

PROCEEDINGS OF PUBLIC HEARING OF NATCHITOCHES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD ON JULY 14, 2016

A public hearing was held at Natchitoches Parish School Board on July 14, 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, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Emile Metoyer, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz and Ralph Wilson. The hearing was called to order by President Ralph Wilson, followed by an invocation by Mr. Hilton and Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Melder.

The purpose of the public hearing was to consider levying increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum.

At Thursday's hearing, Mr. Solomon briefed the board on the millage rates and explained how they are figured and what they mean, as well as what they are used for. There were no comments from the public during the allotted time.

PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF NATCHITOCHES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ON JULY 14, 2016

A regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish School Board was held on Thursday, July 14, 2016, at 5:15 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, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Emile Metoyer, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz and Ralph Wilson. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Wilson, followed by an invocation by Mr. Hilton and Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Melder.

At Tuesday's Committee Meeting, representatives from Johnson Controls spoke to the board regarding energy saving cost effectiveness.

Mr. Hilton made the motion to adopt the adjusted millage rates. This motion was seconded by Mr. Danzy and upon roll call the following votes were cast, YEAS: Eugene Garner, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Emile Metoyer, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz and Ralph Wilson. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: Carroll Daniels, Joella Collins, Harry Graham, Steven Harris. The motion carried.

Item under New Business, labeled "set forth the adjusted millage rate(s) and roll forward to millage rate(s) not exceeding the maximum authorized rate(s)", was skipped during the course of the meeting due to the President's knowledge that there were not enough voting members present to sustain a two-thirds vote of total voting members.

Mr. Melder made the motion to adopt other authorized millages or taxes. This motion was seconded by Mr. Garner and upon roll call the following votes were cast, YEAS: Eugene Garner, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Emile Metoyer, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz and Ralph Wilson. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: Carroll Daniels, Joella Collins, Harry Graham, Steven Harris. The motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Metoyer and seconded by the Mr. Melder, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. *Adoption* of Agenda.
2. *Approval* of Minutes of June 9, 2016
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. RFP for Student Agendas
- F. *Resignations:*
- G. *Retirements:*
- H. *Requests for Leave:*
- I. *Termination:*

Mr. Danzy presented the Finance Report. Mr. Danzy made the motion and Mr. Garner seconded the motion to accept Ralston Exterminating Service's bid for pest control services for the 2016-17 school year.

Mr. Danzy made the motion and Mr. Melder seconded the motion to accept Jim's South Propane's bid for liquefied gas services for the 2016-17 school year.

Mr. Hilton made the motion and Mr. Danzy seconded the motion to accept PowerSchool Group LLC's bid for benchmark assessment tool for the term of thirty-six months.

There was no transportation report presented this month.

Mr. Solomon presented the tax commission report at Tuesday's meeting.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Hilton, the board approved a grant agreement with the Rapides Foundation for the 2016 Effective Schools Initiative in the amount of \$142,000 over 12 months beginning July 1, 2016 with authorization for the Superintendent to sign the necessary paperwork. Voting was unanimous by all members present.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Garner the board gave authorization for Johnson Control to receive all necessary information that they require. Voting was unanimous by all members present.

Mrs. Page presented the board with an update on personnel in the parish.

Under the Executive Report the board heard from Mr. Willie Calhoun, MSG, USAR, ret, regarding his concerns with the High Schools in the parish and when their Veteran's Day Programs are held.

On motion from Mr. Melder and seconded by Mrs. Guidroz, the board approved the District Strategic Plan for 2016-2018. Voting was unanimous by all members present.

On motion of Mr. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Danzy, the meeting adjourned.

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

RALPH WILSON, PRESIDENT