

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2021

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met in a Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Bernard Parish School Board Office. Following the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the Secretary called roll. Present were; Mrs. Diana B. Dysart, President, Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo, Mr. Donald D. Campbell, Mr. William H. Egan, Ms. Carly C. 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 asked for a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Ali Nata, a former student and a relative of Board Member Rosiland White. Condolences were extended to the Nata and White families for their loss.

On motion by Ms. Lemoine, seconded by Mr. Warner, the Board voted unanimously by a voice vote of the members present to incorporate the General Committee Report into the minutes of the February Regular Monthly Meeting.

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The St. Bernard Parish School Board met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 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 C. Jackson, Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine, Mr. Clifford M. Englande, Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr., and Mr. Sean K. Warner. Mr. Shelton P. Smith and Mrs. Rosiland White were absent.

Mrs. Dysart introduced the first agenda item regarding Committee Assignments for the Board for the next calendar year. The lists of assignments are shown below.

**2021  
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS  
AND  
EXTERNAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

**COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRPERSONS**

Mr. Clifford Englande\*  
Mr. Joseph V. Long\*\*

Executive Committee

Ms. Carly Jackson*	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. Rosiland White*	Education Committee
Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine**	

\*Chair for odd numbered months  
months

\*\* Chair for even numbered

### **EXTERNAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Mrs. Rosiland R. White	Federal Governmental Relations
Mr. Shelton P. Smith.	
Mrs. Diana Dysart	Local Governmental Relations
Mr. Joseph V. Long, Sr.	
Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine	LA School Board Assoc.
Relations	
Mrs. Diana Dysart	
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
Ms. Carly Jackson	Head Start Policy Council
Member	
Mr. Sean Warner	Higher Education Relations
Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine	
Mr. Clifford Englande	BESE Relations
Mr. William Egan and	Louisiana Legislative Relations
Mr. Joseph V. Long	

Mrs. Dysart next welcomed Ms. Alex Schneider to present the February Super News. Mrs. Schneider began by presenting the Committee Members with a handout regarding Celebrating our School Community through a virtual format. In this handout she shows exactly how we are going to celebrate the 2020-2021 honorees along with the previous year, (2019-2020) honorees that were not able to be honored due to the COVID outbreak. The general format is constructed so that the celebration is pre-recorded at each of the school sites and at Central Office and will then be aired on YouTube, Facebook and Channel 8 on Cox. Mrs. Schneider requested that Board Members sign up, on a sheet she provided to them, for two locations and their dedicated date and time for the presentation of the awards.

Ms. Schneider noted that this month's Super News will take a look at the Students of the Year for the district. They are:

Kelsey Hambrice – Arabi Elementary School  
Joly Kristoff – Chalmette Elementary School  
Elyse Blum – Lacoste Elementary School  
Kinlee Pohlmann – J. F. Gauthier Elementary School – Parish Winner  
Drew Jones – Davies Elementary School  
Graig Crovetto, Jr. – Arlene Meraux Elementary School  
Khloe Sommersville – W. Smith Elementary School  
Tyler Rushing – Andrew Jackson Middle School  
Angel Perez – St. Bernard Middle  
Torin Desselle - N. P. Trist Middle School – Parish Winner  
Emma Nunez – Chalmette High School – Parish Winner

Mrs. Dysart 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.

Education Committee Chair, Mrs. Lemoine, welcomed Mr. David Bellard of Chalmette High who was appearing as the Coordinator of the Posse Scholarship opportunities which have been awarded to many Chalmette High Seniors in recent years. He explained that these Posse Scholarship awards are highly competitive, full tuition, merit based, leadership scholarships with each one valued at \$200,000.00 and matches the recipient to one of the five Posse New Orleans partner institutions – Illinois Wesleyan University, Case Western Reserve University, Tulane University, Villanova University and the University of Notre Dame.

Mr. Bellard introduced this year's five Posse Scholar recipients, they are; Kane Buie (Case Western Reserve), Melanie Corral (Illinois Wesleyan), Jedelle Lafuente (Case Western Reserve, Angel Lee (Illinois Wesleyan) and Arianna Rojas (Villanova). Mr. Bellard shared that it has been a privilege to work with these gifted students and assist them in achieving educational success.

Mrs. Lemoine thanked Mr. Bellard for his efforts on behalf of these students, then she thanked the students for their hard work in becoming a recipient and their future opportunity to shine in their respective communities. Ms. Voitier and the rest of the Committee further congratulated all the recipients and Mr. Bellard. A brief recess was taken so that a photo could be taken with the Board Members and Posse recipients.

