

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2020

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met in a Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in 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; Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo, Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Mr. William H. Egan, Ms. Carly C. Jackson, Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr., Mr. Sean K. Warner and Mrs. Rosiland R. White. Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine. and Mr. Shelton P. Smith were absent.

On a point of privilege, Mr. Englande noted that Mrs. Lemoine was not at the Board meeting because she was being honored by the St. Bernard Chamber as the citizen of the year. Congratulations were offered to Mrs. Lemoine on this award. Mr. Englande also acknowledged that Mr. Smith was absent due to the hospitalization of his son. Wishes for a speedy recovery were offered to Mr. Smith and his family. Mr. Englande, on another point of privilege offered condolences to the friends and family of long time School Board employee Mr. Louis Baudin who recently passed away.

Mr. Englande explained that it was time for the election of School Board Officers. Mr. Englande explained that he is limited to two consecutive terms which he has enjoyed and that it was time to nominate a new President. Mr. Englande next asked for the nominations for the President's office. Mr. Long moved to nominate Mrs. Dysart as President of the School Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Warner. With no other nominations, a motion was then made by Mr. Campbell to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Warner and passed unanimously by the members present.

With no other nominations, Mrs. Diana Dysart was elected President of the School Board for 2020. Mrs. Dysart thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as President.

At this point, Mrs. Dysart opened the meeting up for nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Long moved to nominate Mr. Clifford Englande for Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Mrs. White. Mr. Campbell moved to close the nominations, which was seconded by Ms. Jackson and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.

With no other nominations, Mr. Englande was elected by a unanimous voice vote of the members present as Vice-President of the School Board for 2020. Mr. Englande thanked the Board Members and stated that he was proud to serve in the office of Vice-President with Mrs. Dysart as President.

Mrs. Dysart addressed the next agenda item to allow the newly elected School Board President to sign on School Board checking accounts on behalf of the Board. With a motion from Mr. Warner and a second by Mr. Campbell, the Board voted without objection by a roll call vote of the members present to allow Mrs. Dysart, as the new president, to sign on School Board checking accounts on behalf of the Board.

The next agenda item presented concerned a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of September 24, 2019 as published on October 25, 2019. Mrs. White moved to approve the minutes of September 24th as

published on October 25th. Seconded by Mr. Long, the motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

On motion by Mr. Englande, seconded by Ms. Jackson, the Board voted unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present to incorporate the Report of the January 2020 General Committee Meeting into the Minutes of the January Regular Monthly Meeting.

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met in a General Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in 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. 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. Committee Members absent were Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo and Mr. Donald D. Campbell.

Mrs. Dysart asked for a point of privilege to recognize educators and students who passed away during the recent holiday break. She first mentioned Mrs. Cathy Dauterive who was the first valedictorian of Andrew Jackson High School and later became an outstanding math teacher at A.J., next she remembered Jimmy Hebert, a Chalmette High Alumni who also became a teacher at both A.J. and CHS and finally Devin Hill, a former CHS student. After a moment of silence was observed for these individuals, condolences were extended to all their family and friends.

Mr. Englande next welcomed Ms. Alex Schneider to present Super News. Ms. Schneider first noted that in the January Communications report is some of the press coverage that occurred during January along with some of the most popular Facebook posts and analytics associated with January posts. Additional info provided concerned the analytics associated with our School Board website homepage during the 2019 calendar year. Ms. Schneider shared some breaking news, 6 Senior Music students made the Louisiana Music Educators Association District Honor Band and will be in a concert this Sunday at Tulane University at 2:00 p.m.

Moving on to Super News, Mr. Lemoine began with a review of some holiday events that took place in December such as the Neighborhood Christmas Caroling by district Elementary School staff, CHS Voices in French Quarter venues, CHS Variety Christmas Show, Handel's Messiah by the New Orleans Symphony Chorus, New Orleans Civic Symphony's winter concert and the Docville Farm's Children's Festival.

