

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING ON APRIL 12, 2018**

A public meeting was held at the Natchitoches Parish School Board on April 12, 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: Eugene Garner, Carroll Daniels, 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, Michael Hilton, followed by an invocation by Mr. Russell Danzy and Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Steven Harris.

At Tuesday's Committee Meeting, the board recognized the NCHS JROTC program for receiving the JROTC Accreditation in March. Mr. David Engel of Fortenberry and Ballard presented the audit report to the board.

The board discussed the one change to the previously approved 2018-2019 school calendar. NCHS parent teacher conference date was moved from March 15th to March 22nd. The board determined that action did not need further attention.

Under New Business, Mr. Wilson updated the board on the dates of the Valedictorian Reception scheduled for May 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. The Teacher of the Year Reception is scheduled for May 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. The Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Karen McCalister, Northwestern State University, updated the board on the Academic Scholars Reception scheduled for May 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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

1. *Adoption* of Agenda.
2. *Approval* of Minutes of March 8, 2018; Special Called Minutes of March 13, 2018; Special Called Minutes of March 27, 2018
3. FINANCE ITEMS
 - A. *Payment of Bills:*
 - B. *Out of State Travel:*
 1. **Mary Morgan**, Assistive Technology Teacher, NCHS, travel to Houston, TX, June 11-13, 2018, to attend Texas Assistive Technology Network Conference. The trip will be funded through IDEA.
 2. **Jessica Odom**, Math Teacher and Cheer Sponsor, NCHS, travel to Grapevine, TX, May 28-31, 2018, to chaperone twenty-two NCHS Cheerleaders during Cheer Camp. The trip is at no cost to the board.
 3. **Alesia Hudlow**, Band Teacher, NCHS, travel to Arlington, TX, May 5-6, 2018, to chaperone 42 NCHS band students on an end of the year field trip to Hurricane Harbor and Six Flags. The trip is at no cost to the board.
 4. **Kelsey Wright**, NCHS, travel to Arlington, TX, May 5-6, 2018, to chaperone 42 NCHS band students on an end of the year field trip to Hurricane Harbor and Six Flags. The trip is no cost to the board.

5. **Linda Mitchell-Raymond**, NCHS, travel to Arlington, TX, May 5-6, 2018, to chaperone 42 NCHS band students on an end of the year field trip to Hurricane Harbor and Six Flags. The trip is at no cost to the board.
6. **Rene' Lewis**, School Nurse, NCHS, travel to Baltimore, MD, June 29-July 4, 2018, to attend School Nurse National Conference. The trip will be funded by IDEA (50%) and General Fund (50%).
7. **ISG Michael Selby**, JROTC, NCHS, travel to Arlington, TX, May 12, 2018, to chaperone 39 JROTC cadets to Six Flags Over Texas. The trip is at no cost to the board.

C. *School Bus Routes Changes:*

D. *Purchase of Buses:*

E. *Advertisements:*

1. *Permission to advertise for bids:*

- a. Liquefied Gas Service for 2018-19 fiscal year.
- b. Processed and frozen food items for the 2018-19 school year. (Child Nutrition Program)
- c. Milk and milk products for the 2018-19 school year. (Child Nutrition Program)
- d. Paper and cleaning products for the 2018-19 school year. (Child Nutrition Program)

F. *Resignations:*

G. *Retirements:*

H. *Requests for Leave:*

I. *Termination:*

The Finance report was presented by Mr. Danzy. A motion was made by Mr. Danzy, accompanied by a second from Mr. Wilson to accept the bid from EchoRide (u-2) for student transportation services. YEAS: Eugene Garner, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Emile Metoyer, Steven Harris, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz, Ralph Wilson. NAYS: Carroll Daniels and Katrina Willis. The motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Graham and unanimous consent from all members following a roll call, the board approved the bid from The Payne Company for mechanical and electrical upgrades for Lakeview Jr./Sr. High School.

On motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Garner and unanimous consent from all members following a roll call, the board approved the bid from The Payne Company for mechanical and electrical upgrades for Fairview Alpha Elementary.

There were no bids received for the Sale of Merchantable Timber in Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 8, West. On motion of Mr. Danzy, seconded by Mr. Harris and unanimous consent from all members following a roll call, the board agreed to table this item.

On motion of Mr. Danzy, seconded by Mr. Graham and unanimous consent from all members following a roll call, the board rejected the bid from RoboKind, LLC due to unexpected added cost.

On motion of Mr. Melder, seconded by Mr. Harris and unanimous consent from all members following a roll call, the board approved the bid from B & J Floor Services, Inc. for vinyl floor covering for various rooms at East Natchitoches, L. P. Vaughn and M.R. Weaver.

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

On motion of Mr. Danzy, seconded by Mr. Graham and unanimous consent from all members following a roll call, the board accepted the budget update as presented by Mr. Richard Foshee.

On motion of Mr. Danzy, seconded by Mr. Wilson and unanimous consent from all members, the board approved permission to exercise the renewal option with Ralston Exterminating for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

There was no discussion of the personnel report update.

The Executive Committee report was presented by Mr. Melder. Timeframes were discussed regarding the Consolidated Bond renewals. An update on the drainage project was presented at Tuesday's Committee Meeting. The importance of the upcoming bond election was discussed by board members.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Metoyer and unanimous consent from all members, the board approved the Memorandum of Understanding for Natchitoches Parish School Board to work with Northwestern State University and their Clinical Residency and Field Experience students.

On motion of Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Danzy the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

MICHAEL HILTON, PRESIDENT