Centerville, Louisiana

March 27, 2023

The St. Mary Parish School Board met in special session on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana, with the following members answering to roll call:

**Present:** Mr. Joseph C. Foulcard Jr., Ms. Tammie L. Moore, Mrs. Lindsey T. Anslem, Ms. Debra R. Jones, Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle, Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Mr. Murphy J. Pontiff Jr., Mr. Chad M. Paradee, Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mr. Andrew V. Mancuso, Mrs. Rhonda R. Dennis.

**Absent:** none

**Invocation**

Dr. Sanders gave the Invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.**

President Black led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Item 1.** Approve recommendation regarding property insurance renewal for building and

contents coverage for the year commencing April 1, 2023.

Ms. Carmel Breaux with Norris Consulting provided the Board with a spreadsheet regarding the property insurance renewal for building and contents coverage for the year commencing April 1, 2023. Ms. Breaux referred to column four of the spreadsheet, with renewal offers from Paul’s Agency, which had 12 insurance carriers that participated in this year’s program. The Board's Statement of Values will change from $343 million to $372 million, which is strictly an increase in values due to today’s inflation of construction replacement cost. The building limit for named storm, wind and all other perils is a $20 million limit, loss limit value per occurrence. The deductible for named storm, wind, and hail is 5 percent of the value of the damage to building with a minimum of $100,000 per occurrence. Deductible for all other wind or hail and all other peril is a flat rate of $250,000 per occurrence, with all other coverages remaining the same. The annual total for this year’s premium will not excess $1,900,000 for $20 million of coverage. Ms. Breaux recommended that the Board purchase the option to increase the insurance limit to $30 million for an annual premium of $2,250,000.

Ms. LaSalle made a motion and Mrs. Griffin made a second to approve recommendation regarding property insurance renewal for boiler and machinery coverage for the year commencing April 1, 2023, with coverage of $30 million for the amount of $2,250,000. All in favor and the motion carried.

**Item 2.** Discussion and/or action concerning procedures of the Superintendent Selection Process.

Attorney Hammonds stated that the Board needs to decide whether they would like to start the interviewing process or what they would like to pursue next.

Mrs. Griffin made a motion and Ms. LaSalle made a second to extend the advertisement period to seek a candidate for superintendent for an additional 30 days and increase the salary range to $130,000 - $160,000.

After a lengthy discussion, a roll call vote was taken on the motion above made by Mrs. Griffin to extend the superintendent advertisement period for an additional 30 days and increase the salary range to $130,000 - $160,000 as follows:

**Yays:** Mr. Foulcard, Mrs. Griffin, Ms. LaSalle, Mrs. Black, Mr. Pontiff

**Nays:** Ms. Moore, Mrs. Anslem, Ms. Jones, Mr. Paradee, Mr. Mancuso, Mrs. Dennis

**Absent:** none

The motion failed with 5 yays and 6 nays.

Attorney Hammonds asked the Board to decide how many of the 6 applicants they would like to interview.

Ms. Jones made a motion and Ms. Moore made a second to interview all 6 applicants for the superintendent selection. All in favor and the motion carried.

Attorney Hammonds asked when will the 6 applicants be interviewed.

Ms. Moore made a motion and Mr. Mancuso made a second to interview 3 applicants on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 and 3 applicants Wednesday, April 19, 2023 and release live streaming after the last interview on the 19th. All in favor and the motion carried.

Attorney Hammonds asked if the interview would start at 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Griffin made a motion and Ms. LaSalle made a second to start interviews at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Dennis made a motion and Mr. Mancuso made a second to amend the motion on the floor to move the time for superintendent interviews from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on April 18th and 19th with 3 applicants per evening. All in favor and the motion carried.

Applicant names were randomly selected by President Black as follows:

**Tuesday, April 18th**

* Margaret Cage - 5:30 p.m.
* Hamilton Brock - 6:30 p.m.
* C. Michael Robinson - 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 19th**

* J Ina - 5:30 p.m.
* Buffy Fegenbush - 6:30 p.m.
* Curt R. Greene - 7:30 p.m.

Ms. LaSalle inquired about the voting process.

Attorney Hammonds responded there would not be a vote initially until after the first round of interviews. Then if there is a vote, the vote will be whether to have a second round of interviews or to go ahead and make a selection. However, after the final selection, there will be a ballot with names of the applicants, and no one is excluded or eliminated. Ballots are public records, and will be attached to the minutes.

Attorney asked the Board if anyone had concerns about the Superintendent Selection process, as presented.

Ms. LaSalle made a motion to adopt the Superintendent Selection process as recommended by counsel. Mrs. Anslem made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

**Item 3.** Set date, time and place to hold a public forum regarding necessary adjustments to the budget and the 23-24 school year calendar should high schools change to block scheduling.

Mrs. Anslem made a motion to hold a public forum regarding 23-24 block scheduling on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Centerville High School gym in Centerville, Louisiana. Ms. Jones made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

**Any other Business as Allowed by Act 131**

Mr. Wiese asked the board to consider expanding the agenda for a time sensitive item, which includes permission to bid a roofing project at Centerville High School.

With a motion from Ms. LaSalle and a second from Mr. Paradee, the Board voted unanimously to expand the agenda as allowed by Act 131. All in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Wiese provided the Board with a map of the second phrase of the roofing project and briefly explained the necessary process in moving forward with the project. He asked the Board for permission to advertise project for bid.

Mr. Paradee made a motion and Ms. Moore made a second to approve Mr. Wiese permission to advertise for roofing bid at Centerville High School. All in favor and the motion carried.

**Closing**

**Adjournment:**

With there being no further business to address, Ms. LaSalle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Moore made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.