### GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, February 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, Mrs. Carolon H. Craft, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, Mr. Shelton P. Smith, Mr. Sean K. Warner and Mrs. Rosiland White. Mr. William H. Egan and Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr. were absent.

On a point of privilege, Mr. Englande reminded the School Board Members of their responsibility to file the Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement by May 15<sup>th</sup> as required by the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

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.

# 2019 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND EXTERNAL RESPONSIBILITIES

## **COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRPERSONS**

Mrs. Diana Dysart\* Executive Committee

Mr. Joseph V. Long\*\*

Mrs. Diana Dysart\* Finance Committee

Mr. Sean Warner\*\*

Mr. William H. "Bill" Egan\*

Insurance Committee

Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo\*\*

Mr. Shelton P. Smith\* Building Committee

Mr. Donald D. "Don" Campbell\*\*

Mrs. Carolon Craft\*

Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine\*\*

**Education Committee** 

\*Chair for odd numbered months

\*\* Chair for even numbered months

#### **EXTERNAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Mrs. Rosiland R. White

Mr. Shelton P. Smith.

Federal Governmental Relations

Mr. Clifford M. "Cliff" Englande

Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr.

Local Governmental Relations

Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine

Mrs. Diana Dysart

LA School Board Assoc. Relations

Mr. William H. "Bill" Egan National Sch. Bd. Assoc. Relations

Mr. Donald D. "Don" Campbell LSU Coop. Extension Relations

Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo Junior Achievement Relations

Mrs. Rosiland R. White Head Start Policy Council Member

Mrs. Carolon H. Craft Higher Education Relations

Katherine K. Lemoine

Mrs. Diana B. Dysart BESE Relations

Mr. William Egan and Louisiana Legislative Relations

Mr. Joseph V. Long

Mr. Englande next welcomed Ms. Alex Schneider to present the February Communication Report and Super News. In the Communication Report she noted

print coverage in local and regional newspapers. Ms. Schneider also highlighted the analytics regarding our social media presence and reminded Committee Members to review the upcoming Super News filming schedule. Ms. Schneider noted that this month's Super News will take a look at the Students of the Year for

#### the district. They are:

Alexander Alford – Arabi Elementary School
Christopher Tabora – Chalmette Elementary School
Carson Chiappetta – Lacoste Elementary School
Madelynn Roussell – J. F. Gauthier Elementary School
Jackson Nunez– Davies Elementary School – Parish Winner
Alexis Closson – Arlene Meraux Elementary School
Olivia Williams – W. Smith Elementary School
Ava Volante – Andrew Jackson Middle School
Alyza Alfonso – St. Bernard Middle
Abigail Coker - N. P. Trist Middle School – Parish Winner
Emily Vu – Chalmette High School – Parish Winner

Mr. Englande congratulated all the students of the year for their fine representation of each of our district schools and then thanked Ms. Schneider for her Super News presentation.

Mr. Englande next presented a proclamation from the Governor of Louisiana, Mr. John Bel Edwards, regarding School Counseling Week. Mr. Englande read aloud the proclamation. By joint acclimation, the Committee moved to approve the sentiments and intention of the proclamation.



Mr. Englande next asked Mrs. Lemoine as Education Committee Chair to address the next agenda item concerning integration of the Maumus Center into the classroom curriculum. Mrs. Lemoine welcomed the Director of the Maumus Center, Ms. Gena Asevado, to present on this topic. Ms. Asevado presented an update on the happenings at the Maumus Center. She stated that over 2500 students have visited Maumus since September 2018 and of those 2500, over 550 students were able to participate in lab activities. Ms. Asevado noted that all of the visits were related to curriculum objectives. Follow up power point presentations and additional learning tools associated with science curriculum are

also available for teachers on the computerized Learning Management System. Ms. Asevado stated that all these learning resources are available to teachers for use in their classrooms. She also handed out flyers with upcoming planetarium scheduled performances during the evenings and weekends for the public and a flyer promoting the summer STEM camp.

Mrs. Lemoine thanked Ms. Asevado for her presentation and is looking forward to upcoming activities. All comments and questions were addressed by Ms. Asevado.

Mr. Englande next asked Ms. Voitier 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, 2019. Also presented to the Committee were the recommendations for renewal. Ms. Voitier answered all questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Voitier next went on to present the Personnel Changes for February 2019 for review by the Committee. Ms. Voitier addressed all comments and questions of the Committee.

With Mr. Long being absent, Mrs. Dysart handled Executive Committee business concerning the revision of the St. Bernard School Board Policy Manual. Ms. Voitier explained that this Policy Manual is updated periodically. She noted that the Policy Manual in its revised form is available in Print at the School Board Central Office, it has been distributed on flash drive to each School Board Member and will, if approved, shortly be available on the School Board website.

Mr. Englande moved to recommend that the full Board approve the revisions to the St. Bernard School Board Policy Manual. Seconded by Mr. Warner, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the member present.

As Finance Committee Chair, Mr. Warner invited Mrs. Blum to present 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. Campbell and a second from Mrs. Asevedo, 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.

Mr. Warner continued with Finance Committee business with Mrs. Blum to present the Administration's request to bid for Milk and Milk products for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

With a motion by Mr. Smith and a second from Mrs. Lemoine, 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 Milk and Milk products for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Next, Mrs. Joni Blum presented the Administration's request to bid for Bread and Bread Products for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

With a motion from Mrs. Dysart and a second from Mr. Smith 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 Bread and Bread products for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Under Superintendents' Recommendations Ms. Voitier noted that many students are preparing for the Mardi Gras Season along with the Beta Club season with Elementary, Middle and High School all attending conventions during the next month. Soon thereafter, the testing season will begin.

Mr. Englande reminded everyone that the next Regular Monthly School Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19 due to a scheduling conflict created by the upcoming Louisiana School Board Association Conference during the last week of February.

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