

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 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, Mr. William H. Egan, Ms. Carly C. Jackson, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, Mr. Shelton P. Smith, Mr. Sean K. Warner and Mrs. Rosiland R. White. Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr. was absent.

At this time Mrs. Dysart moved that an item be added to the agenda regarding a special proclamation for Governor John Bel Edwards. Mrs. Lemoine seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the Committee Members present.

With the Proclamation now added to the agenda, Mrs. Dysart explained that Governor Edwards was expected to stop in at the School Board Committee Meeting tonight but his busy schedule is preventing him from this appearance. In his absence and because of his support and things he has done for public education in this state, Mrs. Dysart explained that a proclamation was prepared for the governor and will be sent to his office in Baton Rouge. The proclamation is shown below and was read aloud. Mrs. Dysart asked that this proclamation be approved by the Board which was done by joint acclamation. Mr. Englande and Ms. Voitier both stated that Governor Edwards has been a friend to public education and a true champion in fighting for funds for employees and students.

Presented to

**GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS**

**AN HONORED AND TIRELESS  
SUPPORTER OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO  
INCREASING TEACHER AND SUPPORT EMPLOYEE SALARIES  
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TEN YEARS**

**AND FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN  
SECURING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR  
STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
BY  
INCREASING THE MINIMUM FOUNDATION PROGRAM**

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Mrs. Schneider was welcomed to present the November Super News. Mrs. Schneider first noted that in Board Members folders is info regarding Press Reports, which included the Knights of Columbus donation to schools, the School Board Lions Club donation to the League of Angels, Chalmette High Ring Day and a story by Barry Lemoine about Coach Kelly Plaiscia's 700<sup>th</sup> win as the CHS volleyball coach. Mrs. Schneider also shared social media traffic from October/November and shared upcoming dates for the St. Bernard Community Band informational meeting on 11/20, Elementary Neighborhood Christmas Caroling on 12/4, CHS Christmas Gala on 12/5-6, Handle's Messiah on 12/7, CHS Historic Caroling in the French Quarter on 12/12 and Docville Children's Christmas on 12/14. This Super News production began by highlighting the following topics: CHS Ring Day, Mary Lumetta's recognition by the local Business and Professional Women's Club as a Model Working Woman, CHS Kelly Plaiscia celebration for winning her 700<sup>th</sup> Volleyball game, Lacoste Elementary was highlighted for a segment called School Spotlight and was led by students, Connor Dewey and Alivia Nevels, where they raved about the Lacoste Baby Bulldogs Dance Team, Halloween Field Day, Monday morning assembly which honors great hallway behavior, Lexia and Zearn accomplishments and upcoming birthdays, fifth grade and kindergarten buddies, terrific kids and students of the month, Ms. Kately Lotz who was chosen as Teacher of the Year for Lacoste.

Next in Super News was "Across the Board" which highlights current Board Members, tonight Katherine Lemoine of District 1 in Arabi and William "Bill" Egan of District 2 (also in Arabi). They both spoke about how long they have been on the Board and why they pursued this opportunity.

Continuing with Super News Mrs. Schneider highlighted the vocal training taking place at the CHS Cultural Arts Center as part of a master class for Alumni Kristin Bauer, the Louisiana Philharmonic also performed for students at the Cultural Arts

Center, Pen Intern Lauren Maupin showcases her fellow alum in her final project for her internship, School Spotlight next turned to Trist Middle School with students, Camryn White and Madelyn Lopez who highlighted the Cheerleaders and their activities, PBS Program and Pirate Gold Coupons, PBIS/Student Council/Beta Club hosts a Neon Glow Party and Sixth Grade Science and Social Studies projects.

Ms. Schneider next heralded the Knights of Columbus, Archbishop Rummel Council recently presented a \$5,000.00 check to the School Board with proceeds from their local Crawfish Festival. The donation will be used to fund projects in the Special Education Department and continues a long standing relationship between the Knights of Columbus and the School Board. The School Board Lions Club also made a generous contribution recently giving \$1,500.00 to the League of Angels a community organization which provides recreational opportunities for children with disabilities in St. Bernard Parish. Mrs. Rita Gue was also recognized for having been honored by the International Economic Development Council for improving the economy and quality of life in St. Bernard Parish.

The Islenos Museum Days were also shown with some of the fun and hands on learning opportunities that were offered during this celebration. The Super News ended by listing the newly selected Teachers of the Year.

Teachers of the Year  
2019 – 2020

Megan Lancaster	Andrew Jackson Middle School
Sarah Stevens	Arabi Elementary
Sarah Turnbull	Chalmette Elementary
Cody Jackson	Chalmette High
Lauren Frazier	Davies Elementary
Tiffany Romano	Gauthier Elementary
Kaitlyn Lotz	Lacoste Elementary
Maggie Roussell	Meraux Elementary
Nicholas Piazza	Rowley Alternative
Anna Inmon	Smith Elementary
Courtney Oenes	St. Bernard Middle
Chelsea Easterling	Trist Middle

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

Mr. Warner next welcomed Ms. Mary Lumetta, Assistant Superintendent, to present the Fall 2018 Accountability Scores. Ms. Lumetta presented the Committee with a handout that contained the St. Bernard Parish Letter Grade for last year and this year along with the results from districts in surrounding parishes along with each school letter grade and the parish wide overall score for last year and this year. Ms. Lumetta noted that the biggest change this year is in the letter grade for Rowley Alternative School which is now graded with a formula that better fits the mission of the school.

