

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING ON DECEMBER 3, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish School Board was held on Thursday, December 3, 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, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris, and Thomas Melder. Absent was Michael Hilton. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Wilson, followed by an invocation by Mr. Danzy and Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Melder.

At Tuesday's Committee Meeting, the Superintendent addressed concerns about student's participation in the upcoming Natchitoches Christmas Festival. Ms. Jennifer Ingram and Mr. Fred Teresa presented awards to the students who won the Christmas Spirit Day Art Contest. Dr. Ovayoza Adeleye, representing the Natchitoches Magnet PTA, addressed the board concerning the condition of the school building and environment. Mr. Wilson suggested putting together a task force to manage the process at the school. Mr. Willie Calhoun addressed the board concerning the two High Schools ROTC program and the Veterans Day programs. There were also musical talents displayed from students from the LP Vaughn School of Fine Arts as well as the Lakeview Marching Band.

At Thursday's board meeting, under the Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Skinner gave an update on the sales tax checks, DARE graduation dates, Mr. Siemens' upcoming visits with board members and lawyer fees. Mr. Wilson introduced the NCHS Orchestra, who provided two songs for the audience.

On motion of Ms. Wilson and seconded by the Mr. Harris, the following Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved by all members present:

1. *Adoption of Agenda.*
2. *Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2015*
3. **FINANCE ITEMS**
  - A. *Payment of Bills:*
  - B. *Out of State Travel:*
    1. **Patrice Harper and Joyce McDonald**, Gifted Teachers, January 8, 2016, travel to Houston, TX to chaperon 40 students to the NASA Space Center. Trip is at no cost to the Board.
    2. **Aleisa Hudlow**, Gifted Teacher, February 10-14, 2016, travel to San Antonio, TX to attend the TMEA Convention for extensive professional development. Trip is at no cost to the Board.
    - \*3. **Cheryl Johnson and Candace Grayson**, Special Education Department, January 19-20, 2016, travel to Nacogdoches, TX to attend Field Instructors' Training. Funded by IDEA.

- \*4. **Natchitoches Parish School Board Members**, April 8-12, 2016, travel Boston, MA to attend the 2016 Annual NSBA Convention. Stipends to be paid according to Board Policy.

- C. *School Bus Routes Changes:*
- D. *Purchase of Buses:*
- E. *Advertisements:*
  - Permission to advertise for bids:*
    1. Bleachers for NCHS Gym (to be paid out of BRE).
    2. HVAC Control System for Marthaville School (BRE).
    3. High bay cover for parking lot at Marthaville School (BRE).
    4. Various kitchen equipment for Marthaville and Goldonna (BRE)
    5. LED Lighting for Marthaville School (BRE).
- F. *Resignations:*
- G. *Retirements:*
- H. *Requests for Leave:*
- I. *Termination:*

Mr. Danzy presented the Finance report. On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Garner, the board unanimously approved ALL FOOD BIDS – January 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2016 Opened on November 30, 2015. Awarded as an All or None Bid to: SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF LONGVIEW, TX Bidders were: Sysco Food Services of East Texas - Longview, TX.

There wasn't a transportation report this month. Ms. Wilson did ask if the routes could be revised so that students were picked up later than 6:20 in the mornings in the South Town, Fairgrounds and Airport road areas.

The board received the tax commission report from Mr. Solomon.

Mr. Wilson asked that an Exploratory Committee be formed regarding the Natchitoches Magnet school. Members include board members, as well as, Steven Solomon, Linda Page, Principal Stephonie French and Dr. Ovayoza Adeleye.

The Executive Report was presented by Mr. Melder. On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Melder, the board unanimously approved Calendar Option B for the 2016 year for Committee and Board Meetings.

On motion of Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Harris, the board declared the Natchitoches Times as the Official Journal for the Natchitoches Parish School Board. Mr. Metoyer opposed.

Mr. Solomon gave an update on the missing technology equipment. Mr. Graham suggested having the State Troopers investigate. Superintendent Skinner will get advice from the lawyers on moving in a different direction with the investigation.

On motion of Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Metoyer the meeting adjourned.

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DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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RALPH WILSON, PRESIDENT