

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING ON JULY 9, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish School Board was held on Thursday, July 9, 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: Eugene Garner, Carroll Daniels, Ralph Wilson, Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris, Thomas Melder, George Rhymes.

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

During the Superintendent's report, Superintendent Skinner gave updates regarding the completion of the new Jr. High School and the latest on the investigation of the missing laptops. Superintendent Skinner introduced Mr. Glenwood Bullard, LSBA District 5 Representative.

Under Old Business, Mr. Rhymes opened the floor to public comment to allow members of the audience to speak on the business of adopting the millage rates. Before public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson to change the order of business. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilson. Upon roll call the following votes were cast, YEAS: Ralph Wilson, Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Emile Metoyer, and Steven Harris. NAYS: Eugene Garner, Carroll Daniels, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Thomas Melder, George Rhymes. The motion failed. Several members of the audience were then allowed to speak regarding the adoption of the millage rates for tax year 2015. The motion to adopt the millage tax rates for tax year 2015 was made by Mr. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Danzy. Several of the board members voiced their concerns regarding the millage. Upon roll call the following votes were cast for the adoption of the millage tax rates for tax year 2015, YEAS: Eugene Garner, Carroll Daniels, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Tomas Melder, and George Rhymes. NAYS: Ralph Wilson, Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris. The motion passed.

Mr. Danzy presented the Finance Report. On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Garner, the board unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the advertising for sealed bids for the purchase of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2015, of Consolidated School District No. 8 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Mr. Jerry Osborne spoke to the board regarding this resolution.

Mr. Rhymes, presented the remaining item under Old Business of discussing the naming of the new Jr. High School. The board entertained an offer by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Wilson, to discuss changing the name of the new Jr. High School. Members of the audience were allowed to speak on this agenda item. On motion of Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Wilson, the board voted to change the name of the new Jr. High School.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to change the name of the new Jr. High School to Frankie Ray Jackson Natchitoches Jr. High School. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilson. Upon roll call the following votes were cast, YEAS: Mr. Wilson, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Metoyer, Mr. Harris. NAYS: Mr. Garner, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Danzy, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Melder. Mr. Rhymes abstained. The motion failed.

Mr. Melder made a motion to change the name of the new Jr. High School to Natchitoches Central Jr. High School at the Frankie Ray Jackson Sr. Complex. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garner. Upon roll call the following votes were cast, YEAS: Mr. Garner, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Danzy, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Melder. NAYS: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Metoyer. ABSTAINED: Mr. Rhymes. ABSENT: Ms. Wilson, Mr. Harris. The motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Wilson, the following consent agenda items were passed: (absent from voting were Ms. Wilson and Mr. Harris)

1. *Adoption of Agenda.*
2. *Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2015; Special Called Meeting of May 26, 2015; School Board Retreat Minutes of June 20, 2015*
3. FINANCE ITEMS
 - A. *Payment of Bills:*
 - B. *Out of State Travel:*
 - C. *School Bus Routes Changes:*
 - D. *Purchase of Buses:*
 - E. *Advertisements:*
 - Permission to advertise for bids:*
 1. *Category 1 E-Rate services (internet, wide-area network, etc.)*
 - F. *Resignations:*
 - G. *Retirements:*
 - H. *Requests for Leave:*
 1. **Bobby Kellogg and Kenny Minchew**, Lakeview High School, travel to San Antonio, TX, July 23-26, 2015 to supervise six cadets for Curriculum in Action Field Trip. Funded by the United States Air Force. Trip is at no cost to the Board. Students: Josey Hemperley, Colltonn Jarnigan, William Scallion, Amber Holman, Javonte Mims and Treanna Vaughn.
- I. *Termination:*

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Garner, the board approved a grant agreement with The Rapides Foundation for the 2015 Effective Schools Initiative in the amount of \$138,000 over 12 months beginning July 1, 2015 with authorization for the Superintendent to sign the necessary paperwork. Absent from voting were Ms. Wilson and Mr. Harris.

The board received the personnel report.

On motion of Mr. Melder and seconded by Mr. Garner, the board approved the new position: District Maintenance Coordinator for HVAC and Child Nutrition (this position will replace two positions and will be paid out of maintenance funds). Absent from voting were Ms. Wilson and Mr. Harris.

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

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

GEORGE RHYMES, PRESIDENT