

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING ON JUNE 8, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish School Board was held on Thursday, June 8, 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 Mr. Harris and Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Danzy.

Under New Business, there was a motion from Ms. Wilson and a second from Mr. Graham to adopt other authorized millage rates and taxes. The motion was unanimously approved by all present board members.

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

1. *Adoption of Agenda.*
2. *Approval of Minutes of May 4, 2017*
3. FINANCE ITEMS
  - A. *Payment of Bills:*
  - B. *Out of State Travel:*
    1. **Mary Morgan**, Special Education Teacher, NCHS, travel to Houston, TX, June 12-15, 2017, to attend the Texas Assistive Technology Regional Conference. The trip is at no cost to the board.
    2. **Ryan Riley**, Ag Teacher, Lakeview High School, travel to Fayetteville, AR and Manhattan, KS, August 1-4, 2017, to attend and chaperone four students to prepare for the FFA National Nursery/Landscape CDE at the University of Arkansas and Kansas State University. Students attending: **Tyler Sullivan, Kelsey Shoemaker, Bayli Quick and Emily Windham**. The trip is at no cost to the board.
    3. **Bobby Kellogg Jr**, JROTC, Lakeview High School, travel to Biloxi, MS, July 8-14, 2017, to provide supervision and instruction to cadets at the Biloxi Leadership School at Keelser AFB. Students attending: **ZaChary Jackson, Ethan Nelson, Robert Barthelemy, Zackari Favela and Dacoda Coutee**. The trip is at no cost to the board.
  - 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 Ms. Wilson and unanimous consent from all members present, the board approved the bid items:

- A. All Food Items for 2017-18 (opened 5-23-17)
- B. Milk and Milk Products for 2017-18 (opened 5-23-17)
- C. Juice for 2017-18 (opened 5-23-17)
- D. Paper & Cleaning Supplies for 2017-18 (opened 5-25-17)

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Melder, the board accepted the Basic Financial Statements and Independent auditor's reports as of and for the year ending June 30, 2016. Upon roll call the following votes were cast:

YEAS: Mr. Garner, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danzy, Mr. Hilton,  
Mr. Metoyer, Mr. Harris, Mr. Melder, Mrs. Guidroz, Mr. Wilson  
NAYS: Ms. Wilson

Representatives from Echo Forestry, Joe Cooper and Andrew Mitchell, presented a proposal to the board. On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Melder, the board unanimously approved the timber management proposal from Echo Forestry, LLC.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Garner, the board approved the 2016-2017 General Fund budget revisions. Upon roll call the following votes were cast:

YEAS: Mr. Garner, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danzy, Mr. Hilton,  
Mr. Melder, Mrs. Guidroz, Mr. Wilson  
NAYS: Ms. Wilson, Mr. Metoyer, Mr. Harris

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Melder, the board approved the 2016-2017 Child Nutrition budget revisions. Upon roll call the following votes were cast:

YEAS: Mr. Garner, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danzy  
Mr. Hilton, Mr. Harris, Mr. Melder, Mrs. Guidroz, Mr. Wilson  
NAYS: Mr. Metoyer

On motion of Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Guidroz, the board unanimously approved an authorized agreement with The Orchard Foundation allowing Felicia Pinkney to participate in the LDOE's CTE Academy. The agreement is at no cost the board.

On motion of Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Graham, the board unanimously approved the adoption of the current wellness policy.

On motion of Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Graham, the board unanimously approved the Rapides Foundation Healthy Behaviors grant.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the board unanimously approved a grant agreement with The Rapides Foundation for 2017-2018 Effective Schools Initiative in the amount of \$142,000 over 12 months beginning July 1, 2017 with authorization for the Superintendent to sign the necessary paperwork.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Graham, the board unanimously approved permission to participate in a cooperative purchasing agreement with Caddo Parish School Board through their Bid #30E-16 for 2017-18 and 2017-19 for procurement of general classroom supplies from Ferris OfficeSmart.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Garner, the board unanimously approved a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in School Sales Tax District of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on April 29, 2017, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.

A motion was made by Mr. Metoyer and seconded by Mr. Graham to accept a one year proposal from Durham School Services for the 2017-2018 school year. Upon roll call the following votes were cast in approval of the motion:

YEAS: Mr. Daniels, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danzy, Mr. Metoyer,  
Mr. Harris, Mrs. Guidroz, Mr. Wilson

NAYS: Mr. Garner, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Melder

On motion of Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Graham, the board unanimously approved a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in Consolidated School District No. 7 of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, on April 29, 2017, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein.

There was nothing to report under the personnel report

Mr. Hilton presented the Executive report. At Tuesday's Committee Meeting, the future of Cloutierville Elementary Jr. School was discussed and met with much opposition from members of the board as well as audience members. The idea to close any school in the parish was "taken off the table", according to Superintendent Skinner.

On motion of Mrs. Guidroz and seconded by Mr. Danzy the board unanimously approved the Natchitoches Times as the official journal for the Natchitoches Parish School Board.

On motion of Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Daniels, the board approved the motion to allow the students that live in the vicinity of Natchitoches to attend schools in the city of Natchitoches as opposed to being bused to Cloutierville School. Some of the areas under consideration are as follows: Point Place, C-1 Airport Road, and any other area located nearby (all assuming approval of the Federal Judge. Upon roll call the following votes were cast:

YEAS: Mr. Garner, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danzy,  
Mr. Hilton, Mr. Melder, Mrs. Guidroz, Mr. Wilson

NAYS: Mr. Metoyer, Mr. Harris

On motion of Mr. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Harris, the board unanimously agreed to remove item number five under the Executive Report from the agenda. The item stated, "consider, if financially feasible, moving the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from Cloutierville school to NJH-FRJ beginning with the 2017-2018 school year (assuming approval of Federal Judge).

On motion of Mr. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Metoyer, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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RALPH WILSON, PRESIDENT