

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, October 8, 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. Joseph V. Long, Sr., Mr. Shelton P. Smith Mr. Sean K. Warner and Mrs. Rosiland R. White.

On a point of privilege Mrs. Dysart asked for a moment of silence in memory of educators who recently passed, they are; Mr. John Accomando, Ms. Erin Kuehl and Ms. Laura Sullivan all of which were Teachers and/or Principals in our schools. Ms. Dysart asked to remember the son of former Assistant Principal Jack Serigne, Jonathan Serigne, who passed away just last week. After the moment of silence, condolences were extended to the family and friends of all of the aforementioned individuals.

An additional point of privilege was requested by Mr. Warner who congratulated Ms. Kelly Plaiscia on her 700th win as Volleyball Coach at Chalmette High School. Congratulations were offered by all the Committee Members on this amazing accomplishment.

Mr. Englande welcomed members of the Archbishop Rummel Council of the Knights of Columbus. Speaking for the Knights of Columbus is current Grand Knight Tony Deluca who introduced other members present, they are: Louisiana Crawfish Festival Teen Queen Kristian Nash and her mother Kim, Al Jirovec, Sam Bourgeois, Dennis Bourgeois, Tony Randazzo, Reuben Saavedra and Kim Deluca. Mr. Deluca then announced that on behalf of the Knights of Columbus with proceeds from their yearly Crawfish Festival he would like to present a donation of \$5,000.00 to the Special Education Department of the St. Bernard Parish School Board.

The Committee thanked the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation and applauded their efforts within the community.

Mr. Englande next invited Ms. Alex Schneider to present Super News. Alex first reviewed the October Communications report showing recent news articles and social media activity and statistics from the District Facebook Account. Ms. Schneider also wished to share social media statistics from Chalmette High, Davies Elementary and Arabi Elementary.

The Super News brought to the Board tonight highlighted the members of CHS performing groups who took an advanced dance class to prepare for the upcoming Christmas Show which will take place on December 5th and 6th, the CHS tech club exhibition, School Spotlight on Meraux Elementary with Aaron Funez and Laylah England who presented Mr. Landry and his bucket band, Coach Lance Lacoste helped students learn to live a healthy life, 2nd grade celebrated fairy tales in costume, through a grant from the Brown Foundation 3rd graders will assist in planting and nurturing cypress trees on the school grounds of the school and in the areas of south Louisiana as part of the Coastal Roots Program, a new segment called across the Board which highlighted School Board President Cliff Englande and Vice President Diana

Dysart, the Chalmette High Alumni Social after the Chalmette High vs. Holy Cross High School Football game, another School Spotlight took place for St. Bernard Middle School with students Sydney Guerra and Roderick James telling us about their back to school dance, Moms and muffins and the Dads and donuts events, sustained silent reading in homeroom, volleyball, football and swimming team pep rally, dietician interns, CHS Owl Week activities, Academic Games, encouragement of future teachers to apply for teaching positions and alternative certification program, the end of the first nine week period with parent/teacher conferences at the end of the month.

Mr. Englande thanked Ms. Schneider, Barry Lemoine and Jack Jackson for their time and energy in producing the Super News.

Mr. Englande next welcomed Mr. Charles Cassar to present information concerning the upcoming Red Ribbon Week. Mr. Cassar noted that the national and local effort to reduce drug activity will take place from October 21 – 31, 2019. The theme this year is “My Extreme Connection to life is living Drug Free.” Mr. Cassar noted that rally activities and speakers will be presented throughout the school system during this week.

Mr. Englande and the Committee thanked Mr. Cassar for his efforts in this arena and for his presentation tonight.

As Education Committee Chair Mrs. Lemoine welcomed Mr. Cassar again to present to the Committee an update on Cultural Arts activities that are taking place in the schools. He began by announcing that the Louisiana Philharmonic Symphony will use the Cultural Arts Center at Chalmette High as a performance rehearsal venue and allow students to witness the rehearsal. The Symphony will also perform at the Cultural Arts through the young explorers program. He continued by sharing examples of upcoming music and art opportunities inside the school system. He concluded by providing the list below of upcoming important Cultural Arts Activities scheduled for this year. Mr. Cassar noted that the December 14, 2019 Docville Children’s Christmas Festival is highlighted because he is requesting the School Board Members be present to judge the LSBA Art Contest.

Important Dates for the School Year in Cultural Arts

August 29, 2019	Day of Reflection Breakfast
October 9 and 10, 2019	Los Islenos Museum Days
October 16, 2019	LPO Performance
October 21-31, 2019	Red Ribbon Week (national dates 10/23 - 10/31)

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

December 5 & 6, 2019	CHS Christmas Show – 7:00 p.m.
December 6, 2019	CHS Student Show – 10:00 a.m.
December 7, 2019	Los Islenos Christmas – 4:00 p.m.
December 7, 2019	Handle’s Messiah – 7:00 p.m.
	Dr. Kristen Bower Macafaba
December 8, 2019	New Orleans Civic Symphony
December 10, 2019	Andrew Jackson Middle Concert
December 11, 2019	Arabi Elementary Concert
December 12, 2019	St. Bernard Middle Concert

December 12, 2019	CHS Voices Performance for Petite Salon
December 12, 2019	CHS Historic Caroling French Quarter
December 13, 2019	CHS Contemporary Dance Recital
December 14, 2019	Docville Children's Christmas Festival Judging for the LSBA Art Contest
December 15, 2019	Rain Out Date for Docville
December 17, 2019	CES Concert
December 18, 2019	New Orleans Ballet After School Recital
December 19, 2019	Trist Concert

HISTORIC CULTURAL

January 9, 2019 Historic Presentation for Battle of N.O.

