

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

A public meeting was held at the Natchitoches Parish School Board on July 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, Emile Metoyer, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz, and Ralph Wilson (5:02 p.m.). Absent members were, Michael Hilton and Steven Harris. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-President, Thomas Melder, followed by an invocation by Mr. Russell Danzy and Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Eugene.

At Tuesday's Committee Meeting, the board heard from Mr. John Winston in regards to the old Natchitoches Magnet School building. On behalf of the Voters and Civil League, Mr. Winston was asking for the building to turn it into a Supplemental Learning and Performing Arts Building for the students of Natchitoches Parish. The League would be responsible for all renovation cost and was looking to get started in one and a half years. The League would also have to seek approval from Northwestern State University since they owned the land. At Thursday's meeting, Mr. Winston reported that his request to Northwestern had been denied.

On motion of Mr. Garner, seconded by Mrs. Guidroz, the following Consent Agenda items passed with the following votes: YEAS: Eugene Garner, Carroll Daniels, Katrina Willis, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz, and Ralph Wilson. NAYS: Emile Metoyer. ABSENT: Michael Hilton and Steven Harris.

1. *Adoption of Agenda.*
2. *Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2018; Special Called Minutes of June 14, 2018; Special Called Minutes of July 2, 2018; Correction of Date on Minutes of March 7, 2018*
3. FINANCE ITEMS
 - A. *Payment of Bills:*
 - B. *Out of State Travel:*
 1. **Sarah Dyson**, Lakeview High School, travel to Indianapolis, IN, June 11-14, 2018, to attend the National FFA Teacher Ambassador Training Conference. 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. Demolition the old Magnet building. This request may also include contracting for Asbestos Abatement prior to demolition.
 - F. *Resignations:*
 - G. *Retirements:*
 - H. *Requests for Leave:*
 - I. *Termination:*

The Finance report was presented by Mr. Danzy. There were no bids received for the Liquefied Gas Services for 2018-19 for Marthaville Elementary/Jr. High School due to the small quantity needed. Purchases will be made from the local provider as needed. A motion was made by Mr. Metoyer, accompanied by a second from Mr. Wilson and unanimous consent from all members present, to accept the \$45,400 bid from A&G Communications for the Digital Intercom System for Marthaville Elem/Jr. High School.

The Transportation Report was given by Director of Transportation, Jason Edwards.

Mr. Edwards stated that most of the current drivers and monitors have been hired. The District has received three (3) of the bus thus far and that a new routing program had been started.

The Tax Commission Report revealed that collections are still flat.

On motion of Mr. Danzy, accompanied by a second from Mr. Garner, the board approved the renewal of the Rehabilitation Services Memorandum of Understanding. The following votes were cast, YEAS: Eugene Garner, Carroll Daniels, Katrina Willis, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Emile Metoyer, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz. NAYS: Ralph Wilson. ABSENT: Michael Hilton and Steven Harris.

On motion of Mr. Danzy, accompanied by a second from Mr. Wilson, the board approved the grant agreement with The Rapides Foundation for 2018-2019 Effective schools Initiative in the amount of \$142,000 over 12 months beginning July 1, 2018 with authorization for the Superintendent to sign the necessary paperwork. The following votes were cast, YEAS: Eugene Garner, Carroll Daniels, Katrina Willis, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz and Ralph Wilson. NAYS: Emile Metoyer. ABSENT: Michael Hilton and Steven Harris.

On motion of Mr. Danzy, accompanied by a second from Mr. Graham, the board approved the grant agreement with The Rapides Foundation for the renewal of the Healthy Behaviors Partnership Grant for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$20,350 over 12 months beginning July 1, 2018 with authorization for the Superintendent to sign the necessary paperwork. The following votes were cast, YEAS: Eugene Garner, Carroll Daniels, Katrina Willis, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz and Ralph Wilson. NAYS: Emile Metoyer. ABSENT: Michael Hilton and Steven Harris.

On motion of Mr. Danzy, accompanied by a seconded from Mr. Graham and unanimous consent from all members present, the board approved Fortenberry and Ballard, PC, Certified Public Accountants for the performance of the Natchitoches Parish School Board annual audit.

The Personnel Report was presented by Mrs. Linda Page. On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Danzy and unanimous consent from all members present, the board approved the list of New Hires, Transfers and Administrative Changes as were presented.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, accompanied by a second from Mr. Metoyer and unanimous consent from all members present, the board approved the certificate of authority that authorizes the Superintendent to enter into contracts regarding JAG-LA AIM High for Frankie Ray Jackson Technical Center on behalf of the LEA.

A motion was made by Mr. Danzy accompanied by a second from Mr. Garner to suspend the rules and add to the agenda the Cloutierville boundaries. The following votes were cast, YEAS: Eugene Garner, Carroll Daniels, Katrina Willis, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Thomas Melder, Rhonda Guidroz, Ralph Wilson. NAYS: Emile Metoyer. ABSENT: Michael Hilton and Steven Harris. The motion failed due to lack of unanimous consent from all members present.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mrs. Guidroz, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

MICHAEL HILTON, PRESIDENT