

## TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

The Tangipahoa Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board room, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana, with Vice-President Ann Smith presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENTS: Ann Smith, Robert Potts, Leonard Genco, Al Link, Sonya Traylor, Sandra Bailey-Simmons and Rose Dominguez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Danny Ridgel and Eric Dangerfield

Vice-President Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Link called a point of order to remember PFC Matthew Wildes, a former student of Tangipahoa Parish School System, who died in Afghanistan while serving his country.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the Board minutes of August 18, 2009 as distributed. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Ms. Sandra Bailey-Simmons recognized Mr. Terrance Douglas, Natalbany Elementary School head custodian, as the Enos "Jake" Bailey, Jr., Above and Beyond Award recipient.

Mr. Dangerfield entered the meeting.

Superintendent Mark Kolwe, Chief Academic Officer Melissa Stilley, Ron Genco, Director of Human Resources and Reginald Elzy, Asst. Director of Human Resources, recognized and presented plaques to the graduates of the 2009 Tangipahoa Parish School System's Leadership Academy. They are as follows:

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| Amanda Montalbano   | Glenda Husser     | Phyllis Vernon     |
| Amelia Davis        | Helen Bahm        | Prefrance Fair     |
| Angela Corkern      | Jamie Mills       | Rene Fletcher      |
| Bobby Matthews      | Jason Oller       | Roslyn Varnado     |
| Charolotte Crier    | Joanna Roubique   | Rosilyn McKneely   |
| Carey Travis        | Kelly Ollar       | Samantha Robertson |
| Christie Atkins     | Lisa Gros         | Roxanne Quinn      |
| Debra Mohon         | Marquita Jackson  | Sandra Roberts     |
| Chasity Collier     | Loretta Hill      | Sandra Moran       |
| Christina Petermann | Mary McMahan      | Shannon Watkins    |
| Deroxolyn Hall      | Mary Adams        | Sheila Willie      |
| Dianne Morgan       | Monica Smith      | Stephanie Ciresi   |
| Dwinette Brown      | Mishelle Sticker  | Tara Kinchen       |
| Donna Arnone        | Orlandiea Johnson | Shely Gaydos       |
| Elizabeth Pourciau  | Natasha A. Perry  | Tracie Howes       |
| Frances Wells       | Paula Wells       | TerranPerry        |
| Gerald Brown        | Phyllis McCraney  | Tracee Spring      |
|                     |                   | Verna Beal         |

Vice-President Smith inquired if anyone in the audience had comments or questions concerning the 2009-10 Budgets. There were none.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to accept the 2009-10 Budgets. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Ms. Bailey-Simmons reported that she attended the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) Data Driven Decision Making Workshop in Baton Rouge,

Louisiana on August 24, 2009, earning continuing learning units (CLU) as mandated by LA. R.S. 17:53 and requested this to be entered into the official minutes. (Certificates shown at the end of the minutes)

It was moved by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Link, to approve the purchasing of one (1) fax board for Chesbrough Elementary School in the amount of \$880.00 from Southeast Business Systems to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Link, to approve dismantling, relocating and the setup of one (1) portable building from Kentwood High School to Sumner High School for the amount of \$7,500.00 and to continue the monthly lease of \$800.00, plus a Not-To-Exceed amount of \$10,000.00 for connection of electrical and fire alarm/intercom system at the new location, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Potts, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to approve upgrading the security systems at Sumner Middle School in the estimated amount of \$26,000.00 and Sumner High School in the estimated amount of \$22,000.00, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was unanimously moved to approve the Committee and Delegation Reports contained on the agenda and to pull the Personnel Committee Report. Following are the reports as approved:

#### **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – AUGUST 18, 2009:**

1. Ms. Vicki Blackwell, Director of Technology, gave a presentation of the online tool PD360, Professional Development on Demand. She stated this tool can be utilized by teachers and administrators to obtain their required CLU's (Continuing Learning Units) and for ongoing professional development.

#### **AMITE BOARD DELEGATION – AUGUST 25, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve purchasing eighteen (18) Smart Boards from Detel for Amite Elementary School, in the amount of \$72,773.64 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. Item number 2 was approved by the full Board on August 18, 2009.
3. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Genco, to approve Substantial Completion for West Side Middle School's A/C Replacement Project. Hearing no objection the motion was adopted.

#### **CHAMP COOPER BOARD DELEGATION – AUGUST 25, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to approve the Substantial Completion for the Champ Cooper Restroom Renovations Project. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

#### **HAMMOND BOARD DELEGATION – AUGUST 25, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the state contract quote of \$26,729.00 from LaTech for security camera system at Hammond Westside Primary to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Ms. Traylor, seconded by Ms. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the state contract quote of \$25,319.00 from LaTech for security camera system at Hammond Westside Upper to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. Purchasing lockers for Hammond Junior High School was deferred and will be placed on the next delegation meeting.

4. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Ms. Traylor, to authorize Mr. Bankston to seek a possible solution for the noise of the fans in the Hammond High School gymnasium. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

#### **INDEPENDENCE BOARD DELEGATION – AUGUST 25, 2009**

1. It was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to approve the cost to dismantle, relocate and setup one (1) double classroom portable building from Kentwood High School to Midway Elementary School for the amount of \$7,500.00 and to continue the monthly lease of \$800.00, plus a Not-To-Exceed amount of \$10,000.00 for electrical and fire alarm/intercom system at new location, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. The delegation authorized Mr. LaMarca to negotiate a purchase price for the next delegation meeting. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve Steve Meranta to install thirty-seven (37) network drops at Independence High School, in the amount of \$3,700.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve Steve Meranta to install thirty-one (31) network drops at Natalbany Elementary School, in the amount of \$3,100.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
4. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Ms. Smith, to authorize Mr. Caruso to obtain an appraisal on the land adjacent to Independence Middle School. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
5. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Ms. Smith, to authorize Mr. Caruso to obtain an appraisal on land adjacent to Independence Elementary School. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Ms. Smith to waive the rules and add an item to the Agenda:

Consider approval to purchase and install nine (9) Smart Boards for Nesom Middle School in the amount of \$49,457.82 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds.

6. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Link, to approve purchasing nine (9) Smart Boards from Detel for Nesom Middle School, in the amount of \$49,457.82 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

#### **KENTWOOD BOARD DELEGATION – AUGUST 25, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Potts, pending Court approval, to keep one of the double classroom portable buildings from the fire damage renovations at Kentwood High School for a monthly lease of \$800.00, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Genco, seconded by Mr. Potts, to waive the rules and add two (2) items to the Agenda.

Consider approval for Steve Meranta to install fifteen (15) network drops at Kentwood High School, in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds.

Consider approval for Steve Meranta to install twelve (12) network drops at O. W. Dillon Elementary School, in the amount of \$1,200.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds.

2. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve for Steve Meranta to install (15) network drops at Kentwood High School, in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve for Steve Meranta to install (12) network drops at O. W. Dillon Elementary, in the amount of \$1,200.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

#### **LORANGER BOARD DELEGATION – AUGUST 25, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve purchasing four (4) Smart Boards from Detel for Loranger High School, in the amount of \$15,853.56 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Smart Boards are for classroom teachers only. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
2. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve purchasing one (1) HP Deskjet 6988 printer from Hewlett Packard for Loranger High School, in the amount of \$235.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
3. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve purchasing a projector and screen from Detel for Loranger High School's cafeteria, in the amount of \$3,093.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
4. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ridgel, to approve purchasing two (2) lateral file cabinets from Venable Office Supply, two (2) metal bookcases from Alfax and one (1) absorba mat from Alfax for Loranger High School's Assistant Principal's office, in the amount of \$1,671.95 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
5. It was moved by Mr. Ridgel, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons to approve purchasing two (2) bookcases from Worthington Direct for Loranger High School Principal's office, in the amount of \$486.97 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
6. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve purchasing one (1) Canon iR-5055 Digital Copier from Southeast Business Machines for Loranger High School, in the amount of \$9,831.80 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
7. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve purchasing band instruments from Cascio Interstate Music for Loranger High School, in the amount \$32,559.00 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
8. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve purchasing Science Lab equipment from Nasco for Loranger High School, in the amount of \$3,857.30 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
9. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve purchasing six (6) radios plus chargers and replacement batteries Ra-Com for Loranger High School, in the amount of \$3,842.80 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.
10. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve purchasing two (2) Dakota Stack/Side chairs from School Specialty Education for Loranger High School Assistant Principal's office, in the amount of \$258.04 to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds.
11. It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve purchasing one (1) speaker system from Ted's Musicians Center for Loranger High School, in the amount of \$1,125.00 to be paid

from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

### **PONCHATOULA BOARD DELEGATION – AUGUST 25, 2009**

1. It was moved by Mrs. Dominguez, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve Unique System's proposal, in the amount of \$22,300.00 for a metal storage building at Ponchatoula High School, to be paid from Pay-As-You-Go Funds. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Link, to approve the Personnel Committee Report of August 25, 2009 and to pull Item E-Leaves-#14 and Item E-Retirements-#4. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – AUGUST 25, 2009**

The regular agenda was presented by Mr. Genco, chairperson.

It was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Dominguez, to remove Item C #1 from the agenda and add an item to Item E, Retirements. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Dr. Lynell Higgenbotham, Chief Desegregation Implementation Officer, indicated she had reviewed the agenda and there were no problems or questions.

