Centerville, Louisiana

September 8, 2022

# PUBLIC HEARING

            The St. Mary Parish School Board held a public hearing on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 4:45 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana, to receive input from the general public on the consolidated budget for the year ending June 30, 2023, including the general fund, special revenue funds, and all other funds of the St. Mary Parish School Board.  This consolidated budget is available for public viewing at any time at the Central Office Complex, 474 Highway 317, Centerville, Louisiana. Roll call was recorded as follows:

**Present:** Ms. Tammie L. Moore, Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Mr. Wayne J. Deslatte, Mr. Michael E. Taylor, Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mr. Roland H. Verret, Mr. Kenneth E. Alfred.

**Absent:** Mr. Joseph C. Foulcard Jr., Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle, Mr. Dwight D. Barbier.

President Alfred called for public input from the audience and there was no response.  The floor was then opened for comments from Board Members and with there being none, the public hearing adjourned.

# Administer Oath of Office to School Board Member:

President Alfred introduced Ms. Jones’s brothers, Wallace and Jackie Roberson; sisters, Gean and Shirley; daughter, Sherdell; nephews, nieces, cousins, family, friends, church family, and Westgate family as they accompanied her on this special occasion.

Judge Curtis Sigur administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Debra R. Jones, District IV School Board Member of the St. Mary Parish School Board.

# Motion to Seat Ms. Debra R. Jones for District IV, School Board Member:

President Alfred welcomed Ms. Debra R. Jones as District IV Board Member of the St. Mary Parish School Board. He respectfully asked that the Board approves the motion to officially seat Ms. Debra R. Jones.

By a motion from Ms. Moore and a second from Mr. Foulcard, Ms. Debra R. Jones was seated as St. Mary Parish School Board Member for District IV. All in favor and the motion carried.

# Regular Session:

The St. Mary Parish School Board met in regular session on Thursday, September 8, 2022, 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, Ms. Debra Jones, Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Mr. Wayne J. Deslatte, Mr. Michael E. Taylor, Mr. Dwight D. Barbier, Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mr. Roland H. Verret, Mr. Kenneth E. Alfred.

Absent: Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle.

# Invocation

Ms. Estay gave the Invocation.

# Pledge of Allegiance

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

# Introduction of Students and Employees of the Month:

**Bayou Vista Elementary School**

Principal Kiante Gunner introduced 5th grader, Lainee Rodrigue as student of the month at Bayou Vista Elementary School. She was accompanied this evening by her aunt. Lainee is 10 years old and the oldest of 4 girls. She is one of 2 students that scored advanced across all subject areas on LEAP. She loves to read fantasy and mystery books, and she enjoys drawing in her free time. She is an all-around good kid, who loves helping people. Her future plans are to attend Louisiana State University School of Medicine to become either be a pediatrician or a surgeon.

Principal Kiante Gunner introduced SPED Paraprofessional, Angela Landry as employee of the month at Bayou Vista Elementary School. Mrs. Landry is accompanied by her mom, husband, best friend, and 2 colleagues. She has been employed by the St. Mary Parish School Board for 17 years. Last year Bayou Vista Elementary had 71 first graders with the majority of them having a deficit in reading. Mrs. Landry attended the IRLA Professional Development training, worked closely with Mrs. Besse, and tutored students after school to help increase reading proficiency.

She did not do any of this because she was looking for a pat on the back, it was done because she recognized the need and decided to meet it. Principal Gunner said, “she represents everything we stand for at Bayou Vista Elementary School, which is teamwork.”

**Morgan City High School**

Principal Tim Hymel introduced 11th grader, Tin Huynh as student of the month at Morgan City High School. He is accompanied by his father and his JROTC Instructor, Lieutenant Colonel Williams. Tin was born on the Mekong River Delta in Vietnam, and then came to the United States. He is a Cadet First Sergeant, and Army JROTC Cadet at Morgan City High School, where he leads, manages, and mentors several cadets in drills, first aid, trauma, life skills, and more. He is also a team captain for JROTC Color Guard, and member of the 21-rifle salute squad for veteran events. Tin has participated in over 80 annually community events with JROTC. Principal Hymel proudly announced Tin as student of the month at Morgan City High School.

