

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2018**

A public meeting was held at the Natchitoches Parish School Board on February 8, 2018, 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: Eugean Garner, Carroll Daniels (5:01 p.m.), Katrina Willis, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz, and Ralph Wilson. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Ralph Wilson, followed by an invocation by Mr. Steven Harris and Pledge of Allegiance by Mrs. Rhonda Guidroz.

At Tuesday's Committee Meeting, Mr. Carl Walters, CEO of Outpatient Medical Center, and members of his staff updated the board on ongoing services of the health based centers in the parish. Mr. Walters also provided the board with information regarding future offerings of dental services for some students. Mr. Neil Johnson of Hammonds & Sills was also on hand at Tuesday's meeting to answer any questions that the members of the board may have had. Several members of the Curriculum Team, as well as Director of Special Education, Toni Bennett and Director of Federal Programs, Julee Wright, presented information to the board regarding the reorganization of the schools in Natchitoches Parish for the next school year. The reorganization would involve students at L. P. Vaughn, Weaver, East Natchitoches and Natchitoches Junior High. The grade division for the schools would be: L. P. Vaughn-Infant thru 2nd grade, M. R. Weaver-3rd thru 4th, East Natchitoches-5th thru 6th and Natchitoches Jr. High- 7th thru 8th. Mrs. Bennett also spoke of a private donation of a robot (MILO) for children with autism.

There was no old business to be discussed before the board.

Under New Business, the floor was opened to nominations for a new Board President for 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Danzy, with a second from Mr. Melder, to nominate Mr. Michael Hilton for Board President. Mr. Harris nominated Mr. Carroll Daniels for Board President. Mr. Daniels declined the nomination. The following votes were cast for the motion of Mr. Hilton as President. YEAS: Eugean Garner, Carroll Daniels, Katrina Willis, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Steven Harris, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz, Ralph Wilson. NAYS: Emile Metoyer. The motion passed to accept Mr. Michael Hilton as the 2018 NPSB President. The floor was then opened to nominations for Vice President. A motion was made by Mr. Garner, with a second from Mrs. Guidroz, to nominate Mr. Thomas Melder for Vice President. There were no other nominations and Mr. Wilson moved to close the floor to nominations. By unanimous roll call voting, Mr. Thomas Melder was elected as the 2018 NPSB Vice President.

On motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Wilson and unanimous consent from all members present, the board approved the reorganization of schools per grades for the upcoming 2018-19 school year.

On motion of Mr. Metoyer, 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 January 18, 2018
3. FINANCE ITEMS
 - A. *Payment of Bills:*
 - B. *Out of State Travel:*
 1. **Bobby Kellogg**, Lakeview AFJROTC, travel to Pensacola, FL, May 22-24, 2018, to supervise and instruct Cadets on Curriculum in Action. See attached for list of students. The trip is at no cost to the board.
 2. **Bobby Kellogg**, Lakeview AFJROTC, travel to Biloxi, MS, July 8-13, 2018, to supervise and instruct Cadets during Cadet Leadership Course. See attached for list of students. The trip is at no cost to the board.
 3. **Patrice Harper**, Gifted Teacher, travel to Washington, D. C., February 17-20, 2018, to chaperone a group of Parish Orchestra students. The trip is at no cost to the board.
 4. **Linda Page**, Director of Personnel, travel to Magnolia, Arkansas, March 6, 2018, to attend the Southern Arkansas University Teacher Fair. The trip is to be funded according to board policy.
 - C. *School Bus Routes Changes:*
 - D. *Purchase of Buses:*
 - E. *Advertisements:*
 1. *Permission to advertise for bids:*
 - A. Intercom system (Fairview & Lakeview)
 - B. Freezer (Goldonna)
 - C. Electrical upgrades (Fairview, Lakeview)
 - D. HVAC (Fairview & Lakeview)
 - *2. Humanoid Robot for Special Needs Children
 - 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, the board approved the Child Nutrition bid from ALACK REFRIGERATION for Tilting Skillet (Lakeview) and Convection Steamer (Weaver).

Director of Transportation, Jason Edwards, updated the board on the status of his drivers, stating that several drivers were out with the flu. Lack of drivers in the Fairview area was the cause of some delays for students in the area.

The Tax Commission report was present by Mr. Foshee at Tuesday night's meeting. Mr. Foshee stated that there was a marginal increase shown from last year's date. On motion of Mr. Danzy, seconded by Mr. Melder and unanimous consent from all members, the board accepted the budget update as presented by Mr. Richard Foshee.

A motion was made by Mr. Danzy, accompanied by a second from Mrs. Guidroz to

grant permission to move maintenance employees under a District Coordinator. YEAS: Eugene Garner, Carroll Daniels, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Emile Metoyer, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz. NAYS: Katrina Willis, Harry Graham, Steven Harris, Ralph Wilson. The motion passed.

Mr. Foshee presented the board with new estimates of TRSL and LSERS increase to the 2018-19 budget.

The change to the School Board policy to allow a spouse of an owner/operator bus to replace the driver if the owner/operator is unable to continue operating because of sickness or other severe health issues or death was removed from action.

There was no personnel update given at this time.

The Executive Committee report was presented by Mr. Melder. On motion of Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Daniels and unanimous consent from all members, the board approved tabling the review of energy cost saving measures.

On motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Wilson and unanimous consent from all members the board approved the transportation of students to Outpatient Medical Center for dental care.

On motion of Mr. Melder, seconded by Mr. Graham and unanimous consent from all members the board agreed to take a two-minute break before resuming the meeting.

The board heard from two representatives from NAE, Ms. Earnestine Winslow and Mr. Steven Murray, in regards to teacher concerns about the extension of the Superintendent's contract. On motion of Mr. Melder and seconded by Mr. Daniels, the following votes were cast regarding the acceptance of the Superintendent's two-year contract extension. YEAS: Eugene Garner, Carroll Daniels, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz. NAYS: Katrina Willis, Harry Graham, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris, Ralph Wilson. The motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Danzy the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

MICHAEL HILTON, PRESIDENT