

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, June 12, 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. Present were, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, President, Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Dr. Hugh C. Craft, Mr. William H. Egan, Mr. Carl W. Gaines, Jr., Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr., Mr. Shelton P. Smith and Mr. Sean K. Warner. Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo was absent.

On a point of privilege, Mrs. Dysart asked for a moment of silence to honor the passing of former Parish President David Peralta. The Board offered heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of Mr. Peralta.

Mr. Englande next welcomed Ms. Alex Schneider to present the June 2018 edition of Super News. She began by highlighting coverage of recent end of school year celebrations and graduations in print, Facebook and our You Tube page. She also reviewed Facebook analytics and the School Board website which highlights upcoming summer activities including the upcoming production of “Into the Woods” and a breakfast sponsored by the Chamber who will host Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser at the Maumus Center on Thursday, June 21st.

Ms. Schneider next proceeded to topics within the Super News Video. The topics covered this month included Jenny Maldonado our Parish Wide Middle School Teacher of the Year has also been chosen as a statewide Teacher of the Year – Semi-finalist, Instructional Leaders and Administrators gathered at Chalmette Elementary to celebrate another successful year, CHS Graduation of 450 graduates, Kindergarten, 5th Grade and 8th Grade exit ceremonies, Performing Arts Academy production of “Into the Woods”, Farewell to three principals who are retiring – Dr. Montrelle Sinegar, Donna Schultz, and Stacie Alphonso,

Mr. Englande thanked Ms. Schneider, Barry Lemoine and Jack Jackson for their Super News production.

Mr. Englande next welcomed Mr. Tommie Powell to introduce Pastor Sandra Barnes of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Pastor Barnes of Gethsemane Lutheran Church appeared to present to the Schools Trauma First Aid Kits. Pastor Barnes stated that this presentation of 36 Trauma kits were being presented to the

schools as an offering of safety from the parishioners of the church who were dismayed by the injuries students in Parkland, Florida sustained after a recent school shooting.

Mr. Englande and the Committee thanked Pastor Barnes for this heartfelt, timely and generous donation.

Next, Mr. Englande invited Mr. David Fernandez to appear for recognition of the School Board receiving both the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) and ASBO (Association of School Business Officials) Certificate of Achievement for excellence in financial reporting. Mr. Fernandez acknowledged that the school system has achieved this honor for 24 years which Mr. Fernandez stated could not be done without his incredible staff in the business office. Mr. Englande, Ms. Voitier and the entire Committee commended the employees responsible for these awards which assure the public that the school system is being responsible with public funds.

Mr. Englande welcomed Assistant Superintendent, Mary Lumetta, to update the Committee on Summer Programs.

Mr. Englande turned the meeting over to Mr. Gaines as the Education Committee Chair and he welcomed Assistant Superintendent, Mary Lumetta, to update the Committee on Summer Programs. The information she shared and the schedule of Summer Programs are shown below.

St. Bernard Parish Schools

Board Meeting

June 2018

Vision...Effort...Success



1. Summer Grade Recovery and End of Course Remediation Programs
 - a. May 30 – June 22
 - b. Grades 1-5 at Joseph Davies Elementary School (182 students)
 - c. Grades 6-8 at Chalmette High School Academy (120 students)
 - d. Grades 9-12 at Chalmette High School Academy (140 students)
2. Accelerated Reader Program - Joseph Davies Elementary School Library
 - a. May 30 – June 22, Monday – Friday from 8:15 AM– 12:45 PM
 - b. Students entering grades 1-12
 - c. Approximately 30 students per day

3. Driver's Ed Program - Chalmette High School
 - a. May 29 – June 2
 - b. 19 students completed 30 classroom hours, currently completing 8 hours of driving
4. Summer Swim Program - Chalmette High School Swimming Pool
 - a. Session 1 – May 28 – June 8, Session 2 - June 11 – 22
 - b. Hour long sessions from 11 AM until 4:15 PM
 - c. 60 students
5. Science STEM Camp - Maumus
 - a. Week 1—June 18-22, Week 2—June 25-29 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 - b. Students in grades 1-5 Cost - \$150.00
 - c. Different activities and investigations each week, lunch and snack provided
6. The Performing Arts Academy Presents ***Into the Woods***
Into the Woods opens June 22 and the closing performance is July 1 at the Chalmette High School Cultural Arts Center. Performance times and dates are listed below:
 - Friday, June 22 at 7:00 PM
 - Saturday, June 23 at 7:00 PM
 - Sunday, June 24 at 2:00 PM
 - Friday, June 29 at 7:00 PM
 - Saturday, June 30 at 7:00 PM
 - Sunday, July 1 at 2:00 PM

Tickets for *Into the Woods* are going fast. Those interested can purchase tickets online by visiting www.sbpsb.org/ccac or by calling the Box Office at 504 – 272 – 0302.

Science STEM Camp at Maumus

Campers in grades 1-5 will participate in activities that require them to apply their science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skills while conducting experiments that will engage their curiosity and at the same time encourage them to share their experiences with those at home.

Campers will participate in three activities per day that are based on one of the core science content areas of

- Earth Science
- Life Science
- Physical Science
- Environmental Science
- Space Science
- Engineering Design

Along with the activities, campers will participate in an interactive planetarium presentation each day.

