

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, May 21, 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. Present were, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, President, Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Mr. William H. Egan, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr., Mr. Sean K. Warner and Mrs. Rosiland R. White. Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo, Ms. Carly C. Jackson and Mr. Shelton P. Smith.

Mr. Englande began with the agenda item concerning the recognition of the National Academic Games Team. Academic Games Coordinator, Mary Lumetta, began the presentation by applauding team members and showing the trophies they won to the Board. She then expressed her gratitude to the parents, coaches and especially CHS Alumni High Flying Owl Club for their generosity in sponsoring the team's trip to the national tournament.

All the coaches and team members received proclamations from the President of the Board, Mr. Clifford Englande, for their outstanding achievements at the 2019 Academic Games National Competition in Orlando, Florida.

The Coach for the Elementary Academic Games National Team, Melinda Hall, was honored for her success in training her team and for her work as a National Onsets Division Coordinator, National Onsets Appeals Panel and National Equation Competition Judge in the Elementary division. There was one individual award for a 13th place in Propaganda.

Members of the Elementary Division Team are; Nahr Abdelhaq, Trey Meyers, Kimberly Quintanilla, Kristion Thomas and Winnie Li with a 13th Place individual award in Propaganda.

The Middle Division Team was coached by Ms. Gena Asevedo and as a team received 7th Place Award in Presidents and a 3rd Place Award in Propaganda. Individuals were awarded 3rd Place in Onsets, 11th Place for 2 team members in Propaganda, 15th Place for Presidents and 20th Place for Propaganda.

Members of the Middle Division Team are; Reia Espiritu, Coby Barrow with a 20th Place win in Propaganda, Selina Li with an 11th Place in Propaganda, Ava Volante with a 15th Place in Presidents and an 11th Place in Propaganda and Andrew Wei with an Onsets Perfect Score which landed him 3rd Place in the nation.

The Junior and Senior Division Teams were coached by Jillian Chrisman and Isabel Gonzalez. The Juniors won individual honors for a 10th Place and an 18th place in Propaganda. The Seniors received honors as a team with 5th place in Presidents and 1st Place in Propaganda. Individual honors were received for 3rd Place in Propaganda, 4th Place in Presidents, 9th Place in Presidents, 10th Place in Propaganda, 11th Place in Presidents and 15th Place in Propaganda.

Members of the Junior Division Team are; Ethan Gilchrist, Brandon Jackson, Russell Kelly, Caleb Meyers with a 18th Place Individual award and Dakota Sievers with a 10th Place Individual award.

Members of the Senior Division Team are; Nicholas Maag, Grace Bartholomae with a 15th Place Propaganda award, Eryn Loria with a 10th Place Propaganda award, Emily Vu who received and 11th Place award for Presidents and a 4th Place award for Propaganda and Leanne Dacula with a 9th Place award for Presidents and a 3rd Place award for Propaganda.

A proclamation was also awarded to attorney Ryan Gregoire recognizing his contribution as a coach to the 2019 Academic Games National Team and as a Middle Division National Presidents Reader, National Propaganda Reader, National Onsets Competition Coordinator-Appeals Panel, National Equations Competition Appeals Panel and AGLOA Board Members.

The President of the Board also awarded Ms. Mary Lumetta a proclamation for her dedication as an administrator of the Academic Games Program.

Members of the Board thanked the Parents, Students and Coaches for their hard work and all their accomplishments. The Chalmette Alumni Association High Flying Owl Club was also applauded for their financial contribution.

Mr. Englande next welcomed Ms. Alex Schneider with this month's Super News. Ms. Schneider began by presenting her Communications Report with Social Media engagement and analytics. Summer programs were reviewed like Swim Classes, STEM Camp at Maumus, Summer Reading, Summer Skills IXL and Lexia Summer Challenge and The Performing Arts Academy. Ms. Schneider also reminded everyone about the upcoming Kindergarten, 5th Grade and 8th Grade Exit Ceremonies being held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. respectively.

