

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2017**

A public meeting was held at the Natchitoches Parish School Board on September 7, 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, Katrina Willis, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Steven Harris, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz, and Ralph Wilson. Absent was Emile Metoyer. President of the Board, Mr. Ralph Wilson, called for public comment regarding the adoption of the 2017-2018 Consolidated School Board Budget. Mr. Steven Harris voiced his concerns regarding the reserve monies and his stand with Business Director, Steven Solomon that the board not go back into the reserve. There was no further comment from the audience.

A regularly scheduled monthly board meeting followed the public meeting. Under the Superintendent's report, Superintendent Skinner discussed the local schools involvement with the Parish Fair this year. There was no old or new business brought before the board at Thursday's meeting.

On motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Graham, the following Consent Agenda items passed with unanimous approval from all members present:

1. *Adoption* of Agenda.
2. *Approval* of Minutes of August 3, 2017; *Minutes of Special Called Meeting of August 31, 2017
3. **FINANCE ITEMS**
 - A. *Payment of Bills:*
 - B. *Out of State Travel:*
 1. **Lesa Thompson**, English Teacher, NCHS, travel to Detroit, MI, October 5-10, 2017, to attend the Toli Leadership Conference for Holocaust Educators. The trip is at no cost to the board.
 2. **Ryan Riley**, Ag Teacher, travel Indianapolis, IN, October 20-29, 2017, to attend and participate in the National FFA Convention and the National Nursery Landscape CDE. The trip to be funded by the VoAg travel fund.
 3. **Sarah Dyson**, Ag Teacher, travel Indianapolis, IN, October 20-29, 2017, to attend and participate in the National FFA Convention and the National Nursery Landscape CDE. The trip to be funded by the VoAg travel 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. Garner and unanimous consent from all members present, the board approved the bid Weyerhaeuser in the amount of \$531,874.00 for approximately 236 acres of merchantable timber in Section 16, township 11 North, Range 6 West.

The Transportation and Tax Commission Reports were given at Tuesday's Committee Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Danzy, seconded by Mr. Melder the board approved the Consolidated School Board Budget for 2017-2018. The following votes were cast. YEAS: Eugene Garner, Carroll Daniels, Katrina Willis, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Steven Harris, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz, Ralph Wilson. NAYS: Harry Graham. ABSENT: Emile Metoyer.

On motion of Mr. Danzy, seconded by Mr. Melder and unanimous consent from all members present, the board approved a resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) of Taxable Sales Tax Revenue Bonds of the School Sales Tax District of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana; providing certain terms of said Bonds, making application to the State Bond commission for the approval of said Bonds, employment and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

On motion by Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Graham, the board approved authorizing Legal Shield to solicit Board employees according to Board policy. The following votes were cast. YEAS: Eugene Garner, Carroll Daniels, Katrina Willis, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz and Ralph Wilson. NAYS: NONE. ABSTAIN: Steven Harris. ABSENT: Emile Metoyer.

Mr. Wilson discussed with Mr. Solomon and the board, the cost of moving the signage and the window of time it would take to do so.

There was no discussion regarding the Personnel Report.

The Executive Report was presented by Mr. Michael Hilton. On motion of Mr. Hilton, seconded by Mr. Harris and unanimous consent from all members present, the board approved calling for a special election in March 2018 to replace Joella Fowler Wilson Collins on the Natchitoches Parish School Board.

Mr. Wilson asked the board, per the court decree, to return academic related test scores to home schools from Natchitoches Magnet School in the upcoming spring. Mr. Hilton stated that the State law states that scores stay with the current testing school.

Mrs. Toni Bennett presented the board with an update on the two Behavioral Interventionist that would be stationed at each school and how their duties would be performed. Mr. Carl Walters, CEO of Natchitoches Outpatient Medical Center presented the board with an update on the School Based Health Center at L.P. Vaughn

On motion of Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Harris, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

RALPH WILSON, PRESIDENT