

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, March 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; Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Mrs. Carolon H. Craft, Mr. William H. Egan, 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. Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo was absent.

Mr. Englande welcomed Mr. Barry Lemoine to present the March edition of Super News. Topics covered included: Chalmette High's production of Guys and Dolls and Arabi Elementary's Multicultural night., In School Spotlight Ava Volante and Evan Jacob highlighted activities at Andrew Jackson Middle like their Sweetheart Dance, their PBIS Fun Friday, Black History Month, A. J. Dance Team, 1st place distinction in the J.C. Penney Sales for Schools competition and mention of Ava Volante being Student of the Year for A.J. Also mentioned was the 18th Annual Spelling Bee hosted by the St. Bernard Rotary Club. In an additional School Spotlight, Robert Benge and Zaylee Wolfe presented activities going on at Chalmette Elementary School such as the 14 different clubs at CES and the many ways reading is promoted in the school along with the program called Playworks that promotes valuable life lessons through play. Continuing with other Super News, the Chalmette High coaches and players of their ladies basketball team were undefeated in district play and were impressive in their play-off activity, Smith Elementary received a two year grant as a part of Smarter Lunchrooms to improve the consumption of healthier foods, Board Members who joined cafeteria staff to help serve students while emphasizing the importance of making informed food choices and the Davies Pelican Players in presenting movie music.

Mr. Englande thanked Mr. Lemoine for that informative presentation.

Mr. Englande next asked Mrs. Lemoine to welcome a guest from the St. Bernard Library Board. Mrs. Lemoine welcomed Mrs. Patrice Cusimano from the Library Board who first wanted to thank Ms. Voitier and the School Board for housing the current library in the CHS 9th grade Academy and wanted to share information regarding the upcoming planning and construction of the newest parish library in Meraux. Mrs. Cusimano noted that architects have been hired along with a nationally known library consultant to assist in creating this new library but the

planning wouldn't be complete without input from the community. She announced that a public forum would be held on March 26th at 6:00 in the Parish Council Chambers where everyone can submit their ideas for the new library. Mrs. Cusimano noted that input from educators would be especially welcomed.

Mrs. Lemoine thanked Mrs. Cusimano for appearing and for her leadership in this endeavor and for the other ways she contributes by volunteering throughout the community.

Education Committee Chair, Mrs. Carolon Craft welcomed Assistant Superintendent, Mary Lumetta, to present the Spring 2019 Testing Schedule. Ms. Lumetta began by thanking the students, teachers, administrators, counselors, central office staff and the IT employees for their efforts in preparing for the state testing. She noted that students from 5th through 12th grade will be taking their tests on computer this year. The handouts below show the schedule she presented.

St. Bernard Parish Schools

Spring 2019 Assessments

April 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 ELA & Math – Session 1	5 ELA & Math – Session 2	6
7	8 ELA & Math – Session 3	9 SS & Science – Session 1	10 SS & Science –Session 2	11 SS & Science –Session 3	12 Makeups	13
14	15 English III – Session 1	16 English III – Session 2	17 Easter Holiday	18 Easter Holiday	19 Easter Holiday (Central Office Closed)	20
21	22 Easter Holiday (Central Office Closed)	23 English III – Session 3	24 Algebra & Geometry (10 th) Sessions 1a & 1b	25 Algebra & Geometry (10 th) Session 2	26 Algebra & Geometry (10 th) Session 3	27
28	29 ELA & Math – Session 1 US History – Session 1	30 ELA & Math – Session 2 US History –Session 2	Academic Games National Tournament Participants will compete April 25 – April 29. Students and teachers will return to school on May 1.			

Elementary - Grades 3 & 4

Elementary – Grade 5 and Middle - Grades 6-8

High School - Grades 9-12

May 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ELA & Math – Session 3 US History – Session 3a	2 Science – Sessions 1-3 US History – Session 3b	3 Social Studies – Sessions 1 & 2 Makeups	4
5	6 Makeups English I & II Session 1 (1 st & 3 rd)	7 Makeups English I & II Session 1 (2 nd & 4 th)	8 English I & II Session 2 (1 st & 3 rd) English Literature AP	9 English I & II Session 2 (2 nd & 4 th) Psychology AP	10 English I & II Session 3 (All periods) US History AP	11
12	13 Biology Session 1 Geometry (9 th) Sessions 1a & 1b Biology II AP	14 Geometry (9 th) Session 2 Calculus AP Human Geography AP	15 Biology Session 2 Geometry (9 th) Session 3 English Language AP	16 Biology Session 3	17 Makeups	18

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Elementary – Grade 5 and Middle - Grades 6-8

High School - Grades 9-12

ACT Initial Test Date: March 12

Accommodated Testing Window: March 12–15, 18–22, 25–26

Makeup Test Date: April 2

After all questions and concerns were addressed, Mrs. Craft thanked Ms. Lumetta for her presentation.

