

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

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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



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- 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

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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.