

## GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

### TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, April 11, 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, President, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, 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 and Mr. Sean K. Warner. Dr. Hugh C. Craft, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr, Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr. were absent.

On a point of privilege, Mrs. Katherine Lemoine wanted to congratulate all the high school seniors who were awarded scholarships at the previous night's award ceremony including Ms. Nicole Maridiaga who received the School Board Scholarship. Mrs. Lemoine also thanked all the community members and civic groups who funded scholarships.

Mrs. Dysart began the meeting by welcoming Mrs. Alex Schneider to present this month's Super News. Mrs. Schneider first announced a list of upcoming events which included: Celebrating Our School Community Banquet on April 12<sup>th</sup>; Relay for Life on April 22<sup>nd</sup>; AdvancEd Exit Report, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, CHS Honors Banquet, May 5<sup>th</sup>, St. Bernard Day at the Capital and the Chalmette High School Graduation on May 11<sup>th</sup>. At this time, Mrs. Schneider shared the Super News Video which included news on; Special Olympics, Central Office Volunteer of the Year, Alvin Jones for his assistance with Special Olympics, Chalmette High Voices Glitter and Gloves Revue where the summer production of the Little Mermaid was announced and National Academic Games Tournament winners who will compete in Wheeling, West Virginia at the National Competition. Teacher Features included; Shelby Baird at Gauthier Elementary School, Jenny Maldonado of Andrew Jackson Middle School and Yvonne Ben who is stationed at Arabi Elementary School. The News closed with reminders about state testing.

Mrs. Dysart thanked Mrs. Schneider for her presentation and offered congratulation to our students and teachers who excel.

Mr. Wayne Burgess of the LSU Ag Center appeared before the Committee to review last year's Ag Center contributions and the upcoming Ag Magic Presentation. Mr. Burgess explained some of the contributions to the schools during the previous year which include club activities, educational meetings and

end of the year field trips. The dates for the official student presentation of AG Magic are Wednesday, May 10, 2017 through Friday, May 13, 2017. The exhibits will be open to the public on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Admission is free. Mr. Burgess thanked the Committee and volunteers from St. Bernard for their support in all these activities.

After all questions and comments were addressed, the Committee thanked Mr. Burgess for their presentation and their efforts during the entire year.

Mr. Gaines as Education Committee chair welcomed Mrs. Beverly Lawrason to present an update on the preparations for our AdvancEd Review which will take place on April 30, May 1, 2 and 3, 2017 which will offer a school district-wide accreditation. The six member team will visit Arabi and Davies Elementary Schools, Trist Middle School and Chalmette High. Board Members, parents, students, teachers and community partners will be interviewed. A special Board Meeting will be called on May 3, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. for an exit review that will disclose their findings and whether or not accreditation will be recommended. Mrs. Lawrason stated that preparations have been taking place at all of the schools by providing timelines of milestones to meet every month as the review date approaches. Mrs. Lawrason also stated that the review process has been rewarding in the positive feedback that has been collected from all facets of educational partners within and outside of our school community.

Mr. Gaines thanked Mrs. Lawrason for her presentation.

Mr. Granberry addressed Personnel changes for the month of April. All questions and comments from Committee members were addressed by Mr. Granberry. Congratulations were offered to retirees Gail Calato and Kathleen Bauer. Ms. Voitier also announced that Mr. Tony Morales was chosen to be the new Assistant Principal of St. Bernard Middle School. Congratulations were offered to Mr. Morales on his new position.

Mrs. Joni Blum next appeared before Mr. Englande as Finance Committee chair to present the bid tabulation for Small Food Service Equipment. Mrs. Blum noted that all low bids are noted on the bid tabulation.

Mr. Warner moved to recommend to the Board to recommend to the Board to accept the bid tabulation for Small Food Service Equipment as presented by Mrs. Blum. Seconded by Mr. Gaines, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Fernandez presented to the Finance Committee for their review the 2016-2017 Revised General Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Lunch Fund Budgets. Questions and comments from Committee members which followed were addressed by Mr. Fernandez.

Mrs. Dysart made a motion to recommend to the board to approve the revisions made to the 2016-2017 General Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Lunch Fund Budgets. Seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

At this time a motion was made by Mr. Englande to go into executive session to discuss potential negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Warner, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present. Upon completion of the aforementioned executive session, Mr. Warner moved to return to open session, seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the members present and open session was resumed.

Under Superintendent's Recommendations Ms. Voitier stated that at the May 23' 2017 Regular Monthly School Board Meeting the Board will levy the 2017 tax millages. Ms. Voitier asked everyone to check school calendars for events at each school. She also wished everyone a Happy Easter and safe travels during the break.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Asevedo, seconded by Campbell and passed by a unanimous vote of the members present, the Committee adjourned.