Ms. Dysart 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, 2021. 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 2021 for review by the Committee. Ms. Voitier addressed all comments and questions of the Committee.

As Executive Committee Chair, Mr. Long addressed the agenda item regarding a request for permission to contract for reapportionment services. Ms. Voitier stated that she had received a proposal from the Strategic Demographics, LLC entity regarding providing services that the school system must undertake in light of the recent federal decennial census. Ms. Voitier shared that while it is customary to contract with a company to do this service it is especially helpful to coordinate these efforts with the St. Bernard Parish Government who has already signed a contract with Strategic Demographics, LLC to do their reapportionment. Ms. Voitier recommended to the Committee to contract with Strategic Demographics, LLC for reapportionment/redistricting services.

Mr. Warner moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to engage in a contract with Strategic Demographics, LLC for reapportionment/redistricting services and to recommend approval by the full Board. Seconded by Mr. Campbell, the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of the members present.

As Finance Committee Chair, Mr. Warner welcomed Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Jason Dewey to present the Administration's request for permission to advertise a bid for roof replacement at St. Bernard Middle School. Mr. Fernandez explained that the roof replacement at St. Bernard Middle School was made necessary by the occurrence of Hurricane Zeta in 2020 during which the roof at the school was substantially damaged.

Mr. Campbell moved to recommend to the Board to approve the Administration's request to advertise a bid for roof replacement for St. Bernard Middle School. Seconded by Ms. Asevedo, the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of the members present.

Mr. Warner continued with Mrs Blum who presented the Administration's request to advertise for Bid for Bread and Bread products for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Mr. Long moved to recommend to the Board to approve the Administration's request to advertise for Bid for Bread and Bread products for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Seconded by Mrs. Lemoine the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of the members present.

Mr. Warner continued with Finance Committee business with Mrs. Blum to present the Administration's request to advertise for bid for Milk for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Mrs. Lemoine moved to recommend the Board approve the Administration's request to advertise for Milk and Milk products for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Seconded by Mrs. Dysart, the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of the members present.

Mrs. Blum stayed for the next agenda item to present the Administration's request to advertise for bid for Groceries for the period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Mr. Englande moved to recommend the Board approve the Administration's request to advertise for Groceries for the period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Seconded by Ms. Jackson, the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of the members present.

Under Superintendents' Recommendations Ms. Voitier noted the presentation of Students of the Year in Super News and the Posse Scholars who appeared at the meeting tonight is a reminder of the outstanding students that populate the schools in our district which is always refreshing to highlight. Ms. Voitier then reminded everyone that the schools will be closed for the Mardi Gras holiday during the week of February 15 through the 19<sup>th</sup>. Central Office Personnel will return to work on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

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 was adjourned.

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A motion was made by Mr. Englande to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting from January 26, 2021 as published on February 5, 2021. Seconded by Mrs. Asevedo, the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of the members present.

For informational purposes, the following Administrators are up for a two year renewal of their performance contract which expires on 6/30/21. All Administrators were recommended for renewal. Their new contracts will run from 7/1/21 through 6/30/23.

**PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS  
7/1/2021 THROUGH 6/30/2023**

THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATORS ARE UP FOR A TWO YEAR RENEWAL OF THEIR PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WHICH EXPIRES ON 6/30/21. THEIR NEW CONTRACT WILL RUN FROM 7/1/2021 THROUGH 6/30/2023:

1. Natalie Albers, Meraux Elementary, Principal
2. Emily Boackle, Chalmette High, Assistant Principal
3. Joseph Cipollone, Rowley Alternative, Principal
4. Kara Colburn, Trist Middle, Assistant Principal
5. Julie Ginart, Bus Garage, Supervisor of Transportation
6. Alison Gros, Administration Office, Coordinator of Special Education
7. Cheramie Kerth, Administration Office, Supervisor of Special Education
8. Mary Lumetta, Administration Office, Assistant Superintendent
9. Tony Morales, St. Bernard Middle, Assistant Principal
10. Michelle O'Neill, Meraux Elementary, Assistant Principal
11. Tommie Powell, Admin. Office, Supervisor of Child Welfare/Attendance
12. Denise Pritchard, Trist Middle, Principal
13. Cassandra Reddick, W. Smith Elementary, Assistant Principal
14. Geralyn Russo, Arabi Elementary, Assistant Principal
15. Tanesha Sanchez-Irvin, Rowley Alternative, Assistant Principal
16. Alexandra Schneider, Admin. Office, Coordinator Comm./Curr. Support
17. Deborah Seibert, Administration Office, Supervisor of Special Programs
18. Lisa Young, Gauthier Elementary, Principal

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Ms. Voitier presented the Personnel Changes for February 2021