In the Super News video, the events of the previous month were highlighted, events such as, the Academic Games National Competition in Orlando, Florida, Cox Inspiration Heroes; Nakira Reed, Conner Noriea, Mollie Sparnecht, Jalen Jefferson, Madison D'Angelo, Brynn Plaiscia and Hanna Harrington. School Spotlight was on Lacoste Elementary with Carson Chiappetta and Carly Jervay who shared news about Monday morning assembly, Fifth Grade Buddy Program, Bulldog Dance and Cheer Squad, Mother and Son Dance, Father and Daughter Dance, Grandparents Night and finally, congratulations offered to Carson Chiappetta for being selected Student of the Year and winning Invention Convention. Super News continued with the St. Bernard School Board Lions Club raised nearly \$7,000.00 and Butch Stockton was inducted into the Louisiana High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Another episode of School Spotlight was on Chalmette High with Angela Romero-Barren and Devin Cruice highlighting Awards Night for Senior Scholarships and Awards, PBIS Breakfast of Champions honoring academic achievement and attendance, Baseball and Softball participation in State playoffs and Senior Honors Banquet. Ms. Schneider continued with Super News highlighting Joe Cippolone who was honored by the UNO faculty as Outstanding Masters Graduate for K-12 Education Administration for his performance and professionalism, also, Chris Dier, CHS teacher was honored by being chosen as a semi-finalist in the state Teacher of the Year competition, the continuation of the summer STEM Camp at the Maumus Center and the Academy's Production of "Once Upon a Mattress" and the Summer Swim Program.

Mr. Englande and the Committee members thanked Ms. Schneider for her presentation. Mr. Warner added that the Chalmette High girls volleyball team, the girls basketball team and the boys cross country team all also went to the state playoffs.

Mr. Wayne Burgess of the LSU Ag Center appeared before the Committee to review last year’s Ag Center contributions and the recent Ag Magic Presentation at the Docville Farm. Mr. Burgess explained some of the upcoming programs like 4H Camp and Summer Environmental Camps. Mr. Burgess thanked the Committee and volunteers from St. Bernard for their support in all these activities.

Mr. Englande and the Committee members thanked Mr. Burgess for his presentation.

Mr. Englande addressed the next agenda item and explained that School Board Member training certificates are being presented to recognize the yearly required hours of training for all School Board members. He stated that the certificates in their packet shows that each Board Member has received the required training in accordance with ACT 705 passed by the Louisiana Legislature in 2010 which requires six (6) hours of continuing education annually. Board Member Certificates of Completion are shown on the following pages:





Mr. Warner as Education Committee Chair welcomed Mr. Tommie Powell, Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance, to review changes to the Guide to Student Conduct.

Mr. Powell presented the changes to the Guide to Student Conduct for the 2019-2020 school year. He addressed all the questions and concerns the committee had regarding these changes.

Mr. Campbell moved to recommend to the Board to approve the changes to the Guide to Student Conduct for the 2019-2020 school year as presented by Mr. Powell. Seconded by Mrs. White, the motion passed with no objections by a roll call vote of the members present.

The next item on the agenda was addressed by Mrs. Dysart as Executive Committee co-chair. Ms. Voitier presented to the Committee the Personnel Changes for May 2019.

Ms. Voitier noted that job fair hires will be reflected on the Personnel Changes of the May Regular Monthly Meeting. Mrs. Dysart thanked retiree Mary Ellen Vogt for her years of service and wished her good luck in her retirement. Ms. Voitier also announced the appointment of Ms. Kara Colburn as the new Assistant Principal at Trist Middle School.

Ms. Voitier next presented the Committee with the 2019-2020 Personnel Appointments. Ms. Voitier addressed all questions of the Committee.

Ms. Voitier next presented the Personnel Evaluation Plan with a recommendation for no changes at this time. Mr. Warner moved to accept the Personnel Evaluation Plan as presented tonight with no changes. Seconded by Mr. Long, the motion passed with no objections by a roll call vote of the members present.

Ms. Voitier again addressed the Committee with a request to mail Letters of Assurance for substitutes for the 2019-2020 school year. All questions or comments from the Committee were handled by Ms. Voitier.

Mr. Campbell made the motion to recommend to the Board to authorize the Administration to mail the Letters of Assurance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lemoine and passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Egan handled the next agenda item as Insurance Committee Chair. He welcomed Mr. David Fernandez, Finance Manager and Mr. Timothy Clements, our agent of record from Clements Insurance, to present the Administration's request for permission to renew flood insurance. Mr. Fernandez presented the worksheet that indicated the prices for each building for the flood insurance stating that the St. Bernard School board is required to maintain maximum flood insurance available from the National Flood Insurance Program on all buildings.

