

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 list of the 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\*  
Mr. Sean Warner\*\*

Finance Committee

Mr. William H. "Bill" Egan\*  
Mrs. Darleen P. Asevedo\*\*

Insurance Committee

Mr. Shelton P. Smith\*  
Mr. Donald D. "Don" Campbell\*\*

Building Committee

Mrs. Rosiland White\*  
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
Mrs. Diana Dysart 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
Ms. Carly Jackson	Head Start Policy Council Member
Mr. Sean Warner Mrs. Katherine K. Lemoine	Higher Education Relations
Mr. Clifford Englande	BESE Relations
Mr. William Egan and Mr. Joseph V. Long	Louisiana Legislative Relations

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 the 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.