In school spotlight, Arabi Elementary was featured with two students, Evan Dobson and Isabella Gonzales, highlighting activities from their school, such as; the Youth Run Nola running club who participated in the Gleason Classic fun run, Dashing through the Dome at the Superdome and the Turkey Trot held at Arabi School and are planning a fundraising run at Torres Park with other runs also planned in the future. Another activity Arabi is proud to participate in is their Annual Multicultural night which shares the many cultures represented within the school student body, other multicultural activities take place in the art and music programs at the school. Second

grade students also enjoyed a walking field trip to the nearby Coffee House. Students sipped on hot chocolate and created original opinion compositions as part of their experience. Community Partners were also mentioned for their donations or contributions beginning with the Old Arabi Neighborhood Association, the St. Bernard Volunteers for Families and Children, Associated Terminals, C.O.P.S. (Caring Officers Provide Smiles), St. Bernard Business and Professional Women's Club, P.A.L (Perpetual Abundance of Love) and the St. Bernard Community Center. Another partnership with Kiwanis is the K-Kids who took on projects such as gathering socks for the homeless during "Socktober", cleaning the school playground and organizing the school's lost and found and fundraising with their Christmas candy-grams. Congratulations were offered to Evan Dobson on being chosen Arabi's Student of the Year.

Posse Scholarships were announced and 5 students from Chalmette High were chosen as recipients. The Posse Foundation is a non-profit organization that identifies and recruits student leaders from public high schools to form multicultural teams called Posses. These teams take part in an intensive training for enrollment to top tiered universities nationwide. This Year's Posse Winners are:

Jezuete LaFuente
Illinois Wesleyan

Logan Brewer
Illinois Wesleyan

Angel Chavarria
Villanova

Kris-Lynn McGee
Villanova

Lina Abdellatif
Notre Dame

Other scholarships recently announced are Cindy Solis who earned a Questbridge Scholarship to Notre Dame and Connor Kenny who received an appointment to West Point.

The Battle of New Orleans Celebration recently took place with living history re-enactments at the commemoration.

Another School Spotlight came from two students, Evan Jacob and Alex Jorns, of Andrew Jackson Middle School, who shared news from their school such as; Hamburger and Heroes luncheon where students honor a special adult in their lives by inviting them to lunch at school, Holidays had the A.J. Chorus busy at the school holiday concert, Docville and several venues around the city including the Royal Sonesta Hotel under the direction of Meg Lancaster the A.J. Teacher of the Year, Congratulations were also offered to Alex Jorns the A.J. Student of the Year. A.J. volleyball team under the guidance of Coach Crook led the team to 9-2 record and won the New Orleans Metro Fall Classic and the New Orleans Metro Championship. The team also did a cancer prevention fundraiser for the custodian of the school Ms. Yvette Caillouet.

Board Members highlighted during this Super News focused on Mr. Sean Warner of District 4 and Ms. Carly Jackson of District 6. Mr. Warner has served on the Board since 2010. Mr. Warner states that his father, Dr. Thomas Warner, worked for the school system since before he was born and his uncle, Wayne Warner has been at Chalmette High for 50 years so when the opportunity came to run for his Board seat he jumped in with both feet. He is most proud of the school system recovery after Hurricane Katrina but personal moments like when his daughter, who graduated from Andrew Jackson High, swore him in to office and when his son graduated from Chalmette High and when his youngest daughter, who was salutatorian graduated on stage from Chalmette High are cherished memories. He continues to serve because he loves serving his community and belonging to a top notch organization which is true of the St. Bernard Parish School System.

Ms. Jackson moved to St. Bernard Parish because of the outstanding school system. She states that when the Board Member seat became available she was excited to run in order to give her service back to the community. She enjoys being able to bring suggestions and ideas of the community and students to the Board for consideration. Ms. Jackson appreciates the tight knit community, low crime and stable real estate values and the amazing public schools.

Smith Elementary qualified for two grants to incorporate nutritional education into the classroom as part of our district's wellness policy. The projects help students learn about nutrition and make the connection between the growing of food and eating healthy.

Congratulations were shared for Coach Butch Stockton who recently achieved his 700th win as a Chalmette High Basketball Coach.

The Chalmette High School Band made history recently taking part in the transport of the core stage of the space launch system rocket from Michoud to Stennis destined to be the most powerful rocket in the world with a mission to the moon in the plans.

Students of the Year were named, they are:

Evan Dobson – Arabi Elementary School
Layla Serpas – Chalmette Elementary School
Alivia Nevels – Lacoste Elementary School
Madelyn Lauga – J. F. Gauthier Elementary School
Isabella Held – Davies Elementary School
Aaron Funez – Arlene Meraux Elementary School
Danae Meyers – W. Smith Elementary School
Alex Jorns – Andrew Jackson Middle School
An Tran – St. Bernard Middle
Aniya Harris - N. P. Trist Middle School
Lina Abdellatif – Chalmette High School

Mr. Englande and the Committee thanked Ms. Schneider, Mr. Lemoine and Mr. Jackson for the Super News.