**ST. BERNARD PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

**CHANGES FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE  
ONLY:**

**PERSONNEL CHANGES – TEACHERS**

**APPOINTMENTS**

Jessica Bowden	Trist Middle-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2020-2021 School Year)
Hailee Hernandez	Trist Middle-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2020-2021 School Year)
Bridget Falgoust	Rowley Alternative-Elementary Teacher (Temporary Assignment 2020-2021 School Year)

**MEDICALS**

Melissa Danese	Meraux Elementary-Teacher Leader
Kristi Nunez	Davies Elementary-Librarian/Teacher
Sonja Brown	Meraux Pre-School-Pre-K Teacher
Sabrina Cunningham	Trist Middle-Elementary Teacher
Meagan Sanson	Gauthier Elementary-Elementary Teacher
Jene' Hebert	Chalmette High School-High School Teacher
Jennifer McGowan	Trist Middle-Elementary Teacher

**RESIGNATION**

Dana Stitt	Meraux Elementary-Teacher Leader 2/19/2021
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**SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

**APPOINTMENTS**

Richelle Fisher	Chalmette High School-Paraeducator
Patrick Schiro	Transportation-Bus Driver

**RESIGNATIONS**

Rondraell Narcisse	Arabi Elementary-Part-Time Cafeteria Tech 2/5/2021
Tiffany Braden	Meraux Elementary-Custodian 2/8/2021
Jacklyn Gauthier	A.J. Middle- Custodian 2/1/2021

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As recommended by the Committee, Mr. Long moved to approve the Administration's request to approve Strategic Demographics, LLC for reapportionment services. Seconded by Ms. Lemoine, the motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote of the board members present.

By joint acclimation, the following resolution was read into the minutes of the Board Meeting.

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREFORE, Pursuant to the United States Constitution and federal law, there is conducted a decennial census of the population of the United States;

WHEREFORE, the most recent federal decennial census was conducted in 2020 and the results thereof will be released in 2021;

WHEREFORE, Louisiana law mandates that the St. Bernard Parish School Board consider the impact of the federal decennial census on its election districts to determine whether the relative populations of those election districts are in accordance with the principals of one person one vote set forth in the United States Constitution;

WHEREFORE, in order to accomplish this obligation, the St. Bernard Parish School Board requires the assistance of professionals in demographics, reapportionment and redistricting;

WHEREFORE, Strategic Demographics, LLC, through its principals and subcontractors has extensive experience in demographics, reapportionment and redistricting, including experience following the 2000 and 2010 census;

WHEREFORE, Strategic Demographics, LLC has submitted a proposed Contract for Demographic Services, a copy of which is attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Bernard Parish School Board authorizes and directs it's duly elected President to execute the Contract for Demographic Services with Strategic Demographics, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Bernard Parish School Board authorizes and directs the administrative staff to take all actions necessary to carry out the Contract for Demographic Services with Strategic Demographics, LLC;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the St. Bernard Parish School Board directs the Superintendent to forward an executed copy of this Resolution and the attached Contract for Demographics Services to Strategic Demographic, LLC.

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As recommended by the Committee, Mr. Campbell moved to approve the Administration's request for permission to advertise for bids for a roof replacement at St. Bernard Middle School. Seconded by Mr. Warner, the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of the members present.

As recommended by the Committee, Mr. Warner moved to approve the Administration's request for permission to advertise for bid for Bread. Seconded by Ms. Jackson, the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of the members present.

As recommended by the Committee, Mrs. Lemoine moved to approve the Administration's request for permission to advertise for bid for Milk. Seconded by Mr. Englande, the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of the members present.

As recommended by the Committee, Mr. Campbell moved to approve the Administration's request for permission to advertise for bid for Groceries. Seconded by Mrs. White, the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of the members present.

There were no items to be placed on the agenda of the next Committee meeting,

Under Superintendent's Recommendations Ms. Voitier shared the fact that vaccinations are being scheduled to be disbursed to all school system employees who are interested in getting it. She noted that this was facilitated by the closed pod distribution that was set up between the Methodist Foundation and the St. Bernard Parish School System. Ms. Voitier further noted that this will also include educators at all parochial schools, private schools and daycare centers within in St. Bernard Parish who are interested in receiving the shot.

Ms. Voitier went on to discuss working through the budget and hopefully awarding dedicated employees with a Covid stipend. This is made possible by federal and state funding which have assisted in covering many of the virus related expenses.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Asevedo and passed by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Diana Dysart/s  
DIANA DYSART  
PRESIDENT

Doris Voitier/s  
DORIS VOITIER  
SECRETARY