

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 22, 2017

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met in a Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, August 22, 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. Diana B. Dysart, President, Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Dr. Hugh C. Craft, Mr. William H. Egan, Mr. Carl W. Gaines, Jr., Mr. Clifford M. Englande, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr., Mr. Joseph V. Long, and Mr. Sean K. Warner. Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo was absent.

On a point of privilege, Mrs. Dysart wished Mr. Long and Dr. Lewis Happy Birthday.

No one wished to address the Board under Community Concerns on the agenda.

On motion of Dr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Warner, the Board voted by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present to incorporate the report of the August General Committee Meeting of 2017 into the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board for August 2017.

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, August 8, 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, Mr. William H. Egan, Mr. Carl W. Gaines, Jr., Mr. Clifford M. Englande, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr., and Mr. Sean K. Warner. Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, Dr. Hugh C. Craft and Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr. were absent.

Mr. Englande presided over the meeting in place of the absent Diana Dysart. He welcomed Mrs. Alex Schneider to present Super News.

Mrs. Schneider shared some information on the upcoming Day of Reflection Breakfast which is to be held at 8:30 a.m. at the Chalmette High School Ninth Grade Academy Gym on Tuesday, August 29, 2017. At this time, Mrs. Schneider played the August installment of Super News which included activities such as the production of the Little Mermaid, the opening of the new Meraux Elementary School, the opening of school rally at the St. Bernard Civic Center highlighting our theme this year of "Beyond the Expected", Mr. Wayne Warner's leadership was celebrated in Philadelphia by the National Association of Secondary School Principals for his forty four (44) years of continuous membership in the Association and Smith Elementary Jr. Beta Club trip to Disney World to compete in the Beta Club's National Convention. Teacher Features included Judy Rockwell of Gauthier Elementary, Rebecca Noto of St. Bernard Middle School and Melissa Nunez of Rowley Alternative. A special farewell was bid to Mr. Albert Carey upon his recent retirement. Super News ended with Ms. Schneider inviting everyone to participate in the upcoming Day of Reflection Breakfast to

celebrate all the good things going on in our schools and in our parish.

Mr. Englande next welcomed Mr. Albert Carey, who has recently retired, to share an overview of our final construction projects. Mr. Englande also wished Mr. Carey a Happy Birthday. Mr. Carey began by stating that pile driving has begun at the Trist Middle School construction site and he further stated that all plans and decision for that construction are complete and Mr. Jason Dewey of the Maintenance Department will continue to oversee that construction. Mr. Carey also applauded the recent opening of the Meraux Elementary School and the ease with which the opening took place.

Mr. Englande next presented a gift and a plaque that read, "To Mr. Albert Carey, in tribute to his dedicated service to the children and community of St. Bernard Parish, by the members of the St. Bernard Parish School Board." Mr. Carey stated that it was an honor to serve the school system. Ms. Voitier took this opportunity to personally thank Mr. Carey for all he has done to help resurrect the school system after Hurricane Katrina through his construction oversight and his donations toward the performing arts in the schools. Board Members Long and Craft expressed their appreciation and congratulations to Mr. Carey and made special mention of Mr. Carey's sister, Patty, who helped during the final years of construction.

Mr. Gaines, as education chair, welcomed Ms. Mary Lumetta, Assistant Superintendent, to speak about Technology in the classroom. The handout shown below is an overview of talking points Ms. Lumetta covered in her presentation. Regarding Chromebooks Ms. Lumetta believes the engagement level is much greater when students are using these internet based Chromebooks in the classroom. In the classroom, Ms. Lumetta believes new software coupled with teacher training for the software will make productivity in the classroom greater along with teacher assessment systems that correlate to the state standards will make for valuable information in teaching our students. She also stated that Google training will be important in creating Google Certified Trainers who can continue to train more teachers in using this powerful system. Finally, with iPads in elementary lower grades for students in classrooms and in the school offices, the iPad translation capabilities will provide much needed multicultural translations for parents.

