

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2016

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met in a Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Bernard Parish School Board Office. Following the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the Secretary called roll. Present were Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, President; Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo, Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Dr. Hugh C. Craft , Mr. William H. Egan, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr. , Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr. and Mr. Sean K. Warner.

There were no Community Concerns to address.

At this time Mrs. Dysart shared the Committee Assignments and the External Responsibility Responsibilities for the 2016 calendar year. See below:

**2016  
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS  
AND  
EXTERNAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

**COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRPERSONS**

Mr. Joseph V. Long*	Executive Committee
Dr. Hugh C. Craft**	
Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine *	Finance Committee
Mr. Clifford M. Englande**	
Mr. William H. "Bill" Egan*	Insurance Committee
Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo**	
Mr. Sean K. Warner*	Building Committee
Mr. Donald D. "Don" Campbell**	
Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr.*	Education Committee
Mrs. Diana B. Dysart**	

\*Chair for odd numbered months  
months

\*\* Chair for even numbered

**EXTERNAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Mr. Sean K. Warner	Federal Governmental Relations
Mr. Ronald J. "Ron" Nicosia	

Mr. Clifford M. "Cliff" Englande Dr. Hugh C. Craft	Local Governmental Relations
Mr. Clifford M. "Cliff" Englande Dr. Hugh C. Craft	LA School Board Assoc. Relations
Mr. William H. "Bill" Egan	National Sch. Bd. Assoc. Relations
Mr. Donald D. "Don" Campbell	LSU Coop. Extension Relations
Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo	Junior Achievement Relations
Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine	Head Start Policy Council Member
Mrs. Diana B. Dysart	Higher Education Relations
Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr.	BESE Relations
Dr. Hugh C. Craft and Mr. Joseph V. Long	Louisiana Legislative Relations

On Motion by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mrs. Asevedo, the Board voted unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present to incorporate the General Committee Report into the minutes of the February Regular Monthly Meeting.

#### GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room of the St. Bernard Parish School Board Office. Following the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the Secretary called the roll. Members present were, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, President; Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo, Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Dr. Hugh C. Craft, Mr. William H. Egan, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr, and Mr. Sean K. Warner. Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr. was absent.

On point of privilege, Mrs. Dysart asked for a moment of silence to honor current School Board Member Mr. Ronald J. Nicosia who recently passed away. Condolences were extended to all the friends and family of Mr. Nicosia on behalf of the St. Bernard Parish School Board. Mrs. Dysart spoke of his strong leadership, friendship and dedication to the people of St. Bernard, especially the children. Mrs. Dysart noted that he will be missed by many.

Mrs. Dysart next introduced the agenda item regarding Committee Assignments for the Board for the next calendar year. Copies of the

assignments were provided to the Committee Members to review, any changes to this list will be made at the Regular Monthly Meeting.

As education chair, Dr. Henderson Lewis welcomed Mrs. Gena Asevedo, Maumus Center Director, to update the Committee on the Maumus Center Planetarium activity.

Mrs. Asevedo explained that students began attending planetarium sessions on February 1, 2016. She also explained that before student attendance began, she took the guide for statewide assessments for every grade level and determined what concepts were being taught that could be addressed in the planetarium. She then correlated those to the GLE's and next generation science standards and prepared a lesson and from that lesson she built a show using the correct information and terminology for their level. Each lesson is grade specific. Mrs. Asevedo made sure that each thing that they experience in the planetarium is either a review of something they have learned or is something they are currently learning in class. She states that the planetarium is interactive in the sense that the students ask questions and she speaks as the lesson goes on. Over 700 students and staff have passed through the planetarium as of today, Tuesday, February 16, 2016. The feedback from students and teachers have been very positive.

Upon completion of Mrs. Asevedo's presentation, all questions were addressed and accolades were shared for her good work and success.

Mrs. Dysart next allowed Mr. Granberry to present to the Committee for informational purposes, the list of Administrators who were up for a two year renewal of their performance contracts which are due to expire on June 30, 2016. Also presented to the Committee were the recommendations for renewal. Mr. Granberry answered all questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Granberry next went on to present the Personnel Changes for February 2016 for review by the Committee. Retiree Sandra Boehm was acknowledged and thanked for her years of service. Mr. Granberry addressed all comments and questions of the Committee.

