

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2017

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met in a Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 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. Carl W. Gaines, Jr., Mr. Clifford M. Englande, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr., Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr., and Mr. Sean K. Warner. Dr. Hugh C. Craft and Mrs. Diana B. Dysart were absent.

Mr. Englande as Vice-President chaired tonight's meeting due to the absence of President Diana Dysart.

On a point of privilege, Mr. Englande asked for a moment of silence for a number of former school system personnel who passed away. He mentioned Ms. Marion Menesses from Borgnemouth and Smith Elementary, Ms. Carol Francis of Andrew Jackson High School, Mr. Jim Connors, Principal of Arabi Elementary and Ms. Renee Cady of Arabi Park Middle School. Condolences were offered to all the families of these fine educators.

Mr. Campbell also wanted to mention that Mrs. Pam Cassar was beginning cancer treatment today and asked for prayers on her behalf.

No one wished to address the Board under Community Concerns.

Mr. Englande welcomed Mr. Fernandez, Finance Manager, to address the Board regarding the 2016-2017 Financial and Compliance audit report. He introduced Ms. Dawn Laborie and Mr. Mickey Simon who are representatives of the independent auditors from the firm of Laporte CPA's and Business Advisors. Ms. Laborie thanked the Board for their continued confidence in Laporte as their auditors and then introduced Mr. Mickey Simon who was also at the meeting and who worked as the Senior Manager on this audit. Mr. Simon then thanked the Board, Ms. Voitier, Mr. Fernandez and the Business Office Staff for their cooperation and hard work during the audit. He stated the result of this audit was an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance that can be offered on an audit. Mr. Simon then reviewed some of the pertinent information involved in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Ms. Voitier thanked Mr. Simon for his report and congratulated Mr. Fernandez and all of the business office staff who contributed to this unmodified opinion on the Financial Report. The Board members echoed this sentiment in congratulating Mr. Fernandez and his staff for their fine work, especially in the preparation of the Financial Report.

Mr. Gaines moved to accept the 2016-2017 audit report as presented, seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Dr. Lewis moved to incorporate the report of the October 10, 2017 General Committee meeting into the minutes of the October Regular Monthly Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Warner, the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 6:00 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. Darleen P. Asevedo, Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Dr. Hugh C. Craft, Mr. William H. Egan, Mr. Carl W. Gaines, Jr., Mr. Clifford M. Englande, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr. and Mr. Sean K. Warner. Mrs. Diana B. Dysart and Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr. were absent.

With Mrs. Dysart being absent, Mr. Englande took over to chair tonight's meeting and welcomed Ms. Alex Schneider to present Super News. Alex first made an announcement regarding some upcoming activities including, Chalmette High School's Ring Day on Thursday, October 12, 2017, next she announced that this Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. four Chalmette High School students will be participating in the Donald W. Wood, Sr. Vocal Competition, which is an opera competition held on the Tulane University campus. She also stated that the Chalmette High Homecoming will be held on Friday, October 20, 2017 with the court being presented at halftime and finally she announced that Report Card Conference Day will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at each school site. High School conferences will run from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Middle School conferences will run from 4:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. and Elementary School conferences will run from 4:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. With announcements completed, Ms. Schneider presented this month's Super News.

The Super News brought to the Board tonight highlighted Chalmette High School's Owl Week and the Pep Rally that is held at the conclusion of this celebratory week, Parent involvement at the schools with school activities such as Elementary school Grandparent Days and St. Bernard Middle's "Dad's and Donuts" and "Mom's and Muffins" breakfasts, CHS Opera competition students, Brevin Lasalle, Taydem Trevino, Kai Buie and Kayla Gonzalez, Planetarium shows at the Maumus Center and student performances at the Old Arabi Sugar Fest. Teacher Features included Maria Genovese at Gauthier Elementary, Randy Bradley, ESL teacher at the middle schools and volunteers Eva Forbes and Kathy Fisher of Chalmette Elementary School.

Mr. Englande praised our Cultural Arts program and thanked Ms. Schneider, Barry Lemoine and Jack Jackson for their time and energy in producing the Super News.

Mr. Englande next welcomed Mr. Charles Cassar to present information concerning the upcoming Red Ribbon Week. Mr. Cassar noted that the national and local effort to reduce drug activity will take place from October 23 – 31, 2017. The theme this year is "Your future is key, so stay Drug Free." Mr. Cassar noted that rally activities and speakers will be presented throughout the school system during this week. Mr. Cassar was also proud to announce that the Metropolitan Human Services District will soon be offering services to adolescents in the St. Bernard Parish area.

Mr. Englande thanked Mr. Cassar for his efforts in this arena and for his presentation tonight.

A short break was taken for a photo of Board Members to highlight their support of Red Ribbon Week.

Mr. Englande next asked Mr. Gaines to chair the Education Committee item with Mrs. Harlton presenting a discussion of Elementary Curriculum and Intervention Programs. The topics she covered are shown in her handout below.

Elementary Curriculum

ELA Tier 1

CORE KNOWLEDGE for Grades K-2

This series is focused upon teaching students to read with the skills necessary to become fluent.