Mrs. Lemoine and the entire Committee thanked Mr. Cassar for his presentation and additional thanks were offered to the teachers and students participating in these cultural arts activities.

Mr. Long as Executive Committee Chair welcomed Special Education Supervisor, Cheramie Kerth and Nurse Supervisor Laurie McInnis to address the Administration of the medication – Epinephrine. Ms. Kerth explained that by law and within the already adopted School Board policy file JGCD, nurses or a trained employee are allowed to treat what they believe are symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction in students whether or not the student has a prescription for epinephrine. While the law and the Board Policy allowed for the administration of epinephrine the product was not kept on hand in each school for that purpose. Ms. Kerth noted that soon EpiPens will be provided free of charge to each of our parish schools from Mylan, Inc. through Tulane Hospital. In preparation for the arrival of these EpiPens, on November 1, 2019 a certified physician, Dr. John Carlson from Tulane, will be providing training for nurses and school personnel. Dr. Carlson will also administer the standing protocol for the use of these EpiPens.

Ms. Kerth and Nurse McInnis answered all questions regarding the availability of EpiPens within each school. Mr. Long thanked them for their presentation.

Ms. Voitier presented the Personnel changes for October 2019. Mrs. Dysart thanked Ms. Joyce Lopez and Cynthia Norton for their years of service upon their retirement.

Mr. Warner as chair of the Finance Committee next welcomed Mrs. Joni Blum to present the Administration's request to Advertise for bid 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 January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020. Mr. Smith moved to recommend the Board approve the above request. Seconded by Mrs. Dysart, the motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Under Superintendent's Recommendations, Ms. Voitier mentioned that the

Audit Report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year will be presented at the October Regular Monthly Meeting. She also mentioned that CHS Ring Day is October 15th and Parent Teacher Conferences take place on October 22nd for Elementary Schools, October 23rd for Middle Schools and October 24th for Chalmette High School

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

Mrs. Lemoine moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of May 28, 2019 as published on August 8, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Long, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mrs. Dysart moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 28, 2019 (4:45 p.m.) as published on September 13, 2019. Seconded by Mrs. White, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Warner moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 28, 2019 (7:00 p.m.) as published on September 13, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Smith, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of June 25, 2019 as published on September 13, 2019. Seconded by Mrs. Asevedo, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Long moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of July 23, 2019 as published on September 13, 2019. Seconded by Mrs. White, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mrs. Dysart moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 5, 2019, as published on September 13, 2019. Seconded by Ms. Jackson, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mrs. Lemoine moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of August 27, 2019 as published on September 13, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Campbell, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Ms. Voitier presented the Board with the personnel changes for the Month of October. Mrs. Dysart made special note of retirees Joyce Lopez of Transportation and Cynthia Norton of Chalmette High Cafeteria and thanked them for their years of service.

**ST. BERNARD PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2019**

CHANGES FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY:
PERSONNEL CHANGES – TEACHERS

APPOINTMENTS

Shirlanda Joseph	Meraux Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)
Jodi Hebert	Lacoste Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)

RESIGNATIONS

Stefani Salas	Davies Elementary-Special Education Teacher 10/11/19
Brittany Songy	Meraux Elementary-Elementary Teacher 10/18/19
Emily Donnelly	Lacoste Elementary-Elementary Teacher 11/1/19

MEDICAL LEAVES

Charlene Strain	Chalmette Elementary-Elementary Teacher
Jodi Crifasi	Davies Elementary-Elementary Teacher
Hannah Perkins	Chalmette High School-High School Teacher

DECEASED

Eve Ziegler	Smith Elementary-Elementary Teacher 10/22/19
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SUPPORT PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Christina Wattigney	Gauthier Elementary-Part-Time Cafeteria Tech
April Fleetwood	Arabi Elementary-Part-Time Cafeteria Tech

TRANSFERS

Samar Abdel-Aziz	From Meraux Elementary-Part-Time Cafeteria Tech to Chalmette High School-Cafeteria Tech
Sharon Brock	From Lacoste Pre-School-Paraeducator to Smith Elementary-Paraeducator

MEDICAL LEAVE

Lisa Jones	Meraux Elementary-Paraeducator
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RETIREEES

Joyce Lopez	Transportation-Bus Driver 10/1/19
Cynthia Norton	Chalmette High School-Cafeteria Tech 10/

As recommended by the Committee and on motion of Mrs. Dysart , seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the Board approved the Administration's request to advertise for bid 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 January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 by a unanimous roll call vote of the Board members present.

There were no items to be placed on the next agenda.

Under Superintendent's Recommendations Ms. Voitier mentioned that tonight, tomorrow and the next night (October 22nd, 23rd and 24th) are the Parent/Teacher Conference nights for Elementary, Middle and High Schools respectively. She also reminded everyone that November 1st is a holiday for students while teachers will be attending Professional Development. Also, on Saturday, November 9th will be a Veterans Day Parade within the parish at 9:30 a.m. which our elementary schools will be taking part in. Mr. Englande also noted the recent Chalmette High Ring Day Ceremony which he and other School Board Members attended.

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

Clifford Englande/s
CLIFFORD ENGLANDE
President

Doris Voitier/s
DORIS VOITIER
Secretary