

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 12, 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. Diana B. Dysart, President, 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, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr., Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr. and Mr. Sean K. Warner.

Mrs. Dysart welcomed Ms. Alex Schneider to present “Super News”. Ms. Schneider first mentioned the upcoming Holy Cross vs. Chalmette High Football game at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2017. Following that game will be the annual Alumni Social in the Chalmette High School Cafeteria. Ms. Schneider also mentioned that many schools will be celebrating Grandparents Day at their schools, she mentioned that to find out more, please visit each of the school’s websites.

At this time, the Super News video began which covered the following items; The Annual Day of Reflection breakfast which served over 400 guests, students belonging to The Chalmette High Voices, the Jazz Ensemble, the CHS tech crew, the ambassadors, the servers, the cheerleaders and culinary students were thanked for their support during the breakfast, videos produced by Jack Jackson and Barry Lemoine with the Wayne’s World takeoff by Sheriff Jimmy Pohlmann and Fire Chief Tommy Stone being a favorite, School Opening with over 7500 students from pre-k to 12th grade, Maumus Center Schedules for Planetarium shows, the Chalmette High vs Holy Cross football game on Friday, September 15th, Lady Owls Volleyball games, Progress report distribution to students, End of First 9 weeks is October 10th with Report Card Conferences scheduled for October 24, 2017. The Committee applauded the efforts of Ms. Alex Schneider, Barry Lemoine and Jack Jackson for their hard work in assembling the video.

Mrs. Dysart next welcomed Mrs. Shelly Lacoste, President of the St. Bernard Reading Council and is a teacher at Meraux Elementary and Kayla Russell a teacher at Gauthier Elementary. Mrs. Lacoste and Mrs. Russell appeared to invite members of the Committee to join the St. Bernard Reading Council which is an affiliate of the Louisiana Reading Association and the International Reading Association.

Mrs. Lacoste highlighted the activities of the Reading Council from the previous year and encouraged all Board members to join the organization. Their first membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at the Meraux Elementary School Library. Mrs. Lacoste continued by explaining some of the benefits of joining this organization, listed some of the activities that are hosted during the year to promote reading and finally their Awards dinner at the end of the school year.

Mrs. Dysart thanked Mrs. Lacoste and Mrs. Russell for coming to the meeting tonight and for their efforts in promoting reading.

Mrs. Dysart next asked Dr. Lewis as Education Committee Chair to address the next agenda item. Dr. Lewis welcomed Superintendent Voitier, to address the next agenda item concerning enrollment. Ms. Voitier provided the Committee with a handout that displays a comparison of 2016-17 and 2017-18 enrollment numbers. She noted that currently our enrollment is at 7746 which is an increase of 221 students since last year. See tables below for 2016 and 2017 comparisons.

ENROLLMENT NUMBERS – AUGUST 25, 2016

School	Pre-K	K-5	6-8	9-12	Total
Arabi Elementary	79	629			708
Chalmette Elementary	89	575			664
Gauthier Elementary	67	499			566
Davies Elementary	100	741			841
Lacoste Elementary	100	802			902
Smith Elementary	44	297			341
Andrew Jackson Middle			612		612
Trist Middle			667		667
St. Bernard Middle			310		310
Chalmette High				1816	1816
Rowley Alternative			45	53	98
Totals	479	3543	1634	1869	7525

ENROLLMENT NUMBERS – SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

School	Pre-K	K-5	6-8	9-12	Total
Arabi Elementary	79	552			683
Chalmette Elementary	58	504			562
Gauthier Elementary	58	491			549
Davies Elementary	96	632			728
Lacoste Elementary	97	636			733
Meraux Elementary	77	453			530
Smith Elementary	46	308			354
Andrew Jackson Middle			635		635
Trist Middle			691		691
St. Bernard Middle			331		331
Chalmette High				1904	1904
Rowley Alternative			33	58	91
Totals	511	3583	1690	1962	7746

Mr. Long as Executive Committee Chair welcomed Mr. Granberry to present all Personnel Changes for September 2017. Mr. Long thanked Mr. Granberry for this presentation.

Mr. Egan, Chair of the Insurance Committee, welcomed Mr. Fernandez and Richie Clements, our insurance agent of record from Clements Insurance, to speak to the Committee regarding the renewal of the General Liability, Automobile, and Educators Legal Liability Insurance for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Mr. Fernandez explained that quotes were requested from five other insurers. All declined quote for various reasons. Mr. Fernandez stated that the Administration's recommendation is to stay with the current provider, LARMA (Louisiana Risk Management Agency) for a price of \$203,100.00 minus the 10 % equity refund for a net premium of \$172,433.00. Mr. Fernandez stated that staying with LARMA has resulted in an equity balance of \$276,002.00. This surplus will result in a 10% equity refund toward the cost of insurance this year which amounts to \$30,667.00. Additionally he stated that LARMA allows the school district administration to have complete control over the settlement of claims. Mr. Fernandez addressed all questions and concerns regarding this matter from the Committee.

With a motion from Dr. Lewis and a second from Mrs. Dysart, the Committee voted by the following roll call vote to recommend to the Board to authorize the Administration to renew the General Liability, Automobile, and Educators Legal Liability insurance for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 with LARMA (Louisiana Risk Management Agency) for an adjusted total price of \$172,433.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Mrs. Asevedo, Mr. Campbell, Dr. Craft, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Englande, Mrs. Dysart, Mrs. Lemoine, Dr. Lewis, Mr. Long, Mr. Warner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Mrs. Lemoine next welcomed Mrs. Joni Blum to present the Administration's request to Advertise for bid for Spices and Seasonings (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 January 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018. Dr. Craft moved to recommend the Board approve the above request. Seconded by Mr. Gaines, the motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Under Superintendent's Recommendations Ms. Voitier stated that the opening of school was very smooth and things are going well. Also, she stated that feedback on the breakfast was very good. She shared thanks with all the student groups who assisted in its success.

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