

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2016

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met in a Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Bernard Parish School Board office. Following the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the Secretary called the roll. Present were, Dr. Hugh C. Craft, President; Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Mr. William H. Egan, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr., Mr. Joseph V. Long, Mr. Ronald J. Nicosia and Mr. Sean K. Warner. Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo was absent.

Ms. Missee Koehn appeared under community concerns. Ms. Koehn appeared to address her concern regarding student orientation for students who register for school at times other than the opening of school. The Board listened to her concerns and thanked her for her appearance at the meeting and noted that they would take her ideas under consideration.

At this time, Mr. Englande moved to address agenda item #14.

Dr. Craft asked for nominations for the President's office. At this time Mr. Egan moved to nominate Mrs. Dysart as President of the School Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell. A motion was then made by Mr. Long to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nicosia and passed by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Dr. Hugh C. Craft, Mr. William H. Egan, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr., Mr. Joseph V. Long, Mr. Ronald J. Nicosia and Mr. Sean K. Warner.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Diana B. Dysart

With no other nominations, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart was elected President of the School Board. Mrs. Dysart thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and pledged to serve proudly as President of the St. Bernard Parish School Board.

At this point, Dr. Craft handed the meeting over to the President, Mrs. Dysart. Mrs. Dysart opened the meeting up for nominations for Vice President. Mr. Long moved to nominate Mr. Clifford M. Englande for Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Dr. Craft. Mr. Campbell moved to close the nominations, which was seconded by Mr. Warner and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the members present. With no other nominations, Mr. Englande was elected as Vice-President of the School Board for 2016.

Mr. Englande thanked his fellow Board members for the honor and privilege of serving as Vice-President and that he was looking forward to serving the district in that capacity.

Mrs. Dysart returned to the motion to address agenda item #14 ahead of other scheduled business on the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Long, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the member present.

Mrs. Dysart next presented agenda item #14 which is a motion to approve a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in School District No. 1, Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax. Mrs. Dysart welcomed Mr. David Fernandez, School Board Finance Manager, to address this item. Mr. Fernandez asked Board Members to review the Resolution that was before them calling for a special election and assured the Board that all required advertisements notifying the public of this agenda item had been executed. He then introduced Mr. Grant Schluter of Foley and Udell Bond Council to have him answer any questions of the Board.

Mr. Schluter began by explaining that the General obligation bonds of the School Board that are serviced by the 5.5 mill levy will soon mature. He stated that the new proposition as drawn calls for a continuation of the existing 5.5 mils that will be used to repair, maintain and improve the schools and buildings owned by the School Board. The 5.5 mils requested would run for a period of 10 years beginning in 2017. This would provide continuous funding for the maintenance of these facilities. If the proposition is approved it will not increase the total mills currently paid by the taxpayers.

After all questions and concerns were addressed, Mrs. Dysart thanked Mr. Schluter for his appearance at the meeting tonight.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in School district No. 1, Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax. Seconded by Dr. Craft, the motion passed by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Dr. Hugh C. Craft, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, Mr. William H. Egan, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr., Mr. Joseph V. Long, Mr. Ronald J. Nicosia and Mr. Sean K. Warner.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo

The following resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by

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RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 and Article VIII, Section 13(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on **SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE)

Shall School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a tax of 5.5 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$1,759,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2017 and ending with the year 2026, for the purpose of renovating, improving, maintaining, equipping, furnishing and/or repairing schools and school related facilities of the St. Bernard Parish School Board?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *St. Bernard Voice*, a newspaper of general circulation within the District, published in Chalmette, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the District, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the School Board Office, 200 E. St. Bernard Hwy., Chalmette, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of St. Bernard Parish and the Registrar of Voters of St. Bernard Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority made the announcement with respect to this resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 and published said announcement in the Official Journal on Friday, December 18, 2015.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 26th day of January, 2016.

Secretary

President

Dr. Craft addressed the next agenda item to allow the newly elected School Board President to sign on School Board checking accounts on behalf of the Board. With a motion from Mr. Warner and a second by Mr. Nicosia, the Board voted without objection by a roll call vote of the members present to allow Mrs. Dysart, as the new president, to sign on School Board checking accounts on behalf of the Board.

On motion by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the Board voted unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present to incorporate the Report of the January 12, 2016 General Committee Meeting into the Minutes of the January Regular Monthly Meeting.

**GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016**

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met in a Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Bernard Parish School Board Office. Following the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the Secretary called the roll. Present were, Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo, Mr. Donald D.