Mrs. Craft next welcomed Dr. Charles Raviotta, Curriculum Supervisor, to speak to the Board regarding the Head Start Continuation Application.

Dr. Raviotta said he would be seeking the approval of the Head Start Continuation Application for the 2019-2020 school year. He provided the Board with handouts that contain key components of the grant. He further stated that all available funds from Head Start and other funding sources were to be used in the universal 4-year old pre-school program. Dr. Raviotta then pointed out some particulars noted in the Head Start Application such as the fact that we are funded to serve 112 students, with a federal contribution of \$890,694.00 which is an increase over last year. Dr. Raviotta also noted to the Committee that updates on the budget, enrollment, health reports and meals for the pre-school are sent to the Board members on a monthly basis with their Board News. He also passed out updated developmental assessment data for the students in the pre-k classrooms and the Press Release regarding the pre-school application dates and process. Once all questions and concerns from the Committee were answered by Dr. Raviotta he asked that the Committee recommend to the Board to approve the Head Start Continuation Application.

Mrs. Dysart made a motion to recommend to the Board to approve the Head Start continuation application. Seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Ms. Voitier next presented personnel changes for the month of March. Mrs. Dysart offered congratulations to retirees who appeared on the Personnel changes, Michael Pechon, Lisa Demarest, Reynolds Rigney, Kenny Kerth, Marie Meyers and Toni Roberts. The Committee thanked Ms. Voitier for this informational presentation.

Ms. Voitier pointed out that the Leave without Pay request submitted by Michelle Daussin from Davies Elementary does require a vote by the Board. Mrs. Dysart moved to recommend that the Board approve the aforementioned request. Seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Egan as Insurance Committee Chair introduced the next agenda item which was the Property Insurance Renewal. Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Richard Clements

and Mr. Tim Clements of Clements Insurance Services, Inc., approached the podium to explain our most recent property insurance package. The total cost of property insurance for the period of April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020 would be \$1,321,803.00. Mr. Fernandez explained that this represents an increase from last year due to a turn in the market due to poor experience worldwide with reinsurers and multiple catastrophes in 2018.

Mr. Fernandez answered all the Board's questions. Mrs. Lemoine motioned to recommend to the Board to approve the Renewal of Property Insurance for the period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mrs. Dysart, acting as Finance Committee chair welcomed Mr. Fernandez back with a request for permission to advertise for Bids for the Official Journal for the publication of all minutes and public notices for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Mr. Campbell moved to recommend to the Board to authorize the Administration to advertise for bids for the Official Journal. Seconded by Mr. Warner, the motion passed without objection by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Fernandez then requested permission to advertise for bids for painting and repairs for school board vehicles for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Mr. Warner moved to recommend to the Board to authorize the Administration to advertise for bids for painting and repairs for school board vehicles. Seconded by Mrs. White, the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Fernandez next requested permission to advertise for bids for gasoline, diesel, lubricating oil, anti-freeze and transmission fluid for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. He addressed all comments and questions of the committee.

On motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Smith the Committee voted by a roll call vote of the members present with no objections to recommend to the Board to authorize the Administration to advertise for bids for gasoline, diesel, lubricating oil, anti-freeze and transmission fluid for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Next Mrs. Dysart addressed a request for permission to advertise for bids for paper, cleaning and custodial supplies for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Mr. Smith moved to recommend to the Board to approve the Administration's request to advertise for bid paper, cleaning and custodial supplies for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Seconded by Mrs. White, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Fernandez appeared for the next agenda item to ask for permission to advertise for bid Bus Parts for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Mr. Warner moved to recommend to the Board to approve the Administration's request to advertise for bid for Bus Parts for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Smith, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. Fernandez and Mrs. Lee Anne Harlton appeared to ask permission to advertise for Requests for Proposals for Reading and Language Arts software which is used for skill building and assessment purposes.

Mr. Smith moved to recommend to the Board to approve the Administration's request to advertise for Requests for Proposals for Reading/Language Arts software. 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 at the Regular Monthly Meeting the 2nd place winner of the LSBA Conference Art Contest will be recognized and also the new Academic Games National Team will be presented to the Board along with a representative of the High Flying Owl Fund who is partially financing the Academic Games Team travel expenses.

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