Principal Tim Hymel introduced Head Custodian, Mary Riles as employee of the month at Morgan City High School. She is accompanied by her husband and granddaughter. She has been employed by the St. Mary Parish School Board for 22 years as a custodian at Morgan City High School, where she was recently promoted as head custodian. The things that really makes her special, is the amount of work she performs, her lack of complaining, and that she is loved by everyone. Principal Hymel proudly announced Mrs. Riles as employee of the month at Morgan City High School.

# Approval of Amended Agenda.

Mrs. Griffin made a motion and Mr. Taylor made a second to approve the amended agenda. All in favor and the motion carried.

# Approval of Official School Board Minutes.

Mrs. Black offered the motion and Mr. Barbier offered the second to approve the official school board minutes for the regular meeting held on August 11, 2022. All in favor and the motion carried.

Ms. Moore offered the motion and Ms. Jones made a second to approve the special session minutes held on August 23, 2022, as presented. All in favor and the motion carried.

# Approval of Consent Agenda.

President Alfred stated that Board Members can remove any of the items on the consent agenda for further discussion in the regular proceedings. Dr. Sanders read aloud the items on the consent agenda as follows:

# New Business

# Personnel:

## **Item 1.** \*Approval of policies from Forethought Consulting as revised by Hammonds and Sills.

**A**. Equal Education Opportunities (JAA)

## **Item 3.** \*Approve banking resolutions authorizing signatories at various schools as a result of recent appointments.

## **Item 4.** \*Permission to submit the Annual Financial Report (AFR) to the State of Louisiana Department of Education for the year ending June 30, 2022.

## **Item 7.** Moved to Business affairs for further discussion.

## **Item 10.** \*Request for Disposal and Weeding of Library Materials for the 2022-2023 school year.

## **Item 13**. \*Field Trips:

**A.** \*Franklin High School, Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization travel to National Convention, Indianapolis, IN (October 23-28, 2022).

**B.** \*Berwick High School, Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization travel to National Convention, Indianapolis, IN (October 23-28, 2022).

**C.** \*Morgan City High School, MCHS Fancy Dancers travel to Dance Team Championship, Orlando, FL (March 15-19, 2023).

Mr. Taylor requested to pull Consent Agenda item 7, regarding revisions to the St. Mary Parish School Board Comprehensive Salary and classification 2022-2023 (Goldbook) for further discussion.

Ms. Moore offered a motion and Mr. Verret offered a second to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of item 7, as requested by Mr. Taylor. All in favor and the motion carried.

# Business Affairs:

## **Item 2.** Proclamation(s):

**A.** Red Ribbon Week (October 21-30, 2022)

Ms. Mitchell read aloud the Red Ribbon Proclamation for the week of October 21-30, 2022 as follows:

**RED RIBBON WEEK PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE HAVE REACHED EPIDEMIC STAGES; AND,

**WHEREAS** IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT VISIBLE, UNIFIED PREVENTION EDUCATION EFFORTS CONTINUE TO BE UTILIZED TO ELIMINATE THE DEMAND FOR DRUGS; AND,

**WHEREAS** FOR OVER 30 YEARS IN ST. MARY PARISH, THE RED RIBBON HAS BEEN A SYMBOL OF OPPOSITION TO DRUG USE AND ALCOHOL ABUSE; AND,

**WHEREAS** A PARISH-WIDE RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN WILL BE CELEBRATED IN ST. MARY PARISH DURING DRUG-FREE WEEK, ***OCTOBER 21 -OCTOBER 30, 2022;*** AND,

**WHEREAS** BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT, SCHOOLS, RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS, SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, YOUTH, MEDICAL, SENIOR CITIZENS, MILITARY, SPORTS TEAMS, AND INDIVIDUALS WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO DRUG-FREE, HEALTHY LIFESTYLES BY WEARING AND DISPLAYING RED RIBBONS DURING THIS WEEK-LONG CAMPAIGN; AND,