Campbell, Mr. William H. Egan, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr., Mr. Joseph V. Long, Mr. Ronald J. Nicosia and Mr. Sean K. Warner. Dr. Hugh C. Craft was absent.

In the absence of Board President Craft, Mrs. Dysart presided over the General Committee Meeting. Mrs. Dysart also acknowledged Mrs. Lawrason's presence at the Board table tonight, filling in for Superintendent Voitier. Mrs. Dysart noted that Ms. Voitier was absent today because of her appointment by new Governor John Bel Edwards to the Louisiana State Board of Education for Secondary and Elementary schools.

On a point of privilege, Mr. Joe Long noted that he had spoken to Dr. Craft today, who had been recently hospitalized, and said that he was in good spirits and that he was happy to announce that he had been appointed to the President-elect position with the Louisiana School Board Association due to the fact that no one opposed him for that position. Mrs. Dysart, on behalf of the Board, wished Dr. Craft a speedy recovery and congratulations on his new position in the LSBA.

Mrs. Dysart also wished the new President of St. Bernard Parish and new Council Members who were sworn in today good luck and congratulated the school students who participated in that ceremony who represented themselves very well.

Mr. Nicosia also noted that the choirs that performed and the other students were fantastic.

Mrs. Asevedo announced that the Jazz Band from Chalmette High will be on the radio at noon on Tuesday on WWOZ.

Mrs. Dysart began to address the agenda by welcoming Ms. Alex Lapres, Communications Coordinator, to update the Committee on the new website. Ms. Lapres noted that work has been going on since July to create this new website. Today she wanted them to preview the new assets and features of the new website.

Ms. Lapres stated that the Goal of the Website is to strengthen relationships with key stakeholders through direct and positive communications. The Highlights of the New District Website are:

1. High demand content is easy to access through static universal icons.
2. Content is organized by target audience.
3. Key achievements and accomplishments are highlighted on slideshow.
4. District Announcements and news are relevant and informative.
5. Upcoming events are up to date and synched to calendars.
6. School Board Meetings' agendas, minutes and videos are organized and easy to access.
7. Finding our schools is simple with our new maps and directions features.
8. Contacting district and school leaders are simple.
9. Staying connected with the amazing things happening in our district is straightforward through our communication page and e-newsletter sign-ups.

10. All embedded components of the website can be translated making important and critical information accessible to all parents.
11. By creating an account, stakeholders will be able to personalize the website and access restricted materials.

Ms. Lapres expects to launch the District website to launch sometime in February. Phase II of the website containing School WebPages is expected to go live next spring.

After all questions and concerns were addressed by Ms. Lapres, the Committee thanked her for her presentation.

As Chair of the Education Committee, Dr. Lewis welcomed Dr. Charles Raviotta to discuss the St. Bernard Parish Early Childhood Network. While no Board action is required for this agenda item, Dr. Raviotta noted that there is much important information to be shared with them.

Since 2012, Act 3 was passed with a purpose of achieving a statewide integrated early childhood network to establish uniform standards of readiness for kindergarten. The ACT charged BESE to; 1. unify the system of child care centers licensed and unlicensed, some in public and some in private schools, Headstart and other publicly funded providers to set high expectations for those providers, 2. Align public funding with performance to support high quality providers and to 3. Provide clear information to parents about their choices about their day care needs and to fully implement this by the 2015-2016 school year. To achieve this, all daycare licensing was moved from the Department of Health and Hospitals to the Louisiana Department of Education.

Dr. Raviotta went on to explain the requirement of all publicly funded centers in the St. Bernard Parish community to participate in a cohort to achieve ACT 3 compliance and belong to the St. Bernard Parish Early Childhood Network. The list of participating agencies includes 11 different childcare centers in St. Bernard Parish.

As the Lead Agency for the St. Bernard Parish Early Childhood Network, we are required to be the fiscal agent for the group. Any monies that flow to the associated centers flow through the School Board Business Office. We also engage all network partners by meeting once a month. Teacher evaluations take place twice for each teacher in the network. The schedule of observations is managed by the Lead Agency also. We also lead the planning and implementation of coordinated enrollment beginning with the 2016 – 2017 school year. The Lead Agency also assumes responsibility for Tracking of Time services which is a finger scan system of tracking children's enrollment and coordinates Training and Support for the centers. Requirements and Functions of the Centers in regard to the ACT is the responsibility of each Center itself. The Centers support their teachers and staff on using birth to 5 early learning and development standards, use class observations and to use Teaching Strategies Gold to measure student progress. They must also participate in class observations and in the letter grade profile system and in the network coordinated enrollment process.

