

DATE, TIME, PLACE OF MEETING

The Calcasieu Parish School Board Special Called Meeting was held at 3310 Broad Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Annette Ballard, President. The prayer and pledge were led by Bliss Bujard.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Attorney Greg Belfour and the following members were present: Dean Roberts, Mack Dellafosse, Annette Ballard, Russell Castille, Alvin Smith, Glenda Gay, Damon Hardesty, John Duhon, Desmond Wallace, Mark Young, Fred Hardy, Bliss Bujard, Aaron Natali, Billy Breaux, and Eric Tarver.

FINAL INTERVIEWS for SUPERINTENDENT POSITION (Including Open Session and Executive Session)

A. Open Session interview of Dr. Shannon LaFargue

On motions by Mr. Breaux and Mr. Hardy, the Board adjourned into executive session on a unanimous vote at 5:41p.m. to continue the interview. The Board returned to regular session at 6:40 p.m. on motions by Mr. Hardesty and Mr. Breaux and a unanimous vote.

B. Open Session interview of Mr. Robert Barrentine

On motions by Mr. Breaux and Mr. Hardy, the Board adjourned into executive session on a unanimous vote at 7:15 p.m. to continue the interview. The Board returned to regular session at 7:57 p.m. on the same motions and a unanimous vote.

C. Open Session interview of Dr. Stanton Lawrence

On motions by Mr. Breaux and Mr. Hardy, the Board adjourned into executive session on a unanimous vote at 8:34 p.m. to continue the interview. The Board returned to regular session at 9:11 p.m. on the same motions and a unanimous vote.

VOTING

Blue cards to address the Board:

Jessie Beddoe
Teri Johnson (CFT)

Elizabeth Long
Brittany Lozada
Tracy Domingue
Andrea McFarlain

Results of the First Round:

Dr. Shannon LaFargue: Yes (8) Mr. Dellafosse, Mrs. Gay, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Natali, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tarver, Mr. Young for a total of 8 yes votes out of possible 15. Mr. Wallace abstained.

Mr. Robert Barrentine: Yes (8) Mr. Breaux, Mr. Bujard, Mr. Castille, Mr. Duhon, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Natali, Mr. Young, Mrs. Ballard for a total of 8 yes votes out of possible 15. Mr. Wallace abstained. Mr. Smith mistakenly voted yes when he intended to vote no. Mr. Dellafosse, with a second by Mr. Roberts, appealed Mrs. Ballard's decision to have the vote stand as originally stated. A roll call vote was taken and on a vote of 9-6 Mr. Smith was allowed to change his vote.

Yes: Mr. Breaux, Mr. Dellafosse, Mrs. Gay, Mr. Natali, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tarver, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Young

No: Mrs. Ballard, Mr. Bujard, Mr. Castille, Mr. Duhon, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Hardy

Dr. Stanton Lawrence: Yes (6) Mr. Dellafosse, Mrs. Gay, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tarver, Mr. Wallace for a total of 6 yes votes out of possible 15.

Eliminated from the first round: Dr. Stanton Lawrence

Results of the Second Round:

Dr. Shannon LaFargue: Yes (8) Mr. Dellafosse, Mrs. Gay, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tarver, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Young for a total of 8 yes votes out of possible 15.

Mr. Robert Barrentine: Yes (7) Mr. Breaux, Mr. Bujard, Mr. Castille, Mr. Duhon, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Natali, Mrs. Ballard for a total of 7 yes votes out of possible 15.

Eliminated from the second round: Mr. Robert Barrentine

Mrs. Ballard congratulated Dr. LaFargue on being named the new Calcasieu Parish School Board Superintendent and stated the next meeting would be on Tuesday, June 7, to discuss the terms of his contract.

ADJOURN MEETING

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Breaux and a second by Mr. Hardy, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m. on a unanimous vote.

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Annette Ballard, President

Karl Bruchhaus, Secretary