

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, February 6, 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. Donald D. Campbell, Dr. Hugh C. Craft, Mr. William H. Egan, Mr. Carl W. Gaines, Jr., Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Dr. Henderson Lewis, Jr, Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr. and Mr. Sean K. Warner.

Mr. Englande introduced the first agenda item regarding Committee Assignments for the Board for the next calendar year. Copies of the assignments were provided to the Committee Members to review, any changes to this list will be made at the Regular Monthly Meeting.

Mr. Englande next welcomed Ms. Alex Schneider to present the February Communication Report and Super News. In the Communication Report she noted print coverage of Mr. Englande being sworn in as the new Board President, the most recent Posse Scholarship to Ms. My Linh Hoang of CHS, The CHS Taste of St. Bernard function and the district wide student of the Year winner announcement. Ms. Schneider also highlighted the analytics regarding our social media presence with the topic concerning Teach St. Bernard being one of the favorites. She also reviewed a few upcoming activities in the schools including School Mardi Gras Parades and Balls, Special Olympics and Glitter and Gloves. The actual Super News video with host Alex Schneider and Barry Lemoine, presented information on the following topics; The CHS Taste of St. Bernard competition function, CTE program courses offered at Nunez Community College, Maumus Center planetarium schedule, Board President election of Clifford Englande, Dr. Henderson Lewis resignation from the School Board, Teacher Features that included Ashley Nation of Arabi Elementary, Shannon Geraci, Science teacher at St. Bernard Middle School, Tiffany Deimel, volunteer at Davies Elementary, eighth grade students visiting Chalmette High, the one to one ration of computers for students in the school district, Posse Scholarship to My Linh Hoang and the Contemporary Dance Company performance at CHS.

Mr. Englande thanked Ms. Schneider for her presentation.

As education chair, Mr. Carl Gaines welcomed Ms. Mary Lumetta to present information regarding the STEAM Program offerings within our district. Her presentation components are listed below.

St. Bernard Parish Schools

Board Meeting

February 2018

Vision...Effort...Success



1. Science

- a. Standards-based hands-on instruction
- b. Science labs at all schools
- c. 5E Lessons
 - i. Five stages of a sequence for teaching and learning: Engage, Explore, Explain, Extend (or Elaborate), and Evaluate
 - ii. Hands-on inquiry lessons that encompass engineering practices and use of technology within every 5E Lesson
- d. Real-world models (Example - Wetlands)
 - i. Build to test the multiple lines of defense when creating sustainable environments
 - ii. Devise a solution to a current wetland concern such as erosion
- e. Interactive lessons - students view an experiment and use observations to create data sets and draw conclusions
- f. Use technology to view a phenomenon and then apply the science standards to explain why the phenomena have occurred
- g. Maumus Center - Planetarium - lessons aligned to science standards
- h. 5th grade annual Invention Convention sponsored by Valero and other local agencies

- i. Starbase at the Jackson Barracks
 - i. One week out of year - 5th grade students
 - ii. Hands-on lab-based instruction on LA Standards correlated to space
 - j. Wetlands grant from University of New Orleans
 - i. Two 5th grade teachers along with Gena Asevado learned about the risk of living in the wetlands
 - ii. Student fieldtrips to the MRGO and Maumus Center to participate in wetlands activities
 - k. Participation in Flood Authority pilot (to be used in all middle schools next year)
 - i. 8th Grade at Trist
 - ii. Storm surge barrier model applying math and engineering principles to their design
 - iii. Tour of the Surge Barrier in New Orleans East
 - iv. Conversation with engineers who operate the sector gates
 - v. View of sector gates in operation (closing and then re-opening)
 - vi. Chromebook use to research multiple satellite images of the flood protection system for St. Bernard Parish
 - l. Mangrove tree project
 - m. Class projects at Docville
 - n. Stennis Space Center teacher training
 - i. Two elementary and one middle school teacher attended training
 - ii. Artifacts from a space mission were checked out to share with classes
 - o. High school courses
 - i. Physical Science, Chemistry, Biology I & II, AP Biology II, Chemistry II, Environmental Science, Physics I & II
 - ii. Health Sciences, Medical Terminology, Medical Assistant I & II, Certified Nursing Assistant, & Food & Nutrition
2. Technology
- a. Chromebooks/iPads – Instruction/Intervention/Reinforcement/Enrichment & Assessment
 - i. Five iPads and/or Chromebooks are in each K-2 classroom
 - ii. Classroom set of Chromebooks
 - 1. 3rd, 4th & 5th grade classrooms
 - 2. 6th – 9th Grade ELA, math, science, & social studies classrooms
 - 3. Algebra, Geometry, Biology, U.S. History & English I, II, III

