

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING ON MAY 4, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish School Board was held on Thursday, May 4, 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, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz and Ralph Wilson. Absent members were Carroll Daniels and Michael Hilton. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Wilson, followed by an invocation by Mr. Harris and Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Danzy.

At Tuesday's Committee meeting, the Superintendent recognized the valedictorians from the high schools in the parish, as well as the Students of the Year. At Thursday's Board meeting, the Teacher of the Year and Principal of the Year recipients were recognized, as well as the NSU Middle Lab Orchestra.

Under Old Business, Dr. Steve McCalister, Advisory Committee Representative, presented the board with financial recommendations for balancing the budget.

There was no New Business brought before the board for discussion.

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

1. *Adoption of Agenda.*
2. *Approval of Minutes of April 6, 2017: Special Called Minutes of April 10, 2017*
3. FINANCE ITEMS
  - A. *Payment of Bills:*
  - B. *Out of State Travel:*
    1. **Brian Williams**, Lakeview Jr./Sr. High, travel to Starkville, MS, June 1-June 3, 2017, to chaperone nine basketball players to the Mississippi State Basketball High School Team Camp. All expenses to be paid through the school's activity fund.
    2. **Dewaskie Fuller**, Lakeview Jr./Sr. High, travel to Starkville, MS, June 1-June 3, 2017, to chaperone nine basketball players to the Mississippi State Basketball High School Team Camp. All expenses to be paid through the school's activity fund.
    3. **Marquez McDuffy**, Lakeview Jr./Sr. High, travel to Starkville, MS, June 1-June 3, 2017, to chaperone nine basketball players to the Mississippi State Basketball High School Team Camp. All expenses to be paid through the school's activity fund.
    4. **Brian Williams**, Lakeview Jr./Sr. High, travel to College Station, TX, June 14-June 17, 2017, to chaperone nine basketball players to the Mississippi State Basketball High School Team Camp. All expenses to be paid through the school's activity fund.

5. **Dewaskie Fuller**, Lakeview Jr./Sr. High, travel to College Station, TX, June 14-June 17, 2017, to chaperone nine basketball players to the Mississippi State Basketball High School Team Camp. All expenses to be paid through the school's activity fund.
6. **Marquez McDuffy**, Lakeview Jr./Sr. High, travel to College Station, TX, June 14-June 17, 2017, to chaperone nine basketball players to the Mississippi State Basketball High School Team Camp. All expenses to be paid through the school's activity fund.

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. Danzy, seconded by Mr. Melder and unanimous consent from all members present, the board approved the engagement letter for the audit of the financial statement of the Natchitoches Parish School Activity Funds for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2018 from Johnson, Thomas, & Cunningham, and authorizing the Superintendent to sign all necessary forms.

The board received the proposed finance policy changes/additions from Mr. Solomon.

On motion of Mr. Danzy, seconded by Ms. Wilson and unanimous consent from all members present, the board approved adopting an ordinance providing for the levy within the School Sales Tax District of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, effective July 1, 2017, of a one-half of one percent ( $\frac{1}{2}\%$ ) sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in said District, providing for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of the tax may be expended, such tax having been authorized at a special election held in said District on April 29, 2017.

On motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Garner and unanimous consent from all members present, the board approved the announcement of a meeting to be held on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Parish School Board Office, 310 Royal Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), acting as the governing authority of Consolidated School District No. 7 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, (the "District"), plans to consider adopting a resolution providing for the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax in the District, pursuant to voter authorization at the April 29, 2017 election.

There was nothing to report under the personnel report

Mr. Melder presented the Executive report. Mr. Solomon presented the board with an update regarding questions surrounding transportation contracts.

On motion of Mr. Melder, seconded by Mrs. Guidroz and unanimous consent from all members present, the board approved the revisions to the 2017-2018 Student Handbook.

On motion of Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Harris and unanimous consent from all members present, the board agreed to suspend the rule and add to the agenda, travel to Hot Springs, Arkansas for July 16-18, 2017 for board members.

On motion of Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Metoyer, the board voted to approve out of state travel for board members to Hot Springs, Arkansas to attend the Southern Regional Conference, July 16-18, 2017. The following votes were cast, YEAS: Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris. NAYS: Russell Danzy, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz, Ralph Wilson. ABSTAIN: Eugene Garner. ABSENT: Carroll Daniels, Michael Hilton. The motion failed.

On motion of Mr. Melder and seconded by Mr. Garner, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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RALPH WILSON, PRESIDENT