Campers will complete a lab journal for each of the experiments that they conduct which will require them to use their math skills to create data tables, their observation skills to assess the results of their experiments in order to draw conclusions and their communication skills to discuss their findings with their fellow campers.

The camp will be led by veteran teachers from our district who have a passion for STEM education.

Camp Dates:

- Week 1—June 18-22
- Week 2—June 25-29

Camp hours are from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Lunch and an afternoon snack will be provided.

The cost of the camp is \$150.00.

The activities for each week will be different to provide those campers who would like to attend both weeks the opportunity to conduct a new set of investigations.

The Performing Arts Academy Presents *Into the Woods*

The Performing Arts Academy will bring audiences a twist on the beloved fairy tales of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Rapunzel in this summer's production of *Into the Woods*.

Nearly a hundred students have been in production for the last several weeks to put on what surely will be another Broadway-caliber performance.

While some alum do make their way back to the summer stage, for many of this year's Chalmette High School Voices graduates, this will be their last performance at the Cultural Arts Center.

Music Director Annelise Cassar said she has been working with many of the recent graduates for most of their young adult lives.

“All of these students have grown into incredible vocalists and actors. I could not be more proud of the performers and people they have become and look forward to seeing all they will achieve in college and beyond,” she said. “Come *Into the Woods* and see these incredible performers one last time.”

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Dr. Craft continued with Executive Committee business and invited Mr. Granberry to share the Personnel Changes for June 2018. Dr. Craft thanked Mr. Granberry for the information.

At this time Ms. Voitier announced the appointment of Assistant Principals for Andrew Jackson Middle School, Davies Elementary School and Lacoste Elementary Schools. Those appointments are as follows:

Andrew Jackson Middle School	Todd Larche
Davies Elementary School	Lisa Pohlmann
Lacoste Elementary School	Erin St. Philip

Congratulations for all the appointees were offered by the entire Committee.

Mr. Egan continued as Insurance Committee chair by introducing Mr. Fernandez, to present the next agenda item of renewal of Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Mr. Fernandez recommended that the School Board accept the proposal from State National Insurance Company as presented by Clements Insurance Services, LLC our agent of record for a price of \$44,212.00. In addition to the 2018-19 rate given by State National Insurance Company, an extension was offered for the 2019-2020 fiscal year at a small increase (from 0.113% to 0.1135%).

Mr. Fernandez addressed all questions of the Committee.

Dr. Craft moved to accept the Administration's Recommendation to approve the renewal of Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 at a cost of \$44,212.00. Seconded by Mr. Warner, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Englande then continued with Mr. Fernandez to discuss the Official Journal bid tabulation. The only proposal was from the St. Bernard Voice at the cost of \$2.94 per columnar inch and \$2.94 per square to publish all minutes and public notices. Mr. Fernandez stated that the Administration recommends the St. Bernard Voice as its Official Journal.

Dr. Craft moved to recommend to the Board to accept the proposal of the St. Bernard Voice as the School Board's Official Journal for the fiscal year 2018-2019. Seconded by Mr. Long, the motion passed by a roll call vote of the members present with no objections.

Mr. Fernandez next presented the tabulation of bids for Vehicle Painting and Body Repairs for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The Administration recommends the low bidder – Fradella's.

On motion of Mrs. Dysart and seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Committee voted by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present to recommend to the Board to accept the Administration's recommendation of Fradella's as the provider of Vehicle Painting and Body Repairs for School Board vehicles for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Mr. Fernandez next presented the Committee with the tabulation of bids for gasoline, diesel, lubricating oil, antifreeze and transmission fluid for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. Mr. Fernandez stated that FleetCor was the low bidder for gasoline and diesel fuel and was the Administration's recommendation. Mr. Fernandez noted that for lubricating oil the award goes to Davison Oil, for Anti-freeze the Administration recommended Davison Oil and for transmission fluid, Davison Oil was not the low bidder but was chosen because the low bidder's product did not meet our specifications.

Mr. Long moved to recommend to the Board to accept the recommendation by the Administration to have the low bidders; Fleetcor provide gasoline and diesel, Davison Oil provide lubricating oil, antifreeze and transmission fluid for the fiscal year of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Smith, the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Fernandez next presented the bid tabulation for paper, cleaning and custodial supplies. He stated that the Administration recommends accepting the lowest responsive bidder in each category.

With a motion by Mrs. Dysart and seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the Committee voted unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present to recommend to the Board to approve the lowest responsive bidder in each category of the paper, cleaning and custodial product bid tabulation.

Mr. Warner next welcomed Mrs. Joni Blum to present the bid tabulation 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 July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

Mr. Gaines moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the lowest bidder on each item on the aforementioned grocery bid tabulation. Seconded by Dr. Craft, the motion passed with no objections by a roll call vote of the members present.

At this time, Mr. Englande requested an item be added to the agenda. The agenda item concerns a lawsuit titled – Cajun Industries, L.L.C., Cajun Constructors, Inc., and Cajun Deep Foundations, L.L.C. versus Sheriff James Pohlmann, Ex Officio Tax Collector St. Bernard Parish.

Dr. Craft moved to add the above mentioned item to the agenda, Seconded by Mr. Warner, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Dr. Craft next moved to go into executive session to discuss this lawsuit. Seconded by Mr. Warner the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Dr. Craft moved to return to open session. Seconded by Mr. Warner, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

There were no Superintendent's Recommendations.

On motion of Dr. Craft, seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.