

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING ON JANUARY 12, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish School Board was held on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish School Board Office, 310 Royal Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, and upon roll call, the following members and Dale Skinner, Secretary-Treasurer, were present: Eugene Garner, Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz and Ralph Wilson. Absent members were: Carroll Daniels. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Wilson, followed by an invocation by Ms. Wilson and Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Danzy.

At Thursday's Board Meeting, there wasn't any old business to discuss. Mr. Wilson yielded New Business to Superintendent Skinner who then opened the floor for nominations for Board President for 2017. Mr. Melder nominated Mr. Ralph Wilson and Mr. Harris seconded the nomination. Mr. Danzy moved that nominations cease. Mr. Ralph Wilson remains as Board President. The floor was then open for nominations for Vice President. Mr. Melder nominated Michael Hilton and Ms. Wilson nominated Carroll Daniels. The following votes were cast during roll call for Mr. Hilton, YEAS: Eugene Garner, Russ Danzy, Michael Hilton, Steven Harris, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz and Ralph Wilson. NAYS: Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Emile Metoyer. Mr. Michael Hilton won the nomination for Vice President for 2017.

On motion of Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Guidroz, and roll call voting of all members present, the following consent agenda was approved by all members at the meeting:

1. *Adoption of Agenda.*
2. *Approval of Minutes:*
 - A. Special Call Minutes of December 6, 2016
 - B. December 8, 2016
3. FINANCE ITEMS
 - A. *Payment of Bills:*
 - B. *Out of State Travel:*
 1. **Tarrance Star**, 7th grade Social Studies Teacher, NJH@FRJ, travel to Washington, D.C, March 27-30, 2017, chaperoning thirteen students. The trip is at no cost to the board.
 2. **Jeremy Martin**, 8th grade Social Studies Teacher, NJH@FRJ, travel to Washington, D.C., March 27-30, 2017, chaperoning thirteen students. The trip is at no cost to the board.
 3. **Edwin Mason**, Principal of NJH@FRJ, travel to Washington, D.C., March 27-30, 2017, chaperoning thirteen students. The trip is at no cost to the board.
 4. **Nakayla Metoyer, Thomastasia Carter, Leanna Braxton, Charlesia Armstrong, Rebekkah Thomas, Ijaelle Manuel, Sharissa Johnson, Taylor Dixon, Christian Moses, Jaylon Braxton, Gerald Williams, Colin Moran, Anthony Mason Jr.**, travel to Washington, D.C., March 27-30, 2017. The trip is at no cost to the board.

5. **Linda Page**, Personnel Director, travel to Magnolia, Arkansas, March 14, 2017 to attend a Teacher Fair. All expenses to be paid according to the board policy.
6. **Alesia Hudlow**, Band Instructor at Marthaville, travel to San Antonio, Texas, February 8-11, 2017, to attend the Texas Music Educators Conference. The trip is at no cost to the board.
- *7. **Marvin Blake**, NCHS Journalism Teacher, travel to Dallas, Texas, March 10-11, 2017, to help chaperone students in the African American History Club. The trip is at no cost to the board.
- *8. **Rene' Lewis**, School Nurse, travel to Dallas, Texas, March 10-11, 2017, to help chaperone students in the African American History Club. The trip is at no cost to the board.
- *9. **Linda Mitchell**, Read 180 Teacher (long term sub), travel to Dallas, Texas, March 10-11, 2017, to help chaperone students in the African American History Club. The trip is at no cost to the board.
- *10. **Sabrina Essex**, IBCA Teacher (long term sub), travel to Dallas, Texas, March 10-11, 2017, to help chaperone students in the African American History Club. The trip is at no cost to the board.

C. *School Bus Routes Changes:*

D. *Purchase of Buses:*

E. *Advertisements:*

1. *Permission to advertise for bids:*

A. *Various Child Nutrition Equipment*

F. *Resignations:*

G. *Retirements:*

H. *Requests for Leave:*

I. *Termination:*

The finance report was presented by Mr. Danzy. There were no bids to take action on.

The transportation and tax commission reports were presented at Tuesday's committee meeting.

The tax commission report was given by Mr. Solomon on Tuesday.

On motion of Mr. Danzy, seconded by Mr. Hilton, the board approved adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in School Sales Tax District of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax. The following votes were cast during roll call. YEAS: Eugene Garner, Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Steven Harris, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz, Ralph Wilson. NAYS: Emile Metoyer. ABSENT: Carroll Daniels.

On motion of Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Harris, the board approved adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Consolidated School District No. 7 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. All members present voted in favor of the resolution.

On motion of Mrs. Guidroz and seconded by Mr. Harris, the board unanimously approved accepting the School Student Activity Fund Audit for 2016. This report was presented to the board by Mr. Roger Cunningham.

On motion of Mr. Metoyer and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the board approved the National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grants for Fairview Alpha, L.P. Vaughn, and Natchitoches Junior High-Frankie Ray Jackson. All members present voted in favor of the resolution.

There were no updates given for the personnel report.

The Executive Report was present by Mr. Hilton. A motion was made by Mr. Hilton for approving no out of state reimbursement for School Board members travel without prior approval from the board. The motion failed due to lack of a second. There is already a policy in place.

On motion of Mr. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Melder, the board voted on whether or not to approve no in state reimbursement for school board members travel without prior approval from the board. Upon roll call the following votes were cast, YEAS: Eugene Garner, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz. NAYS: Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris, Ralph Wilson. The motion failed.

Superintendent Skinner spoke on a request from Carroll Daniels to suspend voting on granting permission to advertise for bids for Section 16 Land for Hunting Purposes. On motion of Mr. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Harris, the board unanimously agreed to table the item.

On motion of Mr. Metoyer and seconded by Mr. Danzy, the board unanimously approved the salary schedule for Child Nutrition District Manager. Upon roll call, all members present approved the item.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

RALPH WILSON, PRESIDENT