- b. Desktop computers
 - 1. Five desktop computers in all classrooms
 - 2. At least two computer labs are in each elementary school
 - 3. Three or more computer labs at each middle school
 - 4. Twelve computer labs at the high school
- c. Classroom use
 - i. Videos and electronic content use appropriate to the curriculum needs
 - ii. Assignments through Google Docs (individual and group assignments) and ClassFlow (exit tickets, diagram labeling, etc.) software
 - iii. Typing Agent – K-12 computer program that scaffolds typing skills
- d. High School
 - i. Internet, Networking, Website Development, Internet Business Associate, TV Production, Broadcasting, Audio Engineering, Desktop Publishing, Digital Media I & II
 - ii. CHS Tech Crew
 - 1. Training in the technology used in the entertainment industry
 - 2. School productions and community events year round
- 3. Engineering Courses
 - i. Introduction to Engineering
 - ii. Principles of Engineering
 - iii. Digital Electronics (Robotics)
- 4. Art
 - a. Art and music courses
 - b. Art clubs and contests
 - c. Dance teams
 - d. Chorus & Bell Choir
 - e. Events
 - i. Christmas and Spring concerts
 - ii. Talent and variety shows
 - iii. Christmas at Docville
 - iv. Cultural Arts Theater productions and plays
 - f. High school offers Art, Band, Vocals, Theater, Dance, and Costuming

5. Math

- a. Math/Science nights
- b. Academic Games – Equations and OnSets – local and national competitions
- c. Summer teacher training at Mickelson Academy for math and science
- d. High school courses
 - i. Algebra I, II, & III
 - ii. Geometry
 - iii. Technical Math
 - iv. Math Essentials
 - v. Financial Literacy
 - vi. Business Math
 - vii. Advanced Math
 - viii. Pre-Calculus, Calculus, & Advanced Placement Calculus

Upon completion of her presentation, all questions were addressed by Ms. Lumetta. The Committee thanked them for their time.

Mr. Englande next asked Mr. Granberry to present to the Committee, for informational purposes, the list of Administrators who were up for a two year renewal of their performance contracts which are due to expire on June 30, 2018. Also presented to the Committee were the recommendations for renewal. Mr. Granberry answered all questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Granberry next went on to present the Personnel Changes for February 2018 for review by the Committee. Mr. Granberry addressed all comments and questions of the Committee.

Mr. Granberry also presented a resolution to the School Board that asks them to support the development of a Louisiana Task Force on Teacher Shortages to research strategies to overcome the challenge and secure a stronger educator workforce. By joint acclamation, the Board voted to support the endeavor and pass the resolution.

As Finance Committee chair Mr. Warner welcomed Mr. David Fernandez to present the bid tabulations for Large Equipment. With a motion from Dr. Lewis 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 lowest bidder on the bid for Large Equipment.

As Executive Committee Chair, Dr. Craft led the discussion regarding filling the vacancy which will occur on March 15, 2018 for School Board Member of District 9.

Ms. Voitier directed the Committee to review the information she provided that outlines the LSBA guidelines on dealing with vacancies on the Board and the revised statutes that are connected with filling this vacancy. She noted that since it is less than a year until the regular election for Board Members, the Board must appoint a new Board Member to fill that vacancy within 20 days of the departure of the previous Board Member. With Dr. Lewis having already notified the Board of his departure on March 15th, this give the Board until April 4th, 2018 to fill the position. Ms. Voitier proposed that the vacancy be advertised and anyone interested could submit an application to the School Board Office. Ms. Voitier also read aloud the requirements for the position which are;

- A registered voter
- At least 18 years old
- A resident of Louisiana for the preceding two years
- Domiciled in St. Bernard Parish School Board District 9 for the preceding year; and
- Able to read and write

Discussion ensued at this point regarding the deadline for accepting applications, where to advertise, whether a special meeting would be required to interview applicants or if it should be done at a regular meeting, (this would depend on the number of applicants), after much consideration it was decided;

- Advertise in the Voice, St. Bernard News and The Post
- Website
- Facebook
- Applications must be hand delivered to the St. Bernard Parish School Board Central Office
- Deadline for application submission – March 2, 2018

Under Superintendents' Recommendations Ms. Voitier noted that the tabulation of bids for the demolition of Sebastien Roy School will be presented at the February Regular Monthly Meeting. Also, Mardi Gras Parades for the schools will be this Friday, February 9th, Senior Beta convention this week and Junior Beta Convention will be next week and in March will be the Glitter and Gloves performances.

On a point of privilege, Mrs. Dysart congratulated all the local school bands and marching units for their performance in the local Knights of Nemesis parade. Ms. Voitier noted that Chalmette High marched in the Excalibur parade and garnered a 1st Place designation for their performance.

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Asevedo and passed unanimously by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.