Instructional Technology Update

1. Chromebooks
 - a. 4th & 5th Grade
 - b. 6th – 8th Grade ELA, Math, Science, & Social Studies
 - c. High School
 - i. 9th Grade ELA, Math, Science, & Social Studies
 - ii. Algebra, Geometry, Biology, U.S. History & English I, II, III
2. Classroom Use
 - i. Instruction/ Intervention/Reinforcement/Enrichment
 1. Curriculum Software Programs
 2. Google Drive, Google Docs & Google Classroom
 - ii. Assessment



1. LEAP 360 – Louisiana Department of Education Assessment System
 - a. Grades 4-8 English Language Arts & Math
 - b. Administer Diagnostic & Interim Assessments
2. District Common Assessments & Formative Assessments
3. Support
 - i. Google Certified Trainers
 1. Instructional Coaches, Teacher Leaders, Central Office Staff/Administrators
 2. 6 days in Summer, Winter and Spring
 - ii. District Professional Development Days and School-Level Meetings
 - iii. Administrators - Summer 1-Day Learning and Leading Administrator Bootcamp
4. iPads
 - a. Classrooms Use - Elementary Schools
 - b. School Use - Front Office with Translation App

Mr. Paul Granberry, Supervisor of Personnel, presented the August 2017 personnel changes for the Committee's review. Mr. Englande congratulated Janice Becker of Chalmette High, Claire Assavedo and Michelle Morales on their retirement and thanked them for their years of service.

Mr. Englande served as chairperson for the following item to be addressed by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Fernandez next presented the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the Committee's approval. He explained that the questionnaire is completed each year at this time in conjunction with the district's annual financial audit. The questionnaire basically states that the district is in compliance with all state laws and must be approved by the Board prior to the audit so that it may be submitted to the auditors for inclusion in their opinion.

Mr. Warner moved to recommend to the Board to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Seconded by Mr. Long the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Under Superintendent's Recommendations, Ms. Voitier noted that the Board will consider at the Regular Monthly Meeting a motion to consider calling an election in November for renewal of operational millages and reminded the Committee and the viewing public of the upcoming Day of Reflection Breakfast on Friday, August 26, 2016. Tickets are on sale now for \$10.00 each.

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

Ms. Voitier appeared before the Board to present the Personnel changes for the month of August 2017. Mrs. Dysart thanked the retirees, Janice Becker, Claire Assavedo and Michelle Morales, for their years of service.

**ST. BERNARD PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 2017**

CHANGES FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY:

PERSONNEL CHANGES – TEACHERS

APPOINTMENTS

Ashley Leleux	Meraux Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2017-18 School Year)
Amy D’Alfonso	Special Education-Speech Therapist (Temporary Assignment 2017-18 School Year)
Kaylee Lefort	Chalmette Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2017-18 School Year)
Roy Cucullu	Chalmette High School-High School Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2017-18 School Year)
Vanessa Alba	Chalmette High School-High School Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2017-18 School Year)
Cameron Dugas	Meraux Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2017-18 School Year)
Sherie Nehlig	Andrew Jackson Middle-Elementary Teacher/Coach (Temporary Assignment 2017-18 School Year)
Alexis Herold	Chalmette Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2017-18 School Year)
Kirstin Wolinski	Davies Elementary-Special Education Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2017-18 School Year)

TRANSFERS

Rachel Higginbotham	From Chalmette Pre-School-Pre-K Teacher to Lacoste Pre-School-Pre-K Teacher
Anjel Magee	From Gauthier Pre-School-Pre-School Teacher to Davies Pre-School-Pre-K Teacher

MEDICALS

Paige Costella	Davies Elementary-Elementary Teacher
Magan Carlisle	Arabi Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Joann Albrecht replaced Magan Carlisle)
Tiffany Romano	Gauthier Elementary-Elementary Teacher
Katherine Williams	Smith Elementary-Elementary Teacher
Bridget Hatfield	Smith Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Candice Brown replaced Bridget Hatfield)

RETIREEES

Janice Becker	Chalmette High School-Special Education Teacher 7/31/17
Claire Assavedo	St. Bernard Middle-Elementary Teacher 5/27/17
Michelle Morales	St. Bernard Middle-Elementary Teacher 6/30/17

RESIGNATIONS

Jessica Egan	Meraux Elementary-Elementary Teacher 8/1/17
Holli Jessee	Chalmette High School-High School Teacher 8/1/17
Laura Campagna	Chalmette Elementary-Elementary Teacher 8/1/17
Cameron Fenney	Chalmette Elementary-Elementary Teacher 8/14/17
Meghan Johnson	Davies Elementary-Special Education Teacher 8/25/17

