

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, April 9, 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, President, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, President, Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo, Dr. Hugh C. Craft, Mr. William H. Egan, Ms. Carly C. Jackson, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, Mr. Joseph V. Long, Mr. Shelton P. Smith, Mr. Sean K. Warner and Mrs. Rosiland R. White. 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; CHS Charmers in Disneyworld for a dance competition, CHS band in Disneyworld to lead a parade on Mardi Gras Day, School Spotlight covered two schools, the first being C. F. Rowley with Landon Mandola and Ceira Nunnery sharing good news from that school including Student of the Week, Career Credential Program and Principal Bonnaffons attendance at the TBRI (Trust Based Relational Intervention) Training, Special Olympics, High Flying Owl Club donation to Academic Games, Chris Dier and Erin Johnston as Teachers of the Year were honored by the American Petroleum Institute, and the second School Spotlight was for J. F. Gauthier with students Maddie Roussell and Marlei McCloskey shared their school good news such as the Gauthier Art Club visiting the Islenos Museum, Canary island guests came to the school to share dances of the Islenos culture, Ms. Gaillot's students paint ceiling tiles to be displayed in the Art Room, the annual Louisiana Cultural Festival and Maddie Roussell was honored as Student of the Year, the St. Bernard Middle production of Beauty and the Beast and the final Super News item was CHS performance at their Spring Concert.

Mr. Englande thanked Mr. Lemoine for his presentation.

As Education Committee Chair, Mrs. Lemoine 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 May 30th through the 21st 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, Mrs. Lemoine thanked Mrs. Harlton for her presentation.

As Executive Committee Chair, Mr. Long invited Ms. Voitier to speak to the Committee regarding supporting a Resolution regarding the MFP which includes an increase in the MFP per pupil amount and to provide funding for a dedicated teacher and support worker pay increase.

By joint acclamation, the Committee voted to recommend to the Board to approve the adoption of the resolution that supports an increase in the MFP per pupil amount and provides funding for a teacher and support worker pay increase.

Ms. Voitier addressed Personnel changes for the month of April. All questions and comments from Committee members were addressed by Ms. Voitier. Congratulations were offered to retirees Kent Tillman, Cathy Wallis, Sandra Johnson and Cristina Hebert.

Mr. Warner as Finance Committee Chair invited Mr. Fernandez to present a request for Permission to Advertise for Musical Instruments.

Mr. Long moved to recommend to the Board to approve this request for permission to advertise for musical instruments. Seconded by Mr. Smith, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Fernandez continued by presenting a request for permission to advertise for waste collection and disposal for one (1) year with a possible extension of two (2) additional years.

Mr. Smith moved to recommend to the Board to approve this request for permission to advertise for waste collection and disposal. Seconded by Mrs. White, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Fernandez presented to the Finance Committee for their review the 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 General Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Lunch Fund Budgets. Seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

At this time President Cliff Englande asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Chalmette High School retired coach Mr. Art Cedotal. After the moment of silence, condolences were offered to the friends and family of Coach Cedotal.

Under Superintendent's Recommendations Ms. Voitier mentioned the upcoming Celebrating Our School Community Banquet on April 10th and the testing that is continuing in the schools.

Mrs. Lemoine noted that she recently attended a testing Pep Rally that was presented for Chalmette Elementary students in preparation for testing. Mrs. Lemoine was pleased and proud of the efforts of teachers to prepare their students for the testing season.

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