**WHEREAS** THE ***ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD*** COMMITS ITS RESOURCES TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE ST. MARY PARISH RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** THAT THE ***ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD*** DOES HEREBY SUPPORT ***OCTOBER 21 – OCTOBER 30, 2022***, AS RED RIBBON DRUG-FREE WEEK, AND ENCOURAGES ITS CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN DRUG AWARENESS AND DRUG EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, MAKING A VISIBLE STATEMENT THAT WE ARE STRONGLY COMMITTED TO DRUG-FREE, HEALTHY LIFESTYLES.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT THE ***ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD*** ENCOURAGES ALL CITIZENS TO CELEBRATE OVER 30 YEARS OF RED RIBBON IN ST. MARY PARISH AND SUPPORT THE 2022 CAMPAIGN THEME:

***“Wherever You Go, Just Say No! Be Drug Free!”***

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Dr. Teresa T. Bagwell, Superintendent Kenneth Alfred, President

St. Mary Parish School Board St. Mary Parish School Board

**September 8, 2022**

**Date**

Mr. Barbier offered a motion and Mr. Foulcard offered a second to approve the Red Ribbon Proclamation for the week of October 21-30, 2022, as presented by Ms. Mitchell. All in favor and the motion carried.

**B.** Bullying Prevention Month (October 2022)

Ms. Mitchell read aloud the Bullying Prevention Proclamation for the month of October 2022 as follows:

**BULLYING PREVENTION PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** school bullying has become an increasingly significant problem in the United States; and

**WHEREAS** over 160,000 children in kindergarten through twelfth grades miss school every day for fear of being bullied; and,

**WHEREAS** almost one in three children nationwide is affected by bullying either as a bully, victim or bystander; and,

**WHEREAS** the effects of bullying can have devastating and life-threatening consequences including depression and suicide; and

**WHEREAS** the St. Mary Parish School Board in accordance with ACT 861 – The Tesa Middlebrook Anti-Bullying ACT has developed a policy on anti-bullying to *encourage* positive behaviors and *eliminate* bullying behaviors; and

**WHEREAS** the St. Mary Parish School District is committed to promoting a safe, secure, welcoming and friendly school climate conducive for teaching and learning and will thus exhaust all its efforts in putting an end to all forms of bullying on all its school campuses; and

**Now, therefore be it resolved** that the **St. Mary Parish School Board** does hereby join the nation in recognizing the month of October 2022 as ***Bullying Prevention Month,*** as a symbol of our commitment to the year-round struggle against bullying.

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Dr. Teresa Bagwell, Superintendent Mr. Kenneth Alfred, President

St. Mary Parish Schools St. Mary Parish School Board

September 8, 2022

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Mr. Verret offered a motion and Mrs. Black offered a second to approve the Bullying Prevention Proclamation for the month of October 2022, as presented by Ms. Mitchell. All in favor and the motion carried.

**C.** National School Lunch Week (October 10-14, 2022)

Ms. Chaisson asked that the Board approve the National School Lunch Week Proclamation as follows:

**National School Lunch Week Official Proclamation**

WHEREAS The National School Lunch Program has served our nation admirably for over 75 years through advanced practices and nutrition education; and

WHEREAS the National School Lunch program is dedicated to the health and academic achievement of our nation’s children, and

WHEREAS recent research shows students are receiving their healthiest meals at school; and there is evidence of continued need for nutrition education and awareness of the value of school nutrition programs.

NOW THEREFORE the St. Mary Parish School Board does hereby proclaim the week of October 10-14, 2022, as NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK and all residents are encouraged to become aware of the benefits of the National School Lunch Program and support good nutrition habits for their children, in hopes of achieving a more healthful citizenry for today and the future.

I, undersigned President and Secretary of St. Mary Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a proclamation adopted at its regular Board Meeting on September 8, 2022, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

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Kenneth E. Alfred, President Teresa T. Bagwell, Secretary

Ms. Moore offered a motion and Mr. Foulcard offered a second to approve the National School Lunch Proclamation for the week of October 10-14, 2022. All in favor and the motion carried.