A motion was made by Mr. Long to recommend to the Board to accept the Administrations recommendation regarding flood insurance coverage for 12 months beginning May 31, 2019 at a cost of \$195,392.00. Seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mrs. Dysart as Finance Committee chair next introduced Mrs. Lee Anne Harlton to share the results of the Reading and Language Arts Software requests for proposals. Mrs. Harlton announced that Renaissance Learning was the Administration's recommendation for Reading and Language Arts Computer software and Lexia Learning was recommended for the Reading and Language Arts Guided Reading Intervention software for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mrs. Lemoine made the motion to recommend to the Board to approve the Administration's choices regarding Renaissance Learning and Lexia Learning as the Reading and Language Arts software for the 2019-2020 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Englande and passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Mrs. Dysart as Finance Committee chair next introduced Mr. Fernandez to present the next agenda item regarding the adoption of 2019 Ad Valorem

Millages. Mr. Fernandez stated that Board is required to levy on Ad Valorem properties on a yearly basis. He presented the resolution that outlines the specific millages for the current year.

Mr. Warner moved to approve the Administration's recommendation to adopt the 2019 Ad Valorem Millages as presented. Seconded by Mr. Englande, the motion passed unopposed by the following roll call vote of the members present.

ROLL CALL VOTE;

YEAS: Mr. Campbell, Mr. Egan, Mrs. Lemoine, Mrs. Dysart, Mr. Englande, Mr. Long, Mr. Warner and Mrs. White

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Asevedo, Ms. Jackson and Mr. Smith

Mr. Fernandez next presented the Proposed Budgets for the 2019-2020 General Fund and Special Revenue Funds. Mr. Fernandez went over each of the highlights of the proposed General Fund and Special Revenue Funds budgets and answered all the Committee's questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Warner to recommend to the Board to approve the 2019-2020 General Fund and Special Revenue Funds budgets. The motion was seconded by Mrs. White and passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mrs. Dysart welcomed Mr. David Fernandez to present the Administration's request to approve the bid tabulation for Paper, Cleaning and Custodial Supplies. Mr. Fernandez requested that the approval of the lowest bidder for each item within the bid tabulation.

With a motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Warner, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present to recommend to the Board to approve the low bidder for each item within the Paper, Cleaning and Custodial supply bid.

Mrs. Dysart next welcomed Mrs. Joni Blum to present the Administration's request to approve the Administration's request to advertise for solicitation of quotations for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Englande moved to recommend to the Board to approve the Administration's request to advertise for solicitation of quotations for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for the 2019-2020 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mrs. Blum next presented the Administration's request to bid for Spices and Seasoning (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 July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

With a motion by Mr. Warner 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 Administration's request to bid for Spices and Seasoning (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 July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Mrs. Dysart next welcomed Mrs. Joni Blum to present the Administration's request to approve the bid tabulation for Milk and Milk products for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

With a motion by Mr. Egan, seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present to recommend to the Board to approve the low bidder on the bid tabulation for Milk and Milk products for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Mrs. Blum remained to present the Administration's request to approve the bid tabulation for Bread and Bread products for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

With a motion by Mr. Englande, seconded by Mrs. White, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present to recommend to the Board to approve the low qualified bidder on the bid tabulation for Bread and Bread products for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Under Superintendent's Recommendations Ms. Voitier reminded everyone that before the Regular Monthly Meeting on May 28, 2019 there will be a Public Hearing regarding the 2019–2020 General fund and Special Revenue Funds budgets. Mrs. Voitier noted that school is wrapping up with students out on May 24th and teachers completing on May 25th. Ms. Voitier mentioned her appreciation for Fire Chief Tommy Stone after he and his fellow firemen answered the call for a minor fan belt fire at Andrew Jackson Middle School. Apparently the school and fire department both responded wonderfully to what turned out to be a minor problem. Ms. Voitier was also proud to announce that the 2018-20 Graduating Class earned approximately 9 million dollars in College scholarships. Another point of pride concerned students who through dual enrollment earned an Associate's Degree from Nunez Community College and their High School Diploma at Chalmette High. Ms. Voitier noted that this graduating class proved to be full of accomplishments.

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