

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
MARCH 13, 2018

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met in a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 5:00 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. 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., and Mr. Sean K. Warner. Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr. was absent.

This Special Meeting was called to allow the Board to select an interim Board Member to fill the vacancy in District 9 left by the departure of Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr.

The next order of business on the agenda involved deciding on the process to select the Interim Board Member. Ms. Voitier stated that the leadership at the Louisiana School Board Association suggested the following process:

1. Have each candidate introduce themselves and explain why they would be a good Board Member for District 9.
2. Board Members would then be allowed to ask questions of each candidate.
3. A brief break would be taken.
4. Nominations would take place.
5. Written ballots would be taken and publicly read aloud.
6. The candidate receiving the majority of votes would be announced.

Ms. Voitier also noted that this voting process must be public which is why paper ballots were prepared so they could be collected and read aloud. She also noted that this allows the public and the candidates to know who each Board Member voted for.

During the discussion regarding this process, Mrs. Dysart requested that in the spirit of fairness, any questions posed to the candidates would be alternated between candidates in an effort to keep one or the other from having any advantage.

On a motion from Mr. Gaines, seconded by Dr. Craft, the Board voted unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present to use the aforementioned process with the alternating questions as requested by Mrs. Dysart.

Before proceeding with the agenda, Mr. Englande thanked both candidates for volunteering for this position.

He began the process of selecting a new School Board Member for District 9 by asking the candidates to introduce themselves and tell the Board why they wished to represent District 9 and what skills they possess that would aid them in their representation.

The first candidate to speak was Ms. Tamara Jones. Ms. Jones explained that she was a long time resident of St. Bernard Parish with two sons, one has already graduated and the other is ten and still in school. She owns a business

in the Violet area. Ms. Jones stated that she would be a good Board Member because of her passion for kids. She asked the Board to consider her and thanked the Board for their time.

The second candidate to speak was Mr. Shelton Smith. Mr. Smith explained that he is married with 3 young sons. He went to the public schools in the Violet Community until he was in High School at St. Bernard High when hurricane Katrina hit, at that time he completed high school at St. Augustine High School. He owns a trucking company, is a minister at his church and has experience in law enforcement as a corrections officer and a reserve police officer. Mr. Smith also stated that he does not intend to run for this office in the fall. As to why he would be a good Board Member, Mr. Smith noted that he is very involved in the community and deals with children a lot as the youth minister at his church. He also stated that his involvement with the Sheriff's Office might be helpful.

Mr. Englande next opened the floor to questions from the Board Members for the candidates. After all questions were asked and answered, Mr. Englande called for a break in the meeting.

When Mr. Englande called the meeting back to order he opened the floor for nominations. Dr. Craft nominated Ms. Tamara Jones stating that since Mr. Smith will not run in the fall, for continuity purposes, Ms. Jones would be a good Board Member. Mr. Sean Warner nominated Mr. Smith stating that he would prefer a temporary member so that none of the candidates in the upcoming election would have the advantage of already sitting in the District 9 seat.

Mrs. Dysart took this opportunity to thank both candidates and additional discussion ensued regarding the qualities of the candidates and the differing views regarding placing a possible future candidate in the interim seat or someone you know will not be a candidate in the fall election. After all discussion, each Board Member cast their vote on a paper ballot, ballots were collected and given to Mr. Englande who read the name of the Board Member and who they voted for. Upon completion, the results were as shown below.

Interim Board Member Vote for District 9

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District	Board Member Name	Candidate Tamara Jones	Candidate Shelton Smith
1	Katherine Lemoine		X
2	William Egan		X
3	Darleen Asevedo	X	
4	Sean Warner		X
5	Joseph Long	X	
6	Hugh Craft	X	
7	Diana Dysart		X
8	Clifford Englande		X
10	Carl Gaines		X
11	Donald Campbell		X
TOTAL		3	7

Mr. Englande thanked Ms. Jones for her efforts and encouraged her to seek election in November. Mr. Englande then congratulated Mr. Smith and notified him that he must decide when and where he would like to be sworn in before the next meeting and directed him to see Ms. Benezech about necessary paperwork.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Dysart, seconded by Mrs.. Asevedo and passed by voice vote with no objections, the meeting was adjourned.

Clifford Englande/s
CLIFFORD ENGLANDE
PRESIDENT

Doris Voitier/s
DORIS VOITIER
SECRETARY