As Finance Committee chair Mrs. Lemoine welcomed Mrs. Joni Blum to present the Administration's request to bid for Bread and Bread Products for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. With a motion from Mr. Warner and a second from Dr. Lewis the Committee voted unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present to recommend to the Board to approve the Administration's request to bid for Bread and Bread products for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Mrs. Lemoine continue with Finance Committee business with Mrs. Blum to present the Administration's request to bid Milk and Milk products for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. With a motion by Mr. Warner and a second from Mr. Campbell, the Committee voted unanimously by a

roll call vote of the members present to recommend to the Board to approve the Administration's request to bid Milk and Milk products for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Mrs. Blum next presented the Administration's request to bid for Spices and Seasoning (Class 2), Cereal, Dried Beans and Crackers (Class 3), Frozen foods (Class 5), Meat and Meat Products (Class 6), Poultry and Eggs (Class 7) Seafood Products (Class 8), and Canned Goods (Class 9) for the period of July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. With a motion by Mr. Warner and a second from Mrs. Dysart, the Committee voted unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present to recommend to the Board to approve the Administration's request to bid for Spices and Seasoning (Class 2), Cereal, Dried Beans and Crackers (Class 3), Frozen foods (Class 5), Meat and Meat Products (Class 6), Poultry and Eggs (Class 7) Seafood Products (Class 8), and Canned Goods (Class 9) for the period of July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

On a point of privilege Mrs. Lemoine thanked Ms. Blum for setting up the opportunity, through the Legislative Shadowing initiative, for Board Members to visit and work in cafeteria's throughout the parish.

Mrs. Dysart mentioned that the Board had just returned from the Louisiana School Board Association conference which was held in Baton Rouge. She noted that during the convention Board Members received their required training for the year of 2016, met with the new Governor and many legislators at the Capitol and urged them to maintain funding for K12 education and also helped to vote our own Dr. Hugh Craft into the position of President-elect of the Louisiana School Board Association.

Under Superintendents' Recommendations Ms. Voitier stated that the site for the new Meraux Elementary School is looking good and the bid opening will take place on March 1<sup>st</sup>. She also stated that on Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> at Chalmette High is Special Olympics from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 and is open to the public. Parish wide on March 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Relay for Life which is attended by many of our school personnel.

Mr. Warner took a point of privilege to personally state that he considered Mr. Nicosia a "Class Act" and extended his condolences to Mr. Nicosia's family. Ms. Voitier echoed those sentiments stating that he was a hands on member of the Board who was fierce in his dedication to the students of the St. Bernard School system. Mr. Englande stated that services will be Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Bernard Memorial.

Mr. Warner also offered that the Rotary Club's Spelling Bee will take place on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at Chalmette High School. It is a literacy fundraiser for the Rotary Club to give dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the parish. Mrs. Dysart noted that regarding literacy, Literacy week for Lacoste

Elementary this week and many officials and the public will be reading at the school.

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

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A motion was made by Dr. Lewis to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting from December 15, 2015 as published on January 29, 2016. Seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

For informational purposes, the following Administrators are up for a two year renewal of their performance contract which expires on 6/30/16. Their new contract will run from 7/1/16 through 6/30/18.

1. Gena Asevado, Maumus Center, Director
2. Natalie Albers, Lacoste Elementary, Assistant Principal
3. Stacie Alfonso, Lacoste Elementary, Principal
4. Dedra Bailey, W. Smith Elementary, Principal
5. Joni Blum, Administration Office, Food Services Manager
6. Andree Bonnaffons, Rowley Alternative, Principal
7. Conrad Browne, Admin. Office, Curr./Tech Coordinator
8. Carla Carollo, Arabi Elementary, Principal
9. Charles Cassar, Admin. Office, Drug Educ./Cultural Coord.
10. Susan Deffes, St. Bernard Middle School, Principal
11. Elizabeth Deshotel, Davies Pre-Sch., Pre-Sch. Coordinator
12. Paul Granberry, Admin. Office, Supervisor of Personnel
13. Lee Anne Harlton, Admin. Office, Supervisor of Curriculum
14. Andrea Licciardi, Andrew Jackson Middle, Assistant Principal
15. Mary Lumetta, Admin. Office, Supervisor of Curriculum
16. Jill Mitchell, Admin. Office, Dropout Recovery Specialist
17. Shellie Monk, Gauthier Elementary, Assistant Principal
18. Carole Mundt, Chalmette High, Assistant Principal
19. Melissa Nunez, Rowley Alternative, Assistant Principal
20. Charles Raviotta, Administration Office, Supervisor Curriculum
21. William Schneider, Chalmette High, Assistant Principal
22. Angela Seibert, St. Bernard Middle, Assistant Principal
23. Montrelle Sinegar, Andrew Jackson Middle, Principal
24. Wayne Warner, Chalmette High, Principal
25. Kelli Watson, Chalmette High, Assistant Principal
26. Elizabeth Winslow, Chalmette Elementary, Principal

