center, 601 W. Coleman St. Hammond
043	New Hammond Fire Station #2, 508 E. Thomas St., Hammond
044 (in part)	Hammond Area Vocational School, 111 Pride Ave., Hammond
045	Michael J. Kenney Rec. Center, 601 W. Coleman St., Hammond
045A	Baptist Fire Station, 44532 S. Baptist Road, Hammond
046	Michael J. Kenney Rec. Center, 601 W. Coleman St., Hammond
047	Michael J. Kenney Rec. Center, 601 W. Coleman St., Hammond
048	New Hammond Fire Station #2, 508 E. Thomas St., Hammond
049	Hammond City Council Annex, 312 E. Charles St., Hammond
070A (in part)***	Ponchatoula City Hall, 125 W. Hickory St., Ponchatoula
072 (in part)	Ponchatoula Community Center, 300 N. Fifth St., Ponchatoula
072A (in part)	Ponchatoula Community Center, 300 N. Fifth St., Ponchatoula
120A (in part)	Baileyville Fire Station, 49464 Hwy. 445, Robert
120B	Hammond Area Vocational School, 111 Pride Ave., Hammond
127A (in part)	Natalbany Middle School, 47370 N. Morrison Blvd., Natalbany
129 (in part)	New Hammond Fire Station #2, 508 E. Thomas St., Hammond
129A (in part)	Natalbany Middle School, 47370 N. Morrison Blvd., Natalbany
133 (in part)	Baptist Fire Station, 44532 S. Baptist Road, Hammond
133A	Baptist Fire Station, 44532 S. Baptist Road, Hammond
137 (in part)	Country Side Lane, 41266 Country Side Lane, Hammond
137B (in part)	Baptist Fire Station, 44532 S. Baptist Road, Hammond

- 137C (in part) Country Side Lane, 41266 Country Side Lane, Hammond
 - 139 (in part) Tangipahoa Parish Government Bldg., 15475 Club Deluxe Rd., Hammond
 - 141 Hammond Area Vocational School, 111 Pride Ave., Hammond
 - 141A Hammond Area Vocational School, 111 Pride Ave., Hammond
 - 143 Hammond Area Vocational School, 111 Pride Ave., Hammond
 - 145 (in part) Vinyard Elementary School, 40105 Dunson Rd., Ponchatoula
- *** No Voters

The polling places set forth above be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6A and Chapter 6B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with Section 1287 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 18:1287) will make due returns of such election to the Parish School Board of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said Parish School Board will meet at its regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Building, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010** at SIX (6:00) O'CLOCK P.M., and will then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters in the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used thereat.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Amite, Louisiana, on this, the 5th day of January, 2010.

/s/ Mark Kolwe

/s/ Ann Smith

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, acting as the governing authority of

Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing eight (8) pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Parish School Board on January 5, 2010, ordering and calling a special election to be held in Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, on March 27, 2010, to authorize the levy and collection of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said Parish School Board at Amite, Louisiana, on this, the 5th day of January, 2010.

MARK KOLWE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to waive the rules to add an item from the Ponchatoula Board Delegation meeting held prior to the Board meeting. Ms. Dominguez stated this was a time sensitive project and needed to be addressed quickly. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to approve the low bid from Fisher Tracks, Inc., in the amount of \$245,693.00 and to include the 5% contingency and design fees with the budget set at \$292,156.65 for the track resurfacing at Ponchatoula High School to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Dangerfield, to accept the Personnel Committee Report and Addendum #1 of January 5, 2010. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted. Following is the report as approved:

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the items contained in the Agenda and Addendum #1. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Mr. Ron Genco, Director of Human Resources, reported that the Job Fair scheduled for May 5, 2010 has been rescheduled for June 1, 2010 at the SLU Pennington Center in Hammond.

ITEM A

TEACHER – NEW HIRE

1. Tracy Madere, Speech Therapist – Tucker Elementary
(place of Lisa Houston – deceased) January 19, 2010, substitute
2. Brittany Rickerson, Speech Therapist – Spring Creek Elementary
(place of Lisa Pardue – leave) January 13, 2010, substitute

3. Paulette Walker, Teacher – D.C. Reeves Elementary (place of Denise Gautreaux – leave) January 4, 2010, substitute
4. Brittni Reyna, LA4 PK Teacher – Woodland PELC (place of Charlotte Henry- resigned) January 4, 2010, substitute
5. Eddie Tate, Teacher – Hammond Eastside Primary (place of Nancy Albright – transferred) January 4, 2010, substitute
6. Evan Cooper, SpEd Teacher – West Side Middle (vacancy) January 4, 2010
7. Traci Porter, Teacher – Ponchatoula High (place of Lynn McComisky – leave) January 4, 2010
8. Brett Morris, SpEd Teacher – Nesom Middle (place of Holly Baham – leave) January 4, 2010, substitute
9. Elizabeth LaBorde, K Teacher – Woodland PELC (place of Tiffany Boyles – leave) January 4, 2010
10. Rachael Lites, SpEd Teacher – Independence Elementary (place of Shannon Cusimano – transferred) January 4, 2010, substitute

ITEM B

SUPPORT PERSONNEL – NEW HIRE

1. Judy Bickham, Child Specific Para – Nesom Middle (place of Sandra McShan – reclassified) January 5, 2010
2. Jay Adams, SpEd Para – Vinyard Elementary (vacancy) January 5, 2010
3. Terrence Gordon, Para – Hammond Westside Upper (vacancy) November 13, 2009

ITEM C

TRANSPORTATION – REHIRE/NEW HIRE/TRANSFER

Melba Bennett	9P	Rehire
James McIntyre	41P	Transfer
Sal Giaradina	LB4	New Hire
Linda West	LB23	New Hire
Catherine Conino	3M	New Hire