WIT/WISDOM for Grades 3-5

This series is scaffolded for struggling students, ELL students and includes challenging activities for advanced students

****Both series also include good questioning techniques, text dependent questioning, and writing which aligns to state testing.**

For grades 2-5, we have integrated *Ready Common Core* passages and questioning which align with our district and state testing.

Math

Eureka curriculum for Grades K-5.

This curriculum is also scaffolded for struggling students, ELL students and includes challenging activities for advanced students. Math incorporates many ELA standards by students explaining and justifying answers. Eureka Math builds in complex reading through word problems.

Data Collection

We collect data on a regular basis to pinpoint specific deficits and work through intervention time to correct these issues.

For ELA, data is collected through **classroom assessments** and also through:

STAR EARLY LITERACY diagnostics **in K** for math and reading

STAR READING and STAR MATH for 1st -5th grades

Scholastic Reading Inventory for Grades 2-5 which provides the LEXILE level of the student

Intervention

During intervention time, the focus is to group students according to the data collected to remediate deficiencies.

The major resources used for intervention are:

THE CLASSROOM TEACHER – groups and works with students as indicated by data

LEXIA for Grades K-5 -- places students where they are on the reading progression

ZEARN for Grades K-5 -- a teaching tool and also a tool for skill building which aligns with Eureka math.

Read Works Digital –challenging activities for advanced students

Any other intervention the teacher feels will help students

Social Studies

Social studies is document based instruction and provides questioning which incorporates a wealth of ELA standards for reading and writing.

Science

Labs in each school have been established with materials to do hands- on activities. Science also references reading standards by requiring students to explain and write about their discoveries.

Strategies

Classroom teachers incorporate a variety of strategies to help students understand the complex text questions that are required. Two of these many strategies include:

CUBES for math (**C**ircle important numbers, **U**nderline the question, **B**ox math action words, **E**valuate steps to take, **S**olve and check) and **RACER** for reading- **R**estate, **A**nswer, **C**ite, **E**xplain, **R**evise.

Chrome Books/ iPads

Mr. Gaines thanked Mrs. Harlton for her presentation.

Mr. Granberry presented the Personnel changes for October 2017. Mr. Englande acknowledged retiree Audrey Sino of Gauthier Elementary and thanked her for her years of service.

Under Superintendent's Recommendations, Ms. Voitier mentioned that the Audit Report for the 2016-2017 fiscal year will be presented at the October Regular Monthly Meeting.

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

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of August 22, 2017 as published on September 29, 2017. Seconded by Mrs. Asevedo, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Long moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of September 26, 2017 as published on October 13, 2017. Seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Granberry presented the Board with the personnel changes for the Month of October. Mr. Englande made special note of the retirees that were presented, Ms. Cindy Gabb of CHS, Ms. Betty Thomas of Davies Elementary and Ms. Audrey Sino of Gauthier and thanked them for their years of service.

**ST. BERNARD PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2017**

CHANGES FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY:

PERSONNEL CHANGES – TEACHERS

APPOINTMENTS

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| Stacy Matherne | Chalmette High School-High School Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2017-18 School Year) |
| Kyle Brownell | Andrew Jackson Middle-Special Education Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2017-18 School Year) |
| Aysha Harper | Chalmette High School-High School Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2017-18 School Year) |
| Molly Brunkow | St. Bernard Middle-Special Education Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2017-18 School Year) |

MEDICAL LEAVES

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| Olivia Lezina | Smith Elementary-Special Education Teacher |
| Sonja Brown | Meraux Pre-School-Pre-K Teacher |
| Erin St. Philip | Lacoste Elementary-Teacher Leader |

RETIREE

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| Cynthia Gabb | Chalmette High School-High School Teacher 1/4/18 |
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RESIGNATIONS

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| Betsy Heaphy | Arabi Pre-School-Pre-K Teacher 10/13/17 |
| Erica Jones | Smith Elementary-Teacher Leader 10/20/17 |
| Lisha Ryan | St. Bernard Middle-Special Education Teacher 10/11/17 |
| Joy Bazin | Chalmette High School-High School Teacher 10/27/17 |

SUPPORT PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS

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| Alisha Hemstreet | Meraux Elementary-Paraeducator |
| Jennifer Dugas | Gauthier Elementary-Part-Time Cafeteria Tech |

MEDICAL LEAVE

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| Jessica Munch | Meraux Elementary-Paraeducator |
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RETIREEES

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| Audrey Sino | Gauthier Elementary-Custodian 11/1/17 |
| Betty Thomas | Davies Elementary-Paraeducator 11/28/17 |

RESIGNATION

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| Yesenia Espinoza | Chalmette High School-Paraeducator 10/6/17 |
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Under items to be place on the next agenda Mr. Englande asked for an update on the changes in the accountability program.

Under Superintendent’s Recommendations Ms. Voitier reminded all tonight is report card conference night. She also mentioned the upcoming Halloween celebrations and asked that everyone be careful on the street that night.

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

Diana B. Dysart/s
DIANA B. DYSART
President

Doris Voitier/s
DORIS VOITIER
Secretary