### Fall 2019 Accountability Scores

St. Bernard Parish	2018 Score	2019 Score
	81.1	83

Parish	2018 Letter Grade	2019 Letter Grade
St. Bernard Parish	B	B
Jefferson Parish	C	C
Orleans Parish	C	C
Plaquemine Parish	B	A
St. Charles Parish	B	B
St. Tammany Parish	B	B

School	2018 Letter Grade		2019 Letter Grade
Chalmette High	A		A
Andrew Jackson Middle School	C		C
St. Bernard Middle School	C		C
N.P. Trist Middle School	B		B
Arabi Elementary School	C		C
Chalmette Elementary School	C		C

Joseph Davies Elementary School	B		B
J.F. Gauthier Elementary School	B		B
Lacoste Elementary School	B		B
Arlene Meraux Elementary School	C		C
W. Smith Jr. Elementary School	C		C
C.F. Rowley Alternative School	F		C

Mr. Warner and the Committee thanked Ms. Lumetta for the overview and congratulated everyone who worked so hard for these fantastic results.

Next, Mr. Englande welcomed Ms. Voitier to present the personnel changes for the month of November. Mrs. Dysart congratulated nurse Roselyn Hansen, Juliette Anderson, custodian at Andrew Jackson and Nolan Terrebonne on their retirement. Mr. Englande thanked Ms. Voitier for the personnel review.

Mrs. Dysart who is the Executive Committee Chair next welcomed Ms. Alex Schneider to present changes and new policies for the district.

Ms. Schneider began with policy JGCB regarding Immunizations. Ms. Schneider stated that in accordance with Act 196 passed by the 2018 Louisiana legislature language was removed regarding specific immunizations and instead the policy now references the schedule approved by the Office of Public Health (OPH) of the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) which will eliminate the need to update this policy as legislation is passed requiring new immunizations.

Mr. Warner moved to recommend to the Board approval of the change to Policy JGCB – Immunizations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved unanimously by the members present.

Ms. Schneider next addressed the next policy change which was a simple recoding of the Policy ID DFA to ID DFB regarding Service Animals in Schools.

Mr. Smith moved to recommend to the Board approval of the change to ID DFA to ID DFB regarding Service Animals in Schools. The motion was seconded by Mr. Warner and approved unanimously by the members present.

Ms. Schneider next presented a policy as mandated by Act 240 which became effective August 1<sup>st</sup> which requires School Boards to adopt and post on our website a policy which addresses the assessment, collection and use of fees charged to students or their parents or legal guardian no later than December 1, 2019.

Mr. Warner moved to recommend to the Board approval of the change to Policy JS regarding Student Fees, Fines and Charges. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Asevedo and approved unanimously by the members present

Ms. Schneider then presented changes to Policy EBBB – School and Student Safety which Ms. Schneider explained as changes as dictated by Act 209 of the 2019 Louisiana Legislature which becomes effective August 1, 2019 to include new definitions and alters the provisions regarding examination of a student who has made a threat.

Mr. Smith moved to recommend to the Board approval of the change to policy EBBB regarding School and Student safety. The motion was seconded by Mr. Englande and approved unanimously by the members present

The next policy addressed by Ms. Schneider is policy EBBC – Emergency/Crisis Management. Ms. Schneider explained that through Act 44, effective June 1, 2019 it is mandated that the principal of a high school conducting the annual review seek input from the president of the senior class or student council and at least one other responsible student selected by the principal.

Mrs. Lemoine moved to recommend to the Board approval of the change to policy EBBC regarding Emergency/Crisis Management. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jackson and approved unanimously by the members present

The final policy to be addressed by Ms. Schneider is policy JCDAG – Threats of Terrorism or Violence which is recommended for deletion in coordination with changes to policy of EBBB.

Ms. Jackson moved to recommend to the Board approval of the deletion of policy JCDAG regarding Threats of Terrorism or Violence. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved unanimously by the members present

Mr. Dysart next welcomed Mr. David Fernandez, Finance Manager, to present the revised 2019 – 2020 General Fund and Special Revenue Fund budgets. Mr. Fernandez noted that the changes in the General fund reflect year end encumbrances and fund balances and current staffing. Mr. Fernandez pointed out that the changes to the Special Revenue Funds reflected the final amounts awarded for these programs.

Mr. Warner moved to recommend to the Board to approve the revisions to the 2018 – 2019 General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budgets. Seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Under Superintendent's Recommendations Ms. Voitier mentioned that the Superintendent's Evaluation forms are being handed out tonight. Those forms should be completed and turned in to assist in the Special Meeting in December for the Superintendent's Evaluation. Ms. Voitier also noted that the 2018 – 2019 Financial and Compliance Audit will be presented at the upcoming November 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Monthly Meeting.

On a point of privilege Mrs. Dysart requested a shout out to Lacoste Elementary for their successful talent show which was a very impressive show of talent. On another point of privilege Mr. Warner wanted to call attention to the Chalmette High Football Team who will be involved in a play-off game at Hahnville on Friday Night.

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