

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING ON APRIL 6, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish School Board was held on Thursday, April 6, 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, Carroll Daniels, Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz and Ralph Wilson. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Wilson, followed by an invocation by Ms. Wilson and Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Wilson.

Under the Superintendent report, the board recognized a few students with outstanding accomplishments. At Tuesday's Committee meeting the board recognized Kayla Jackson and Lawrence Irchirl, National Weight Lifting Champions. At Thursday's Board meeting, Bradley Scott and Jacob Boyt were recognized as State Literary Rally winners in their fields of Agriculture III and Physics. Jackson, Irchirl, Scott and Boyt are all students at NCHS.

On motion of Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Harris, the following consent agenda was approved by all members present.

1. *Adoption* of Agenda.
2. *Approval* of Minutes of March 9, 2017
3. FINANCE ITEMS

A. *Payment of Bills:*

B. *Out of State Travel:*

1. **Jessica Odom**, NCHS Cheer Sponsor, travel to Grapevine, TX, May 29-June 1, 2017, to attend and chaperone NCHS cheerleader at cheer camp. The trip is at no cost to the board.
2. **Anita Dubois**, Child Welfare and Attendance, travel to Las Vegas, NV, July 11-14, 2017, to attend 34<sup>th</sup> Annual National JAG Training Seminar. All of the expenses are to be covered through the JAG Grant.
3. **Tara Sapp**, JAG teacher at FRJTC, travel to Las Vegas, NV, July 11-14, 2017, to attend 34<sup>th</sup> Annual National JAG Training Seminar. All of the expenses are to be covered through the JAG Grant.
4. **Jacqueline Rainwater**, JAG teacher at NJH@FRJ, travel to Las Vegas, NV, July 11-14, 2017, to attend 34<sup>th</sup> Annual National JAG Training Seminar. All of the expenses are to be covered through the JAG Grant.
5. **Linda Page**, Director of Human Resources, travel to Nacogdoches, TX, May 5, 2017, to attend a teacher job fair. All expenses to be paid according to the board's policy.

C. *School Bus Routes Changes:*

- D. *Purchase of Buses:*
- E. *Advertisements:*
  - 1. *Permission to advertise for bids:*
- F. *Resignations:*
- G. *Retirements:*
- H. *Requests for Leave:*
- I. *Termination:*

The finance report was presented by Mr. Danzy. On motion of Mr. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Danzy, and unanimous consent from all members present, the board approved the bid from B. W. Electric for Marthaville LED Lighting Upgrade and HVAC Controls.

There was some discussion regarding the Durham Contracts and the cost of bus rental.

Mr. Solomon presented the tax commission report at Tuesday's Committee meeting, reporting that revenue was still flat.

Under the Personnel report, Mrs. Page gave an update on the teacher job fairs that she had attended over the last couple of days, stating that things looked very promising.

Mr. Hilton presented the Executive report. The board discussed the parish policy regarding bullying and discipline. Ms. Wilson's suggestion to the board is that they come up with a "preventative policy".

Accreditation of the African American Studies course was also a topic of discussion.

On motion of Mr. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Metoyer, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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RALPH WILSON, PRESIDENT