## **Item 5.** Receive update on healthcare renewal and take appropriate action.

Mr. James Perez of DJW Insurance Agency, provided the Board with a premium to claims summary on the Group Health Insurance Plan, which was updated through August 2022. He briefly explained that the loss ratio for August has improved, which should help the upcoming renewal. Mr. Perez mentioned that he should receive the renewal information for the Medicare Advantage Plan shortly, and the Commercial Plan renewal should be released by September 15th. Hopefully, he will have a completed renewal packet and recommendations for both plans to present at the October 13, 2022 meeting, which will also include a self-funded proposal for the Commercial Plan.

Mr. Taylor asked if the board decides to switch to the self-funded plan, when would they have to make a decision.

Mr. Perez replied that the decision would have to made at that time to be effective for January 1, 2023, and to allow Blue Cross time to transition from being fully insured to self-funded.

No action required at this time from the Board.

## **Item 6.** Approve resolution adopting operating budget of revenues and expenditures for fiscal

year ending June 30, 2023.

Mr. Perry read aloud the Resolution as follows:

**ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

A Resolution adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD in regular session convened that:

SECTION 1. The attached detailed estimate of Revenues by Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the School Board, during the same period.

SECTION 2. The attached estimates of Expenditures by Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as a budget of Expenditures for the School Board, during the same period.

SECTION 3. The adoption of this Operating Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION 4. The chief executive and administrative officers of the political subdivision have the authority to make changes within various budget classifications without approval by the governing authority, as well as those powers reserved solely to the governing authority.

PASSED AND ADOPTED AT CENTERVILLE, LOUISIANA, ON THE 8th DAY OF September , 2022.

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Kenneth E. Alfred

President

ATTEST:

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Teresa T. Bagwell, Ed. D.

Superintendent

Secretary/Treasurer

Mrs. Griffin made a motion to approve the resolution adopting operating budget of revenues and expenditures for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Mr. Foulcard made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

## **Item 7.** \*Approval of revisions to the St. Mary Parish School Board Comprehensive Salary and classification 2022-2023 (Goldbook).

Ms. Estay referred to the revised 2022-2023 Goldbook and briefly explained the essential alterations as follows:

* Teacher salaries were updated based on raises, as indicated on page 11.
* All Coaches’ salary supplements were updated on page 14.
* Security & Information Systems Technician salaries were added on page 26 under Technology Personnel, which was based off the salaries for Maintenance Personnel Planner/Technician on page 21.
* Increase stipend pay of Professional Development Workshop attendance for teachers from $12.50 to $20.00, and paraprofessionals from $8.50 to $15.00.
* Increase short-term teacher substitutes daily rates for Bachelor’s Degree from $80.00 to $90.00, Associate’s Degree from $70.00 to $75.00.
* Increase long-term teacher substitutes daily rate for Bachelor’s Degree from $246.15 to $254.40, which included the state raise.

Ms. Estay indicated that the above revisions would impact the budget.

Mr. Taylor stated he did not agree with some of the revisions and recommended adjustments as follows:

* Increase short-term teacher substitutes daily rate for Bachelor’s Degree from $90.00 to $100.00, Associate’s Degree from $75.00 to $85.00, and Non-Degreed from $60.00 to $70.00.

Mr. Taylor made a motion and Mr. Foulcard made a second to approve short-term teacher substitutes daily rate for a Bachelor’s Degree to $100.00, Associate’s Degree to $85.00, and Non-Degreed substitutes to $70.00. All in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Taylor reported that the Clerical Ad Hoc Committee met this afternoon to assess the clerical staffing levels, and voted to make adjustments that could affect the 2022-2023 Goldbook.

President Alfred indicated if there were no objections from the Board, the Clerical Ad Hoc Committee report could be voted on at this time.

Mr. Taylor reported that the Clerical Ad Hoc Committee unanimously voted to staff a minimum of two secretarial positions at every St. Mary Parish School with the exception of the St. Mary Alternative Program, which is being recommended for the full Board’s approval.

