

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 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, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, President, Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo, Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Mr. William H. Egan, Ms. Carly Jackson, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr., Mr. Shelton P. Smith, Mr. Sean K. Warner and Mrs. Rosiland R. White.

Mrs. Dysart welcomed Ms. Alex Schneider to present her Communication Report and "Super News". Ms. Schneider began her Communication Report coverage by sharing social media highlights and then congratulating Barry Lemoine and Jack Jackson on their production of "15 years in 15minutes" videos which celebrates the previous Day of Reflection Breakfasts and highlights the growth of the school system during the 15 years since Hurricane Katrina.

In Super News the following items were covered; the recent receipt of the GFOA and ASBO awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting for nearly 30 consecutive years, Mr. Wayne Warner was recently featured in "The Classroom Chronicles" an online publication of the Louisiana Department of Education focusing on his servant leadership highlighting his lifetime commitment to his school and community, highlights of the Day of Reflection Breakfasts in the "15 years in 15 minutes", new Principal of Rowley Alternative, Joe Cippolone, Pre-school who began their school careers recently and scenes of socially distant classrooms in the schools.

The Committee thanked Ms. Schneider, Mr. Lemoine and Mr. Jackson for their hard work in assembling the video.

Mrs. White as Education Committee Chair next welcomed Supervisor, Lee Anne Harlton, to address the agenda item concerning Pupil Progression. Mrs. Harlton explained that each year the school system must update its Pupil Progression Plan which is a document that the State expects us to do at each level and the school system has to add into it what specific things we do to achieve those expectations. Mrs. Harlton presented a document that included the state expectations and the parish placement considerations or policies and reviewed that document with the Committee.

Mr. Warner moved to approve the 2020 – 2021 Pupil Progression Plan as presented by Mrs. Harlton tonight. Seconded by Mrs. Lemoine, the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of the members present.

Mr. Englande as Executive Committee Chair asked Ms. Voitier to present all Personnel Changes for September 2020. Mr. Englande thanked Ms. Voitier for this presentation.

Executive Committee work continued with Ms. Voitier addressing local fundraising for schools affected by Hurricane Laura. Ms. Voitier explained that during our time of need after Katrina there were many kindnesses bestowed upon our school system through donations. Many donations were put to use but many were not of use and proved to be cumbersome to handle, store or discard. With this information in mind, Ms. Voitier is advocating for our schools to have fundraisers for monetary funds which will be sent to schools in Southwest Louisiana. At this time, Mrs. Dysart also reflected on those past donations and then requested that the School Board collect funds from members to add to the donation from the St. Bernard Parish Public Schools.

Mr. Egan, Chair of the Insurance Committee, welcomed Mr. Fernandez and Richie Clements, our insurance agent of record from Clements Insurance, to speak to the Committee regarding the renewal of the General Liability, Automobile, and Educators Legal Liability Insurance for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Mr. Fernandez explained that quotes were requested from five other insurers. All declined to quote for various reasons. Mr. Fernandez stated that the Administration's recommendation is to stay with the current provider, LARMA (Louisiana Risk Management Agency) for a price of \$210,737.00. Mr. Fernandez stated that staying with LARMA has resulted in an equity balance of \$272,477.00. Additionally he stated that LARMA allows the school district administration to have complete control over the settlement of claims. Mr. Fernandez addressed all questions and concerns regarding this matter from the Committee.

With a motion from Mr. Long and a second from Mr. Smith, the Committee voted unanimous voice vote to recommend to the Board to authorize the Administration to renew the General Liability, Automobile, and Educators Legal Liability insurance for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 with LARMA (Louisiana Risk Management Agency).

Under Superintendent's Recommendations Ms. Voitier stated that schools are required within the first 30 to 60 days of school to have lockdown drills but is still waiting on information as to whether or not those drills will be mandatory under the pandemic conditions. At the regular meeting Ms. Voitier will do a presentation on the results of those drills and an update on the current enrollment in schools and virtually. Also on the agenda for the Regular Monthly Meeting will be a discussion regarding the request to rename Andrew Jackson Middle 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.