SUPPORT PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS

Dishaun Nelson	Meraux Elementary-Custodian
Moria Coulonge	Smith Pre-School-Paraeducator
Roshonda Bourgeois	Smith Elementary-Paraeducator
Tremica Howard	Smith Elementary-Paraeducator
Candi Greco	St. Bernard Middle-Paraeducator

TRANSFERS

Erica Retif	From Chalmette Pre-School-Paraeducator to Lacoste Pre-School-Paraeducator
Jamie Hoolahan	From Gauthier Elementary-Part-Time Cafeteria Tech to Gauthier Elementary-Cafeteria Tech

MEDICALS

Susan Schwab	Transportation-Bus Rider
Amanda Duca	Lacoste Elementary-Paraeducator

RESIGNATIONS

Brittany Pampas	Gauthier Pre-School-Paraeducator 8/2/17
Sherie Nehlig	St. Bernard Middle-Paraeducator 8/4/17
Michelle Green	Chalmette High School-Paraeducator 8/14/17

With no recommendation from the Committee, Mr. Englande moved to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Bernard, Louisiana, to authorize the continuation of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. The motion, seconded by Dr. Craft, passed by the following roll call vote. The resolution was read aloud and is shown below. Discussion regarding the renewal of these millages followed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas:	Mr. Campbell, Dr. Craft, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gaines Mr. Englande, Mrs. Dysart, Mrs. Lemoine Dr. Lewis, Mr. Long, and Mr. Warner
Nays:	None
Absent:	Mrs. Asevedo

The following resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____:

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 continuation of special taxes 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, NOVEMBER 18, 2017**, 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 propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a special tax of nineteen and thirty-nine hundredths (19.39) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$6,088,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2019 and ending with the year 2028, for the purpose of giving additional support to the operation and maintenance of public elementary and secondary schools in St. Bernard Parish, including, without limitation, paying salaries and benefits of teachers and other School Board employees, said millage to represent a thirty-nine hundredths of a mill (.39) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 19 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2018 pursuant to an election held on April 4, 2009?

PROPOSITION NO. 2
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a special tax of three and six hundredths (3.06) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$960,825 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2019 and ending with the year 2028, for the purpose of acquiring school buses and instructional materials, and for the additional purpose of maintaining and operating school buildings and facilities, said millage to represent a six hundredths of a mill (.06) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 3 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2018 pursuant to an election held on April 4, 2009?

PROPOSITION NO. 3
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a special tax of nine and forty-four hundredths (9.44) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,964,100 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2019 and ending with the year 2028, for the purpose of paying salaries of school employees and giving additional support to public elementary and secondary schools and facilities in the District, said millage to represent a nineteen hundredths of a mill (.19) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 9.25 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2018 pursuant to an election held on April 4, 2009?

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.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

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, DECEMBER 19, 2017**, 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 results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts 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, December 19, 2017, 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 continue to levy and collect the special taxes 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.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Diana B. Dysart	_____	_____	_____	_____
Darleen P. Asevedo	_____	_____	_____	_____
Donald D. Campbell	_____	_____	_____	_____
William H. Egan	_____	_____	_____	_____
Carl W. Gaines, Jr.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Clifford M. Englande	_____	_____	_____	_____
Katherine K. Lemoine	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joseph V. Long, Sr.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sean K. Warner	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dr. Hugh C. Craft	_____	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 22nd day of August, 2017.

<u> /s/ Doris Voitier </u> Secretary	<u> /s/ Diana B. Dysart </u> President
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With a recommendation from the committee, and as moved by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the Board voted by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for submission to the auditors for inclusion in their opinion of the district’s annual financial audit.

There were no requests at this time for items to be placed on the September General Committee Meeting.

At this time, Ms. Voitier reported that the opening of school was very smooth, especially at the new Arlene Meraux Elementary School. She also noted that the Day of Reflection Breakfast will take place on Tuesday, August 29th with tickets still available by calling Central Office at 301-2000.

Mr. Gaines asked about preparation in case of a weather event associated with storms in the Gulf of Mexico at this time. Ms. Voitier assured the Board that

we are ready for any eventuality. At this time, Mrs. Dysart asked for an update on enrollment in the schools. The request was noted by Ms. Voitier. Mr. Campbell took this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Henderson Lewis on the renewal of his contract as Superintendent of the New Orleans Parish Schools. Dr. Lewis thanked the Board for their congratulations.

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Craft 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