

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING ON FEBRUARY 4, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish School Board was held on Thursday, February 4, 2016, 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: Eugean Garner, Carroll Daniels, Ralph Wilson, Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris, Thomas Melder, Altorio Holden. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Wilson, followed by an invocation by Mr. Holden and Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Melder.

At Tuesday's Committee Meeting, Mr. Roger Cunningham presented the board with the 2015 School Student Activity Fund Audit. Director of Transportation, Jason Edwards, informed the board that he was working with the DM out of Florida to purchase two more buses. During the tax commission report, Mr. Solomon stated that taxes were down again. There was approximately two hundred thousand dollars less in tax collection through December compared to the previous year. Under the personnel report, Mrs. Linda Page stated that we now have all the SLP's, (Speech and Language Pathologist) that we need.

At Thursday's board meeting, the Superintendent presented each board member with a copy of the current fight policy for the parish schools. Mr. Skinner said that he would have the lawyers look further in the wording regarding a zero tolerance policy for the parish.

On motion of Ms. Wilson and seconded by the Mr. Graham, the following Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved by all members present:

1. *Adoption of Agenda.*
2. *Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2016*
3. **FINANCE ITEMS**
 - A. *Payment of Bills:*
 - B. *Out of State Travel:*
 1. **Linda Page**, Personnel Director, travel to Lorman, MS, February 9, 2016-February 10, 2016, to attend a teacher job fair at Alcorn University. All expenses to be paid according to the board policy.
 2. **Linda Page**, Personnel Director, travel to Hattiesburg, MS, March 3, 2016-March 4, 2016, to attend a teacher job fair at the University of Southern Mississippi. All expenses to be paid according to the board policy.
 3. **Linda Page**, Personnel Director, travel to Magnolia, AR, March 8, 2016, to attend a teacher job fair at Southern Arkansas University. All expenses to be paid according to the board policy.
 - C. *School Bus Routes Changes:*
 - D. *Purchase of Buses:*
 - E. *Advertisements:*
 - Permission to advertise for bids:*
 - F. *Resignations:*
 - G. *Retirements:*
 - H. *Requests for Leave:*

I. *Termination:*

Mr. Danzy presented the Finance Report. There were no bids to receive at this month's meeting. Mr. Solomon presented the tax commission report at Tuesday's Committee meeting.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Melder, the board approved the School Student Activity Fund Audit for 2015 as presented by Mr. Roger Cunningham on Tuesday.

On motion of Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Garner, the board approved the timber replant: 94 acres in section 16, township 5N, Range 6W and 79 acres in Section 16, township 11N, Range 6W.

The Executive Report was presented by Mr. Daniels. The board heard from NCHS Principal, Bill Gordy, regarding the zero tolerance fighting rule for 7th-12th grades in the parish. On motion of Mr. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Melder, the board agreed to table the discussion until March. The board also opted to table the discussion regarding System Operations. On report on parish athletics was given by Coach Brandon Helms. An update on the investigation into the stolen and vandalized technology items was given at Tuesday night's meeting. Mrs. McGrath, a librarian from the Natchitoches Parish Library, spoke to the board regarding the new branch opening in Campti, LA.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Hilton the meeting adjourned.

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

RALPH WILSON, PRESIDENT