

## GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

### TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, April 10, 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, President, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, President, Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo, 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, Mr. Shelton P. Smith and Mr. Sean K. Warner. Mr. Donald D. Campbell was absent.

Mr. Englande began the meeting by welcoming Mr. Barry Lemoine to present this month's Super News. At this time, Mr. Lemoine shared the Super News Video which included news on; Pre-school registration, Glitter and Gloves production at the CHS Cultural Arts Center, LMEA Competition, National Nutrition Month and reminders regarding Standardized Testing. Teacher Features included; Maggie Roussell at Meraux Elementary School and Michelle Foland at Rowley Alternative. Recognized were St. Bernard School Board Lions Club Golf Tournament success and Chalmette Refining-PBF Energy for their generous donation of \$15,000.00 for Academic Games. Teacher Recruitment was also included in this edition of Super News.

Mr. Englande thanked Mr. Lemoine for his presentation and offered congratulations 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 4H Club activities, educational meetings and end of the year field trips. The dates for the official student presentation of AG Magic are Tuesday, May 8, 2018 through Friday, May 11, 2018. The exhibits will be open to the public on Saturday, May 12, 2018. 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.

As Building Committee Chair, Mr. Warner welcomed Mr. Jason Dewey, Building and Grounds Supervisor and Mr. Michael Lachin, Architect to update the Committee on the construction at Trist Middle School. Mr. Dewey began by stating that time targets are on schedule with no major delays expected. Mr. Lachin spoke and shared photos of the construction where interiors are being finished with air conditioning being installed. Mr. Lachin also noted that budgetwise, project changeorders have been tracked at less than 1% which is excellent. He also stated that the building should be turned over to the School Board within the next couple of months.

After all questions were addressed, Mr. Englande thanked Mr. Dewey and Mr. Lachin for their presentation.

As Education Committee Chair, Mr. Gaines welcomed Mrs. Lee Anne Harlton, Curriculum Supervisor, to address the upcoming Summer Reading Program. Mrs. Harlton stated that in an effort to promote reading during the summer months, grade appropriate lists of books have been compiled for grades 3 all the way through high school English IV. Each child will be requested to read one or more of the books on their grade level list during the summer. Notes will be sent home with these book lists with students at the end of the school year letting them know that they can take the Accelerated Reader test associated with their book of choice at Davies Elementary during the summer from June 1<sup>st</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. If transportation to Davies is not possible, there is a report that can be written regarding your chosen book which can help when the students return to school and take the AR test. The books can be bought by students or borrowed from the local library or their own school library.

After all questions were addressed, Mr. Gaines thanked Mrs. Harlton 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 Norman Sedlander, Donna Schultz, Dr. Montrelle Sinegar and Dianne Delos Reyes.

Mr. Fernandez presented to the Finance Committee for their review the 2017-2018 Revised General Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Lunch Fund Budgets. Questions and comments from Committee members which followed were addressed by Mr. Fernandez.

Mr. Englande made a motion to recommend to the board to approve the revisions made to the 2017-2018 General Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Lunch Fund Budgets. Seconded by Dr. Craft, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mrs. Blum next presented the Administration's request to bid for Spices and Seasoning (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 through December 31, 2018.

With a motion by Mr. Gaines and a second from Mr. Long, the Committee voted unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present to recommend to the Board to approve the Administration's request to bid for Spices and Seasoning (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 through December 31, 2018.

Under Superintendent's Recommendations Ms. Voitier noted that some upcoming events are Relay for Life on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Val Riess Park, Celebrating Our School Community Banquet on April 25<sup>th</sup>, CHS Senior Awards Ceremony, Honors Banquet on May 11<sup>th</sup> and Graduation is on May 17<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that Testing is continuing during April and May.

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