Mr. Taylor offered the motion and Ms. Moore offered the second to approve the Clerical Ad Hoc Committee recommendations to staff a minimum of two secretaries at each school effective immediately, with the exceptions of the St. Mary Alternative Program. All in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve all revisions of the St. Mary Parish School Board Comprehensive Salary and classification 2022-2023 Goldbook. Mr. Foulcard made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

## **Item 8.** Approve casualty insurance for year commencing October 1, 2022.

Ms. Carmen Breaux with Norris Insurance Consultants presented the renewal proposal for casualty insurance, including general liability, auto liability, and errors and omissions coverage.  Ms. Breaux referenced a spread sheet handout that focused on the October 1, 2022 renewal being offered by current agent Paul’s Agency with LARMA insurance. The general liability policy is offered at the same renewal terms under the same coverages and conditions with a $2 million per occurrence limit, a $4 million aggregate, and a $25,000 deductible. All other terms and conditions under general liability will remain the same for a total cost of $190,842, which is estimated at an increase of $5,900 over expiring.

 The automobile liability with LARMA will remain the same with a $2 million limit and a $25,000 deductible. The comp and collision coverage for auto physical damage provided by LARMA has increased from $255,000 to $400,000, with a $2,500 deductible. The total premium for this renewal is $147,008, which is very limited and will cover only a few buses. This year, LARMA has provided an option to include all vehicles (93) 2010 and newer vehicles to be covered under the physical damage coverage for a total premium of $207,737, which is an increase over expiring.

The auto physical damage coverage is a commercial insurance policy separate from LARMA that covers only auto physical damage beyond what is available from LARMA on vehicles 2010 and newer. This policy is being offered through insurance carrier Houston Specialty with a $1 million max limit per annual occurrence for a total premium of $128,573, estimated at $600 less than expiring.

Errors and omissions will remain the same with a $2 million limit per occurrence, a $2 million aggregate, and a $25,000 deductible at a premium of $23,536, about a $700 increase in premium.

The cyber liability premium with Ace American Insurance Company has a $1 million limit, a $35,000 deductible and an estimate premium of $25,438.

The grand total of this year’s insurance renewal including the extra physical damage policy is $515,397. However, Ms. Breaux recommended that the Board renew the policy with LARMA, which included the general liability for $ 190,842, automobile liability with the option of physical damage for $207,737, board errors & omissions liability for $23,536, cyber liability for $25,438, for a total premium of $447,553, about a $51,000 savings over expiring, and eliminate the separate physical damage policy with Houston Specialty.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the casualty insurance for year commencing October 1, 2022, for a total premium of $447,553, as recommended by Ms. Carmel Breaux. Mrs. Griffin made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

## **Item 9.** Approve updates to the Instructional Continuity Plan for the 2022-2023.

Dr. Sanders indicated that each school district is tasked with developing a Continuous Learning Plan, which is revised annually. The Continuity Plan is largely guided by the Louisiana Department of Education template of requirements. It serves the purpose of preparing districts for any emergency school system closures. The emergency planning team was updated to reflect changes in personnel. The Louisiana Department of Health recommendations and response to COVID 19 was updated, which is the section of the plan that will change most frequently based on the updates that come from the Louisiana Department of Health. A hybrid learning plan was also implemented, should it become a district requirement. Dr. Sanders asked that the Board approve the revised 2022 Continuous Learning Plan.

Mrs. Griffin made a motion to approve updates to the Instructional Continuity Plan for the 2022-2023, as presented by Dr. Sanders. Mrs. Black made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

## **Item 11.** Memorandum of Understanding between St. Mary Parish School Board and St. Mary/Vermilion CAA Head Start Program with provisions of Public Law 102 – 119 (The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) and Public Law 97 – 35 (Federal Head Start Act).

Ms. Almetra Franklin, St. Mary CAA Head Start Administrator, was not in attendance at the meeting. Agenda item will be postponed until the October 13, 2022 regular school board meeting.

## **Item 12.** Memorandum of Understanding between St. Mary/Vermillion CAA Head Start Program and St. Mary Parish School Board.

Ms. Almetra Franklin, St. Mary CAA Head Start Administrator, was not in attendance at the meeting. Agenda item will be postponed until the October 13, 2022 regular school board meeting.

