

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING ON MARCH 3, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish School Board was held on Thursday, March 3, 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: Eugene 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. Graham.

At Tuesday's Committee Meeting, Mrs. McClain presented the board with an update on the scores for the district. There was no old business to discuss on this month's agenda. Under new business, Mr. Wilson introduced a new agenda item entitled, "School is Cool". School is Cool would allow students from area schools to speak to the board regarding events at their school. During the personnel report, Mr. Wilson recognized and congratulated Mrs. Gwen Hardison on her retirement. Under the executive report, Mr. Metoyer made a request that the budget meetings be moved to five o'clock instead of four o'clock.

At Thursday's board meeting, the Superintendent asked the curriculum to give a brief update of the district's standings.

On motion of Ms. Wilson and seconded by the Mr. Harris, the following Consent Agenda items were approved, Mr. Hilton voted against the consent agenda:

1. *Adoption of Agenda.*
2. *Approval of Minutes of February 4, 2016; *Minutes of February 18, 2016 Special Called Meeting*
3. FINANCE ITEMS
 - A. *Payment of Bills:*
 - B. *Out of State Travel:*
 1. **Laurie Berry Carroll**, NSU Middle Lab School, Librarian. Travel to Anchorage, Alaska to coordinate educational materials for Iditarod 2016 to connect to PARCC/LEAP and CCSS. The trip is at no cost to the board.
 - C. *School Bus Routes Changes:*
 - D. *Purchase of Buses:*
 - E. *Advertisements:*
 - Permission to advertise for bids:*
 1. NCHS Bleachers
 - F. *Resignations:*
 - G. *Retirements:*
 - H. *Requests for Leave:*
 - I. *Termination:*

Mr. Danzy presented the Finance Report. On motion of Mr. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Danzy, the board unanimously accepted the Category 1 E-Rate: VoIP services bid.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Garner, the board unanimously accepted the bids for cafeteria equipment for Goldonna and Marthaville.

The board received the tax commission report from Mr. Solomon.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Melder, the board unanimously approved adopting a resolution authorizing the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations advertise for, accept and award bids, and execute oil, gas and mineral leases pertaining to all of Section Sixteen (16), in Township Eleven North (11N), of Range Ten West (10W), containing 614.43 acres, more or less, of which NPSB owns 36.69%. (Any potential lease will be limited to depths not to exceed 12,000 feet.)

A motion was made by Mr. Melder and a second by Mr. Garner to consider leasing of NPSB's Sixteenth Section land for hunting purposes with the exclusion of 160 acres of land in Marthaville. Mr. Daniels asked that the motion be amended. Mr. Melder suggested a two year pilot. Mr. Daniels called for question. Mr. Melder amended his motion to just include District 7 in the two year pilot. Mr. Daniels offered a motion to question. The vote was unanimous. Upon roll call for the amendment, the following votes were cast, YEAS: Mr. Garner, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Danzy, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Harris, Mr. Melder, Mr. Holder, Mr. Wilson. NAYS: Ms. Wilson, Mr. Graham and Mr. Metoyer. The amendment passed.

Mr. Daniels presented the executive report. A motion was made by Mr. Hilton and a second by Mr. Danzy to reorder the items of the executive report and move item number one to the end of the report. All members of the board approved the motion.

On motion of Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Melder, the board unanimously approved the 2016-2017 school calendar.

A motion was made by Mr. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Melder to table the discussion regarding relocating the Natchitoches Magnet School. The motion was withdrawn by Mr. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Melder.

Ms. Janice Perry spoke on behalf of East Natchitoches Elementary School Principal, Dr. Alvin Brossett. Ms. Perry stressed to the board that they are totally against the moving of the Natchitoches Magnet school to the current East Natchitoches location.

Mr. Wilson recommended Ms. Wilson to serve on the Student Handbook Committee as a representative for the board.

A motion was made by Mr. Melder and seconded by Mr. Danzy to accept the written request from the Superintendent for a two year extension to his contract. Several audience members, as well as board members, were allowed to voice their concerns regarding the extension. Speaking in favor of the request were Principal Bill Gordy, Principal Brooke Williams, Principal Bobby Benjamin, Principal Mason, Colonel Sylvia and board member Michael Hilton. Those speaking in opposition to the extension were, Mr. Randy Stelly, Ms. Jewel Phillips and board members Harry Graham and Steven Harris. Superintendent Skinner also spoke on his behalf. Upon roll call the following votes were cast, YEAS: Eugene Garner, Carroll Daniels, Ralph Wilson, Russ Danzy, Michael Hilton and Tommy Melder. NAYS: Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris. ABSTAIN: Altorio Holden. The motion passed.

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

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

RALPH WILSON, PRESIDENT