At this time, Mr. Englande acknowledged some guests in the audience, they were Mr. Jay Robicheaux of St. Charles Parish School Board, Ms. Elizabeth Frost and Ms. Dorothy Hills of Chalmette Refining.

Mr. Warner addressed the next agenda item as Education Committee Chair concerning the FAFSA form completion by high school students. Mr. Warner welcomed Assistant Superintendent, Mary Lumetta and Ms. Holly Landry, Counselor from Chalmette High School, who presented the following information regarding FAFSA as a Graduation Requirement.

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FAFSA Graduation Requirement

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- FAFSA is form prepared annually by current and prospective postsecondary students to determine their eligibility for student financial aid such as Pell grants, work study programs, and federal student loans.
- Students complete the FAFSA during their senior year of high school and again each year they are in a postsecondary institution to continue qualifying for aid. Early completion is encouraged since students may qualify for additional state or institutional aid.

Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) –

- TOPS is a scholarship program for Louisiana residents who attend any of the following institutions:
 - Louisiana public college or university;
 - schools in the Louisiana Community and Technical College System;
 - approved proprietary and cosmetology schools;
 - institutions in the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

TOPS was instituted to help combat the costs of postsecondary education and training.

The Louisiana Department of Education found students who were awarded TOPS or other state scholarships were still in need of additional assistance with living expenses and other academic fees.

For these reasons, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved a policy regarding postsecondary planning for graduating public high school seniors to increase student access to state and federal financial aid by requiring graduating seniors to either complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) application.

This policy was made effective with the start of the 2017-2018 school year and applies to the Class of 2018 and beyond.

We are working with our graduating seniors to complete the FAFSA form because by completing the FAFSA form, students are also applying for TOPS, but completing a TOPS form does not allow students to apply for

other financial aid.

April 16 is the deadline for FAFSA completion for May 2020 graduates.

We are providing assistance to the students and their parents to help the graduating seniors meet this graduation requirement.

1. At the beginning of the school year, Chalmette High School had a class meeting with the seniors to inform them of this requirement.
2. On November 12th and December 5th, Chalmette High School had a parent night which included computers for parents to use to complete the FAFSA form along with a handout to walk them through the steps. Additionally, school personnel circulated and helped parents while they were completing the form.
3. CHS will have additional FAFSA parent nights on February 4, 2020 and March 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm.
4. These dates will be on the school and district website.

Ms. Landry and Ms. Lumetta addressed all questions from the Committee regarding the FAFSA Form Completion.

Mrs. Dysart addressed the next item concerning the Resolution declaring the date, time and place of the General Committee and Regular Monthly Meetings for the year 2020.

Mr. Long moved to recommend to the Board to approve the resolution. With a second from Mrs. White, the Committee voted unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present to recommend to the Board to approve the Resolution stating date, time and place of the General Committee and Regular Monthly Meetings for the year 2020.

Ms. Voitier presented the personnel changes for the month of January 2020.

Under Superintendent's Recommendations, Ms. Voitier informed the Committee that the following items would be on the agenda of the January Regular Monthly meeting.

- Election of Officers
- Signature Resolutions
- Consideration of Industrial Tax Exemption Application #20190275
- Consideration of Industrial Tax Exemption Application #20180237

Mrs. Lemoine took a point of privilege to announce the upcoming Pelicans and Pearls Gala on Saturday, January 25th from 5:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Docville. All proceeds go to the Nunez Community College scholarship program

Ms. Voitier also reminded everyone that Monday, January 20th is a holiday to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. so there will not be school on that day and on Tuesday, January 21st there will be professional development for teachers and staff so there will be no classes on Tuesday. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 22nd.

There being no further business to discuss and on motion of Mrs. Dysart, seconded by Mrs. Lemoine and approved by a voice vote of the membership, the meeting was adjourned.

As recommended by the Committee, the Board addressed a resolution designating the date, time and place of General Committee and Regular Monthly meetings of the Board. Mr. Warner moved to approve the aforementioned resolution, seconded by Mrs. Asevedo, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Title 17 requires local school boards to hold at least one regular monthly meeting and that public written notice of meetings be given; and

WHEREAS Act 707 of the 1977 Louisiana Legislature exempts local school boards from having to give written notice of each regular meeting by adopting a resolution establishing the date, time and place of regular meetings; and

WHEREAS the Louisiana School Boards Association has recommended that all school boards in the State of Louisiana adopt a resolution to this effect and that the resolution be given appropriate written public notice; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the St. Bernard Parish School Board hereby establishes 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month for the calendar year 2020 to meet as a Committee of the Whole for a general committee meeting and 6:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month for the calendar year 2020 to meet for its regular monthly Board Meeting, with the following exceptions:

February 18, 2020 for its Regular Monthly Meeting

May 19, 2020 for its General Committee Meeting

November 17, 2020 for its Regular Monthly Meeting

December 15, 2020 for its Regular Monthly Meeting

and be it

RESOLVED, That said meetings will be conducted in the St. Bernard Parish School Board Office, 200 East St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette, Louisiana, and that an agenda will be posted 24 hours prior to a meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That written public notice will be given at least 24 hours in advance of any change in a day, time and place of regular meetings; and be it

RESOLVED further, That this resolution will be posted in the St. Bernard Parish School Board Office and that copies will be forwarded to the local newspapers.

Ms. Voitier next presented, for informational purposes, Personnel changes for the Month of January 2020. Those personnel changes are shown below. Ms. Voitier asked for a moment of silence for Mrs. Shirlanda a teacher from Meraux Elementary who recently passed away. A leave without pay for Ms. Elyce Ricourd was presented which requires Board permission. Mr. Warner

moved to approve the leave without pay for Ms. Elyce Ricourd. Seconded by Mr. Campbell, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

**ST. BERNARD PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2020**

CHANGES FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY:

PERSONNEL CHANGES – TEACHERS

APPOINTMENTS

Stephanie Carreras	Andrew Jackson Middle-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)
Tiffany Wilson	Arabi Elementary-Special Education Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2019-2020 School Year)

MEDICALS

Jenny St. Germain	Lacoste Elementary-Elementary Teacher (Andrea O'Steen is replacing Jenny St. Germain)
Jene' Hebert	Chalmette High School-High School Teacher
Haley Brown	Smith Elementary-P/A Psychologist
Catherine Kreps	Trist Middle-Guidance Counselor

RESIGNATIONS

Ron Temple	Trist Middle-Elementary Teacher 1/19/2020
Mack Cormier	Rowley Alternative-High School Teacher 1/20/2020
Felicia Lewis	Arabi Elementary-Special Education Teacher 2/7/2020

DECEASED

Shirlanda Joseph	Meraux Elementary-Elementary Teacher 1/15/2020
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**SUPPORT PERSONNEL
APPOINTMENTS**

Marilyn Morgan	Transportation-Bus Driver
Jennifer Emmons	Transportation-Bus Driver

TRANSFERS

Sharon Brock	From Smith Elementary-Paraeducator to Meraux Pre-School-Paraeducator
Tiffany Lala	From Lacoste Elementary-Paraeducator to Lacoste Pre-School-Paraeducator

MEDICALS

Debbie Ruiz	Chalmette High School-Custodian
Tanya Williams	Chalmette High School-Custodian

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

Elyce Ricourd	Lacoste Pre-School-Paraeducator
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Mrs. Dysart addressed the next agenda item regarding the consideration of Industrial Tax Exemption Application #20180237. Mrs. Dysart stated that an application for an Industrial Tax Exemption has been submitted to the School Board. Chalmette Refining has applied for a tax exemption for their Coker 1 Project (Industrial Tax Exemption Application #20180237).

Mrs. Dysart first asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak regarding this agenda item. Speakers in favor of this item included; Mr. Steve Krynski, Refinery Manager of Chalmette Refining, Melody Woodworth of the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, Jimmy Leonard of Advantous Consulting and Steve Simms, an employee of Chalmette Refining and local resident. Maggie Roussell, President of the St. Bernard Association of Educators appeared to speak against this agenda item.

After some discussion by the Board, Mr. Englande moved to deny the request for the exemption #20180237 from Chalmette Refining, LLC. Seconded by Ms. Jackson, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

The next agenda item was also addressed by Mrs. Dysart. It was also a consideration for an Industrial Tax Exemption Application #20190275 for a Rain CII Carbon, LLC project.

Mrs. Dysart asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak regarding this agenda item. Mr. Jimmy Delenauville of Rain CII Carbon, LLC to speak in favor of the project.

After some discussion by the Board, Mr. Long moved to deny the application #20190275 from Rain CII Carbon, LLC. Seconded by Mr. Campbell, the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the members present.

Regarding items to be placed on the agenda of the next General Committee Meeting, no items were requested.

Ms. Voitier mentioned a great return to school from the holidays.

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

Diana Dysart/s
DIANA DYSART
PRESIDENT

Doris Voitier/s
DORIS VOITIER
SECRETARY