

**PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
HELD ON APRIL 20, 2016**

A special called meeting of the Natchitoches Parish School Board was held on Wednesday, April 20, 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, Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz and Ralph Wilson. Absent were: Carroll Daniels and Michael Hilton.

The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Wilson, followed by an invocation by Mr. Melder and Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Skinner then read the following proposal:

Proposal:

- L.P. Vaughn will house Infant & Toddler through 5th grade (all students from Parks and Vaughn)
- 6th graders from Parks and Vaughn will attend NJH/FRJ, where they will have the opportunity to take electives (such as band) and be involved in athletics
- Natchitoches Magnet will be moved to the Parks facility.

Reasons for the decisions:

- Vaughn has the capacity for all Pre-K and Kindergarten classes to be housed on one wing, with restrooms in the classrooms. As required by our Early Childhood grants, the students must have:
 - Easy access to developmentally appropriate playground equipment (already established at Vaughn)
 - Transition procedures/activities from Pre-K to Kindergarten (already established at Vaughn)
 - Low open shelves/bins within easy reach of children (already established at Vaughn)
- Provides continuity in instruction practices from grade to grade.
- Allows opportunity for teachers to work together by grade level, content, or as mentors.
- More opportunity for stronger teachers to serve as mentors.

On motion of Mr. Metoyer and seconded by Mr. Harris, the board voted to accept the proposal as stated by the Superintendent. Upon roll call the following votes were cast, YEAS: Eugene Garner, Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz and Ralph Wilson. ABSENT: Carroll Daniels and Michael Hilton. The motion passed and will now be sent to the Judge for approval.

On motion of Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Harris the meeting adjourned.

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

RALPH WILSON, PRESIDENT