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the items contained in the Agenda including the changes above. Mr. Ridgel abstained. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

### **TEACHER – NEW HIRE**

Kimberly Payton, Teacher – Hammond Junior High, August 10, 2009, substitute  
Rose Guy, Teacher – O.W. Dillon Elementary, August 10, 2009, substitute  
Rosa Mason, Teacher – Hammond Westside Upper, August 10, 2009, substitute

Lindsay Tilley, SpEd Teacher – Woodland Park ELC (place of Hill Wright – transferred) August 10, 2009

Fernando Lopez, Foreign Language Teacher – Amite Elementary (place of Andre Morales – resigned) August 10, 2009

Daniel Vercher, Foreign Language Teacher – Independence Elementary (new position) August 10, 2009

Margarita Robledano, Foreign Language Teacher – Hammond Eastside Upper (new position) August 10, 2009

Jennifer Hewitt, Occupational Therapist – SpEd Department, September 8, 2009

Jeanna Brown, Teacher – Hammond Eastside Upper (place of Shenieta Gillyard – transferred) August 10, 2009, substitute

Sherry Douzart, Teacher – Roseland Elementary (vacancy) August 10, 2009

### **SUPPORT PERSONNEL – NEW HIRE**

Alice Green, Para – Hammond Westside Upper (place of Felicia Harris) August 11, 2009

Johnnie Ridgel, Child Specific Para – Natalbany Elementary (place of Twanna White – transferred) August 11, 2009

### **ADMINISTRATIVE – RECLASSIFICATION**

Janet Vernon, From: Administrative Assistant – Roseland Elementary, To: Assistant Principal – Roseland Elementary

Carla Tallo, From: Administrative Assistant – Woodland Park ELC, To: Assistant Principal – Woodland Park ELC, August 10, 2009  
Lorinda Elzy, From: Administrative Assistant – Perrin ELC, To: Assistant Principal – Perrin ELC, August 10, 2009

#### SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE – NEW HIRE

Jackie Goings, SFS Worker 7 hr – Spring Creek Elementary (place of Joseph Davis – retired) August 11, 2009  
Deborah Vallaire, SFS Worker 4 hr – Hammond Junior High (place of Andrea Chapman –transferred) September 1, 2009  
Tidie Batiste, SFS Worker 7 hr – Hammond Junior High (place of Leona Thomas – resigned) September 1, 2009

#### LEAVES\*RESIGNATIONS\*RETIREMENTS

##### SABBATICAL LEAVES

Amelia Richardson-Davis, Teacher – Independence Elementary, P&I, 2 semesters  
Orlandea Johnson, Teacher – Hammond Eastside Primary, P&I, 2 semesters  
Sandra Roberts, Teacher – Hammond Eastside Primary, P&I, 2 semesters  
Lisa Lee, Teacher – Amite High, medical, 2 semesters

##### LEAVES

Sandra McGee, SFS Worker – Sumner High (extended sick leave using sick days first due to maternity – November 9, 2009) August 11, 2009  
Betty Mount, Teacher – West Side Middle (extended sick leave using sick days first due to maternity – October 9, 2009) August 13, 2009  
Victoria Derks, Teacher – D.C. Reeves Elementary (extended sick leave using sick days first due to maternity – October 19, 2009) August 13, 2009  
Amy Ard, Inst. Tech. Fac. – C.M. Fagan (extended sick leave using sick days first due to maternity – October 16, 2009) August 22, 2009  
Mary Hebert, Office Assistant – Central Office (extended sick leave using sick days first due to surgery – August 28, 2009) August 13, 2009  
Sherrie Vullo, social worker – Special Services Center (extended sick leave using sick days first due to family illness – January 11, 2010) August 24, 2009  
Daria Landry, Assistant Principal – Ponchatoula Junior High (extended sick leave using sick days first due to illness – January 5, 2010) August 10, 2009  
Rosilyn Ardillo, Teacher – Loranger Middle (extended sick leave using sick days first due to family illness – December 19, 2009) August 17, 2009  
Bobbie Pierce, Teacher – Hammond Westside Primary (extended sick leave using sick days first due to family illness – December 19, 2009) August 12, 2009  
Latosha Varnado, Billing Clerk – Hammond High (extended sick leave using sick days first due to maternity – December 17, 2009) August 11, 2009  
Roxanne Cloutre, Production Manager – Hammond High (straight leave without pay due to illness using sick days first – December 18, 2009) August 11, 2009  
Lisa Houston, Speech Therapist – Tucker Elementary (straight leave without pay due to surgery – November 10, 2009) August 10, 2009  
Louis Milazzo, Jr., Bus Driver (straight leave without pay due to personal reasons) 2009-2010

##### RESIGNATIONS

Katina Henderson, Lunchroom Monitor – Vinyard Elementary, August 10, 2009  
Jennifer Bravata, Para – Florida Parishes JDC, August 1, 2009  
Debra Steadman, SFS Worker – Ponchatoula Junior High, August 10, 2009  
Dustane Reed, Para – Hammond Junior High, August 13, 2009  
Mandy Savoie, Secretary – Hammond Junior High, August 6, 2009

RETIREMENTS

Bobbie Pierce, Teacher – Hammond Westside Primary, December 19, 2009  
Rebecca Bowles, Teacher – Hammond Westside Primary, September 11, 2009  
Sarah Davis, Para – Midway Elementary, August 11, 2009

Superintendent Kolwe presented the Board members with the 2009-10 first edition of The School Zone.

The Addendum Item, “Consider termination of support employee” was pulled.

It was moved by Ms. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Genco, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the case of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB and Angela Cryer vs. TPSB. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

The Board entered Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session.

No action was taken in the cases of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB or Angela Cryer vs. TPSB.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (6:59 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Ridgel  
Board President

Mark Kolwe, Secretary-Treasurer

Recorded by: Cynthia Jenkins, September 1, 2009