

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING ON JUNE 4, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish School Board was held on Thursday, June 4, 2015, 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: George Rhymes, Eugene Garner, Ralph Wilson, Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris, and Thomas Melder. Carroll Daniels was absent.

The meeting was called to order by President George Rhymes, followed by an invocation by Ms. Wilson and Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Rhymes.

During the Superintendent's report, Superintendent Skinner gave updates regarding science and social studies scores, the retired teachers' bill and the date, time and location of the upcoming board retreat. Mrs. Gwen Hardison, along with the Superintendent, recognized and presented plaques to Mrs. Olson for her work with the orchestra students and Mr. Von Kanel for his work with the fine arts program. Some members of the orchestra were also present and were recognized by the board.

Under new business, Mr. Hilton made the motion that the board adopt the millage rates for the tax year 2015, Mr. Danzy seconded the motion. Mr. Rhymes then opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Wilson requested that roll call be made to tally the votes regarding the adoption of the millage rates for the tax year 2015. YEAS: Eugene Garner, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Tommy Melder, George Rhymes. NAYS: Ralph Wilson, Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris. ABSENT: Carroll Daniels. The motion failed.

Mr. Hilton made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and asked that roll call be made regarding the approval of the minutes listed under the consent agenda. Upon roll call for approval of the minutes for May 7, 2015, the following votes were recorded YEAS: Eugene Garner, Ralph Wilson, Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris, Tommy Melder, George Rhymes. NAYS: none. ABSENT: Carroll Daniels. Motion passed.

Upon roll call for approval of the minutes for May 26, 2015, the following votes were recorded, YEAS: Eugene Garner, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Tommy Melder, George Rhymes. NAYS: Ralph Wilson, Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris. ABSENT: Carroll Daniels. Motion failed

Mr. Danzy presented the finance report to the board. On motion by Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Wilson on accepting all low bids, the board unanimously approved the following items:

1. *Take Appropriate Action on Bids:*
 - A. Liquefied Gas Service for 2015-2016 (Bids opened 6-1-15)
 - B. ALL FOOD ITEMS – Opened on May 19, 2015
 - C. JUICE – Opened on May 19, 2015
 - D. MILK & MILK PRODUCTS – Opened on May 19, 2015
 - E. PAPER & CLEANING SUPPLIES – Opened on May 21, 2015

Mr. Edwards gave an update on transportation regarding summer school and the possible routes for the upcoming year regarding the new junior high school.

Mr. Solomon presented the tax commission report to the board.

Mr. Solomon presented the board with the proposed 2015-2016 NPSB General Fund Budget.

Mr. Solomon presented the board with an addendum to previous two-year rate guarantee with the property Casualty Alliance of Louisiana (PCAL) originally set to expire on June 30, 2016 to extend through June 30, 2017 and authorize the Superintendent to sign the necessary papers. The addendum will guarantee a 5.78% reduction of rates issued in 2014-2015 for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Garner the addendum was unanimously approved by the board.

Mr. Solomon provided the board with a summary of the Excess Coverage Insurance. On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Melder, the board unanimously approved the Worker's Compensation Excess Coverage Insurance and authorize the Superintendent to sign the necessary papers.

Mr. Wilson presented the Executive Report and at 5:36 p.m. made a motion to go into executive session. The motion did not receive a second, therefor the motion failed.

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

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

GEORGE RHYMES, PRESIDENT