

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 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, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, President, Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo, Mr. William H. Egan, Mr. Carl W. Gaines, Jr., Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr., and Mr. Sean K. Warner. Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Dr. Hugh C. Craft, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, and Mr. Shelton P. Smith were absent.

Mr. Englande welcomed Mrs. Alex Schneider to present Super News.

Mrs. Schneider first shared some information regarding current publications that have been made available to the public. Those publications include the new brochure which was placed in recent editions of the St. Bernard Post and the new school calendar which contains pertinent school dates. A new publication called The Quality Report will be presented at the upcoming Day of Reflection Breakfast on Wednesday, August 29th.

The August Super News included items regarding the new wing of Trist Middle School, the annual kickoff rally which welcomes employees back to work which highlighted strong; pre-school programs, Alumni, technology, STEM programs, arts programs, facilities, enrichment programs, workforce programs, community relationships, teachers, performance programs and swim programs. Additional Super News items included students being welcomed back during the beginning days of August, National Special Olympic participants Alexis Hernandez, Darren Trentecosta, Jr. and Teron Lewis along with Coach Paul Frey went to Seattle for that competition, Smith Beta Club Student participated in the National Beta Convention in Savannah, Georgia, Maumus Center Science Camp and finally the upcoming Day of Reflection Breakfast. Congratulations was also offered to 2017 CHS graduate, Mitchell Robinson, after signing with the New York Knicks Basketball team.

Mr. Gaines, as education chair, welcomed Ms. Mary Lumetta, Assistant Superintendent, to speak about Technology Curriculum Enhancement Systems. Ms. Lumetta was thrilled to announce a new assessment reporting tool called Illuminate data and assessment. This new tool will replace two current tools, OLA (Online Assessment Tool) and Performance Plus. She stated, Illuminate will have assessments and student data loaded into it this year and will provide the students with an increased number of technological tools that mirror current state testing tools and will also provide great reporting for the teachers. Ms. Lumetta continued her presentation by

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sharing student test examples and the improved student response opportunities. All questions were addressed by Ms. Lumetta. Mr. Gaines thanked Ms. Lumetta for her presentation.

Mr. Paul Granberry, Supervisor of Personnel, presented the August 2018 personnel changes for the Committee's review. Mr. Englande congratulated Ledonia Smith on her retirement and thanked her for her years of service.

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

Under Superintendent's Recommendations, Ms. Lumetta, sitting in for the Superintendent, noted that there was a very smooth opening to school this year, thanks to the good work of all employees, students and parents. Ms. Lumetta also mentioned that on the Regular Monthly Meeting agenda will be a donation presentation from the Knights of Columbus Rummel Council 5147 and a presentation by the St. Bernard Reading Council.

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