Supporting Partners include:

Nunez Community College

St. Bernard Parish School Board Employees Lions' Club
 St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office Community Outreach
 St. Bernard Parish Fire Department Outreach
 Agenda for Children

Dr. Raviotta next presented an example of a Rubric with Key Building Blocks to Achieving a Unified System showing collaborative leadership, teacher support and coordinated enrollment. Examples of Performance Profiles by Network and Center were also presented to Committee members. His final information included the funding for the implementation of the Network. It is as follows:

- 2014 – 15
- * \$20,000 Start-up Funds
- * \$6,500 Technology

- 2016 – 16
- * \$80,000 Remaining Funding

Most of the money was directed toward training, technology and materials and supplies.

After all questions and concerns were addressed by Dr. Raviotta, the Committee thanked him for his presentation.

At this time, Dr. Lewis addressed the next agenda item regarding public comment regarding the St. Bernard Parish Early Childhood Network Cohort 3 Coordinated funding request for the 2016-17 school year. No one appeared to present concerns or comments regarding the coordinated funding request for the St. Bernard Parish Early Childhood Network. The Summary of the Coordinated Funding Request is shown below:

Coordinated Funding Request Summary	2015-2016 Seats	2016-2017 Request	Change
LA4	274	280	6
NSECD	0	40	40
PreK Expansion Grant	0	0	0
Allocated CCAP Seats Infants	16	27	13
Allocated CCAP Seats Toddlers	36	65	31
Allocated CCAP Seats Threes	27	53	29
Allocated CCAP Seats Total	79	145	73

As Finance Committee Chair, Mrs. Lemoine welcomed Mr. Hugh Harlton, Purchasing and Insurance Coordinator, to present the Administration's request for permission to sell surplus buses.

After all questions and concerns were addressed by Mr. Harlton, Mr. Campbell moved to approve the Administration's request to sell surplus buses. Seconded by Dr. Lewis, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Granberry appeared to present the personnel changes for the month of January 2016. Mr. Granberry pointed out that a Leave without pay would require a vote from the Committee. Mrs. Dysart moved to grant the Leave without pay for Harriet Broussard. Seconded by Mr. Warner the motion

passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present. Committee members were sure to send best wishes to Mr. McInnis and Mr. Alonzo who appeared on the list of Personnel Changes under resignations because both of them would be moving to influential positions in parish government.

As Executive Committee Chair, Mr. Long addressed the next item concerning the Resolution declaring the date, time and place of the General Committee and Regular Monthly Meetings for the year 2016.

Mrs. Lemoine moved to recommend to the Board to approve the resolution. With a second from Mrs. Asevedo, the Committee voted unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present to recommend to the Board to approve the Resolution stating date, time and place of the General Committee and Regular Monthly Meetings for the year 2016.

Mr. Long continued with Executive Committee Business by inviting Mr. David Fernandez to present a Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in School District No. 1, Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax. Mr. Fernandez explained the cost to taxpayers for a 5.5 mil currently levied ad valorem tax and ask the public to re-dedicate the millage to maintain school district buildings.

Mr. Englande moved to approve the Administration’s request to approve a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in School District No. 1, Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax dedicated to maintaining school district buildings. Seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed unanimously by the roll call vote shown below.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Mrs. Asevedo, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Englande, Mrs. Lemoine, Mrs. Dysart, Dr. Lewis, Mr. Long, Mr. Nicosia, Mr. Warner
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Dr. Craft

Under Superintendent’s Recommendations, Mrs. Lawrason informed the Committee that the following items would be on the agenda of the January Regular Monthly meeting.

- Election of Officers
- Signature Resolutions

Mrs. Lawrason reminded all that this Friday, January 15th would be the Grand Opening of the Maumus Center in Arabi and tickets are still available to attend.