ITEM D

LEAVES*RESIGNATIONS*RETIREMENTS

SABBATICAL LEAVES

1. Tiffany Boyles, Teacher – Woodland PELC, medical – 2nd semester 2009-2010

2. Crystal Clark, Teacher – Natalbany Elementary, medical – 2nd semester 2009-2010
3. Anna Kopfler, Teacher – Woodland PELC, medical – 2nd semester

RESCIND 2ND SEMESTER SABBATICAL LEAVE

1. Marcia Basford, Librarian – Hammond Eastside Upper

LEAVES

1. Torrence Joseph, Administrative Assistant, Independence High (active military duty – December 2010) January 4, 2010
2. Karen Mizell, Curriculum Coach – C.M. Fagan (extended sick leave due to surgery using sick days first – January 4, 2010) November 18, 2009
3. Rebecca Newman, School Nurse (extended sick leave due to surgery using sick days first – February 15, 2010) January 4, 2010
4. Kotch Bergman, Teacher – Roseland Elementary (extended sick leave due to surgery using sick days first – February 15, 2010) January 4, 2010
5. Kelli Stafford, Teacher – Independence Middle (extended sick leave due to illness using sick days first – May 27, 2010) December 17, 2009
6. Anna Kopfler, Teacher – Woodland PELC (extended sick leave due to illness using sick days first – December 18, 2009) October 27, 2009
9. Lisa Pardue, Speech Therapist – Spring Creek Elementary (straight leave without pay for professional reasons – May 27, 2009) January 15, 2010
10. Daria Landry, Assistant Principal – Ponchatoula Junior High (extended sick leave due to illness using sick days first – May 27, 2010) January 4, 2010

RESIGNATIONS

1. Charlotte Henry, Teacher – Woodland PELC, December 18, 2009
2. Tom Pitts, ISSP Monitor – Northwood, December 18, 2009

RETIREMENTS

1. Francis George, WIA, December 19, 2009

ADDENDUM #1

ITEM A

SABBATICAL LEAVES

1. Octavia Fletcher, Teacher – Natalbany Elementary, medical – 2nd semester 2009-1020 and 1st semester 2010-2011

RESIGNATIONS

1. Lori Kropog, Para – Amite Elementary, December 18, 2009
2. Kenneth Sims, Disciplinarian – Hammond Eastside Upper, January 15, 2010
3. George Davis, Jr., Para – Northwood, January 4, 2010
4. Tara Slaton, Teacher – Natalbany Elementary, December 18, 2009

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to accept the Finance Committee Report of December 8, 2009. Ms. Traylor objected to Item #4 and requested the item be pulled and voted on separately in a roll call vote. Hearing no further objection, the motion was adopted.

A roll call vote was taken on Item #4 for the Finance Committee Report of December 8, 2009. Item #4 was approved as evidenced by the following roll call vote:

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE – DECEMBER 8, 2009

1. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve the Accounts payable Check Register dated October 24, 2009 through November 24, 2009 in the amount of \$13,710,524.08. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to approve the purchase of one (1) school bus from Taylor Bus Sales in the amount of \$12,500.00. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Link, to approve Board members to exceed their October travel allotment due to the tenure hearings. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
4. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to increase the rate of pay for Moody & Johnson, Board Attorney, from \$115.00 to \$130.00 per hour and to decrease the paralegal rate of pay from \$65.00 to \$45.00 per hour. The motion passed from the following roll call vote:
YEAS (4): Ann Smith, Rose Dominguez, Al Link and Danny Ridgel
NAYS (0): None
5. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to approve the following request for Options III Program from Pay-As-You-Go Funds:
 - A. One (1) Canon image RUNNER 3225 Copier from Southeast Business Systems in the amount of \$4,042.96.

- B. Purchase and install three (3) NComputing stations in the amount of \$7,784.52.
 - C. Install seven (7) network drops by Steve Meranta in the amount of \$700.00
6. Superintendent Mark Kolwe stated no action was necessary on replacing the boy's restroom windows and floors or replacing the ceiling tile at the Options III Program. He indicated this would be handled through Maintenance.
 7. It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to bring Item 2 to the full Board meeting tonight for approval. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Link, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation in the termination of a support employee, Mr. Eddie Fisher. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the School System to apply for the Race to the Top Program. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Ms. Mona Icamina spoke in Public Input.

It was moved by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Genco, to authorize School System staff to collaborate with Sewage District #1 staff to finalize the terms for the donation of the sewage treatment facility at Loranger schools to the Sewage District #1 and bring the results back to the Board for approval. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Superintendent Mark Kolwe reported to the Board members that all schools were ready for the severe cold weather later in the week and that he will be monitoring the situation daily.

In personal privilege, Ms. Dominguez reminded everyone that the supplemental 13th check received by School System employees is based on revenue from sales tax and the reason employees did not receive this is because sales tax revenue is down and that each employee receives a step increase annually.

In personal privilege, Mr. Link stated he attended an art and music workshop at SLU and the attendees want him to convey their appreciation to the Board and Superintendent for implementing more art and music in the schools.

Superintendent Kolwe and President Smith presented a plaque to Mr. Ridgel for his service as Board President for 2009.

In personal privilege, Ms. Smith commented on the editorial in the Daily Star regarding keeping our children first and in doing this the School System will continue

to move forward. She also stated on how she observed and learned from the three past Board presidents and is looking forward to this year.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the case of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB; Tracey Carter, et al vs. TPSB and Tracey Carter #2 et al 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 Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB case.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to accept the Board Attorney's recommendation in the cases of Tracy Carter vs. TPSB and Tracey Carter #2 vs. TPSB. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (7:41 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Smith
Board President

Mark Kolwe, Secretary-Treasurer

Recorded by: Cynthia Jenkins, January 5, 2010