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Mr. Granberry presented the Personnel Changes for February 2016

**CHANGES FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY:**

**PERSONNEL CHANGES – TEACHERS APPOINTMENTS**

Joshua Petit	Chalmette High School – High School Teacher (Temporary Assignment)
Johnny Allen, III	St. Bernard Middle-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment)

**RESIGNATIONS**

Edwardo Collado	St. Bernard Middle – Elementary Teacher 2/26/16
Angelle Lailhengue	Lacoste Elementary-Inst. Coach 2/26/16

**MEDICALS**

Mandy Nguyen	Lacoste Elementary – Elementary Teacher Jenna Alfonso replace Mandy Nguyen
Natasha Ballard	Smith Elementary – Elementary Teacher Kimberly Clayton-Harris replaced Natasha Ballard

**SUPPORT PERSONNEL TRANSFER**

Linda Morales	From Chalmette Elem.-Part-Time Cafeteria Tech. to Andrew Jackson Middle-Cafeteria Tech.
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**RETIREE**

Sandra Boehm	Arabi Elementary – Paraeducator 7/30/16
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**RESIGNATIONS**

Leslie Green	Chalmette Elem.-Part-Time Cafeteria Tech 2/1/16
Kimberly Campo	Chalmette Elem.-Part-Time Cafeteria Tech 2/12/16
Marlene Petrie	Chalmette Pre-School - Paraeducator 5/27/16
Charles Bonnetcarre	Transportation-Mechanic 2/18/16

**MEDICAL LEAVES**

Katrice Green	Lacoste Elementary – Paraeducator
Kathleen Bauer	Transportation – Bus Driver

With a recommendation from the Committee, Mr. Long moved to approve the Administration's request to advertise for bid for Bread and Bread Products for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Campbell, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

With a recommendation from the Committee, Mr. Warner moved to approve the Administration's request to advertise for bid for Milk and Milk Products for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Englande, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

With a recommendation from the Committee, Mrs. Lemoine moved to approve the Administration's request to advertise for bid Spices and Seasoning (Class 2), Cereal, Dried Beans and Crackers (Class 3), Frozen foods (Class 5), Meat and Meat Products (Class 6), Poultry and Eggs (Class 7) Seafood Products (Class 8), and Canned Goods (Class 9) for the period of July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Seconded by Dr. Craft, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mrs. Dysart announced that the next item regarding the declaration of a Board vacancy, appointment of a new temporary member and call for a Special Election to fill the vacant spot so she asked for a motion to add the next item to the agenda of the February 23, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting. Mr. Englande moved to put that item on the February Regular Monthly Meeting agenda. There was a second to that motion by Mr. Long and it was approved by the Board by unanimous vote of the members present.

Discussion of a Board vacancy in School Board District 10 began with Mrs. Dysart explaining that according to LA RS 18:602 the vacancy must be declared and an appointee selected within 20 days of the vacancy. Mr. Englande moved to declare the vacancy and to recommend that until a Special Election is held for this position, Mrs. Judy Nicosia, wife of Mr. Ron Nicosia, fill the vacant Board position in District 10. The motion was approved by a joint acclamation of the Board.

The next order of business was to approve a resolution to call a Special Election to fill the vacancy in School Board District 10. The following Resolution was approved by the Board by joint acclamation.

### **RESOLUTION**

**Whereas** a vacancy has been declared in District 10 of School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Bernard, state of Louisiana; and

**Whereas** the remaining term of office for the vacant District 10 seat exceeds one year; and

**Whereas**, in accordance with LA RS 18:602, the St. Bernard Parish School Board must issue within twenty days of the resulting vacancy a call for a

special election to fill the remaining term for the District 10 seat; now be it therefore

**Resolved** that the St. Bernard Parish School Board, in accordance with LA RS 18:402 calls for a special election to fill the vacancy declared for its District 10 seat, with Primary Election set for November 8, 2016 and General Election set for December 10, 2016; and be it further

**Resolved** that, in accordance with LA RS 18;467, 467.1 and 468 the qualifying period for candidates be July 20, 2016 - July 22, 2016; and be it further

**Resolved** that this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the St. Bernard Parish School Board at its regular monthly meeting held on February 23, 2016.

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Under Superintendent’s Recommendations Ms. Voitier reminded about the Special Olympics on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at Chalmette High. Also, Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> will be the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. The School Board will have a large team present to represent School Board efforts.

Mrs. Dysart wanted to remind everyone about the Nunez Community College Foundation Gala that will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2016.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Asevedo and passed by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.

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MRS. DIANA B. DYSART  
PRESIDENT

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DORIS VOITIER  
SECRETARY