## **Item 14**. Authorize superintendent the authority to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Parish Sheriff’s Office and Municipal Police Departments for School Resource Officers.

Dr. Sanders indicated that the Memorandum of Understanding between the St. Mary Parish School Board and the St. Mary Parish Sheriff’s Office/Police Department has been drafted by Attorney Hammonds as a starting point for negotiations regarding the guidelines of School Resource Officers (SRO). It is the intention of Dr. Bagwell should she be granted the authority to negotiate on behalf of the Board to move forward by calling one meeting for all official representatives of the St. Mary Parish Sheriff’s Office/Police Department in order to finalize the Memorandum of Understanding for School Resource Officers.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to authorize superintendent the authority to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Parish Sheriff’s Office and Municipal Police Departments for School Resource Officers. Mr. Barbier made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

## **Item 15.** Discuss and take appropriate action regarding bid opening on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 for the sale of J. A. Hernandez Building.

Mr. Wiese stated that sealed bids were received by the St. Mary Parish School Board Maintenance Department on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. for the sale of the Hernandez Elementary School campus located at 1400 Willow Street, Franklin, Louisiana 70538. Bid documentation informed bidders to submit a bid in an amount meeting or exceeding the statutorily-required minimum bid amount set by law (i.e. $53,672.50) and to include a bid security in the amount of 5 percent of bid amount. Three bids were received as follows:

* Donald A. Foulcard, 15574 Becky Lee Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70819

Bid amount: $58,000.00 with $2,900.00 bid security included

* Mt. Zion Faith Ministry, 4638 Irish Bend Road, Franklin, LA 70538

Bid amount: $45,000.00 with $2,250.00 bid security included

* St. Mary Community Action, 1407 Barrow Street, Franklin, LA 70538

Bid amount: $40,000.00 with $2,000.00 bid security included

Ms. Jones made a motion and Ms. Moore made a second to award bid to the highest bidder for the amount of $58,000.00 with bid security of $2,900.00, to Donald A. Foulcard. All in favor and the motion carried with Mr. Foulcard abstaining.

# Reports

# Committee:

The Clerical Ad Hoc Committee met on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., prior to the regular school meeting, to assess clerical staffing and make recommendations for any revisions for the 2023-2024 school year.

Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee were discussed under Agenda Item 7, which allowed the full Board to vote on all revisions made to the Comprehensive Salary and Classification 2022-2023 Goldbook.

# Staff:

# Chief Financial Officer’s Report

# Sales Tax Update:

Mr. Perry reported that the second month of the fiscal year of collections estimated at $1,499,699 collected, versus a budget of $1,445,833 with a favorable various of $53,865.

**Financial Statements (Major Funds Only)**

The Board was provided financial statements for major funds only to review at their leisure.

**Other Significant Items:**

None

# Superintendent’s Report:

On behalf of Dr. Bagwell in her absence, Dr. Sanders reported on Wednesday, September 14th, an early release day is scheduled to facilitate the distribution of progress reports and to conduct parent/teacher conferences. Parents of students who have not shown sufficient academic progress, thus far or could be in danger of failing a class on the first report card will be contacted to schedule either face-to-face or phone conferences with their child's teachers. September is National Attendance Awareness Month, which gives school districts across the nation the opportunity to stress to students and parents, the urgency of regular school attendance, while noting the ways in which chronic absenteeism is problematic. In fulfillment of LDOE Louisiana Comeback Commitment, instructional supervisors will be submitting the district's 22-23 Academic Recovery and Acceleration Plan, which aligns with the district's recently adopted Strategic Plan. Both documents are available on the school system’s webpage. District leaders will attend the 2022 Louisiana School Law Workshops September 11th-13th. The workshop will focus on new legislation and recent court cases that impact public education. Finally, students and parents are reminded that fall break is just a few weeks away, set for October 10th and 11th.

# Any other Business as Allowed by Act 131

None

# Closing

## **Resolutions of Respect**

Ms. Estay read the Resolutions of Respect for the late Rose Archangel (active special education paraprofessional), Jerry Cunningham (retired principal), and Raymond LaHoste (retired heating, ventilation, and air conditioning technician).

## **Adjournment**

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