There being no further business to discuss and on motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Asevedo and approved by a voice vote of the membership, the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Long moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting minutes as published on December 18, 2015. Seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Dr. Lewis moved to approve the November 17, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting minutes as published on December 18, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Warner, the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the December 8, 2015 Special Meeting minutes as published on December 18, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Nicosia, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

As recommended by the Committee, the Board addressed a resolution designating the date, time and place of General Committee and Regular Monthly meetings of the Board. Dr. Craft moved to approve the aforementioned motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the motion passed by a roll call vote of the members present.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Title 17 requires local school boards to hold at least one regular monthly meeting and that public written notice of meetings be given; and

WHEREAS Act 707 of the 1977 Louisiana Legislature exempts local school boards from having to give written notice of each regular meeting by adopting a resolution establishing the date, time and place of regular meetings; and

WHEREAS the Louisiana School Boards Association has recommended that all school boards in the State of Louisiana adopt a resolution to this effect and that the resolution be given appropriate written public notice; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the St. Bernard Parish School Board hereby establishes 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month for the calendar year 2016 to meet as a Committee of the Whole for a general committee meeting and 6:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month for the calendar year 2016 to meet for its regular monthly Board Meeting, with the following exceptions:

February 16, 2016 for its General Committee Meeting

April 19, 2016 for its General Committee meeting

October 18, 2016 for its General Committee meeting

November 15, 2016 for its Regular Monthly Board Meeting

December 20, 2016 for its Regular Monthly Board Meeting and be it

RESOLVED, That said meetings will be conducted in the St. Bernard Parish School Board Office, 200 East St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette, Louisiana, and that an agenda will be posted 24 hours prior to a meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That written public notice will be given at least 24 hours in advance of any change in a day, time and place of regular meetings; and be it

RESOLVED further, That this resolution will be posted in the St. Bernard Parish School Board Office and that copies will be forwarded to the local

newspapers.

Mrs. Joni Blum, Manager of School Food Services, presented information regarding Legislative Shadowing Week which is during the week of February 1-4, 2016. Mrs. Blum invited the Board Committee Members to come into the cafeterias, work with the staff, serve meals or visit for an entire day or part of the day in an effort to familiarize them with the fine nutritional standards and practices of the school cafeterias. Mrs. Blum provided the Committee Members the menus for each school that week and phone numbers for cafeteria managers for each school.

As recommended by the Committee, Dr. Lewis moved to approve the Administration’s request to sell surplus buses. Seconded by Mr. Long, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Granberry next presented, for informational purposes, Personnel changes for the Month of March 2016. Mrs. Dysart noted a leave without pay which does require a vote. Dr. Craft moved to approve the request for a leave without pay for Ms. Harriet Broussard. Mr. Nicosia seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous vote of the members present.

**ST. BERNARD PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2016**

**CHANGES FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY:
PERSONNEL CHANGES - TEACHERS**

APPOINTMENTS

Jason Smith	Chalmette High School-High School Teacher (Temporary Assignment)
Nicholas Kerth	Chalmette High School-Special Education Teacher (Temporary Assignment)

RESIGNATIONS

Guy McInnis	Chalmette High School-High School Teacher/Coach 1/5/16
Eunice Bonomo	St. Bernard Middle-Elementary Teacher 1/8/16
Ronald Alonzo, Jr.	Maintenance-Supervisor, Building & Grounds 1/11/16

MEDICALS

Rachel Reeder	Gauthier Elementary-Speech Therapist (Jenna Alfonso replaced Rachel Reeder)
Sarah deGruy	Gauthier Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Christina Phan replaced Sarah deGruy)
Laceyann Toepfer	Arabi Elementary-Speech Therapist (Brandi Moore replaced Laceyann Toepfer)
Jill Howitt	Gauthier Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Chloe Klein replaced Jill Howitt)

SUPPORT PERSONNEL

TRANSFER

Meaghan Schultz	From Andrew Jackson Middle-Cafeteria Technician to Chalmette High School-Paraeducator
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LWOP

Harriet Broussard

Lacoste Elementary-Paraeducator (2nd Semester)

Dr. Craft moved to approve the Administration’s request to advertise for bids for the construction of the Arlene Meraux Elementary School. Seconded by Mr. Long, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

There were no items to be placed on the agenda of the next Committee Meeting.

Ms. Voitier mentioned under Superintendent’s Recommendations that at the next meeting Mrs. Asevedo of the Maumus Center would present information regarding students who are attending the Planetarium in the coming months.

Mr. Englande thanked everyone associated with the successful opening of the Maumus Center.

There being no further business to discuss and on motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Craft and passed unanimously by voice vote, the meeting adjourned.

MRS. DIANA B. DYSART
PRESIDENT

DORIS VOITIER
SECRETARY