

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

April 19, 2005

The Tangipahoa Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., in the School Board Meeting Room, School Board Office, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana, with Vice-President Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Link, Robert Caves and Carl Bardwell, Jimmy A. Richardson, I, Donnie Williams, Robert Potts, Maxine Dixon and Sandra Bailey-Simmons

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leonard Genco (attending NSBA Conference)

Equasia Gallow, student – Kentwood High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Naroniff Lee, student – Kentwood High School, recited the Preamble to the Constitution. The Kentwood High Band Combo led by Mr. Kenneth Butler, Band Director, played several patriotic selections.

It was moved by Mr. Potts, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the Board Minutes of April 5, 2005, as distributed. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Caves, seconded by Mr. Bardwell, to waive the rules to add several items to the agenda. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Caves, seconded by Mr. Bardwell, to add the items listed below to the agenda. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

1. Recognize representatives of the St. Vincent DePaul's Society for their help with the Uniforms for Kids Program (Joseph)

Under Executive Session:

2. Consider case of Lana Lee vs. TPSS (Board Attorney)
3. Consider case of Johnny Santangelo vs TPSS (Board Attorney)

Superintendent Louis Joseph introduced Dr. Bonadelvert Suarez, Ms. Jerri Malone, Mr. Merlin Pistorius and Mr. Al Ferrar, representatives of the St. Vincent DePaul's Society "Uniforms for Kids" Program. The Board presented Mr. Ferrar a plaque in recognition of his support of the students and the Tangipahoa Parish School System. Mr. Farrar has completed his term and will be replaced by Mr. Merlin Pistorius.

Rev. Louis Husser spoke in public input and urged the Board to accept Mr. Mike Johnson of the Alliance Defense Fund as co-counsel in the case of John Doe vs. the Tangipahoa Parish School System.

It was moved by Mr. Caves, seconded by Mr. Richardson to enter Executive Session to discuss the cases listed below. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

- a. Consider case of Margaret Dykes vs TPSS (Board Attorney)
- b. Consider case of Robert Dougherty vs TPSS (Board Attorney)
- c. Consider case of Maria Hernandez vs TPSS (Board Attorney)
- d. Consider case of Debra Taylor vs TPSS (Board Attorney)
- e. Consider case of John Doe vs TPSS (Board Attorney)
- f. Consider case of Estelle D. Richardson, etal v. TPSB, etal (Board Attorney)
- g. Consider case of Lana Lee vs. TPSS (Board Attorney)
- h. Consider case of Johnny Santangelo vs TPSS (Board Attorney)

The Board entered Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session.

It was moved by Mr. Jimmy Richardson, seconded by Mr. Williams, to accept Mr. Mike Johnson of the Alliance Defense Fund as co-council on the case of John Doe vs. TPPS.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted in its failure, with three (3) yeas, five (5) nays, and one (1) absent, as follows: YEAS: Jimmy Richardson, I, Sandra Bailey-Simmons, and Donnie Williams. NAYS - Robert Caves, Maxine Dixon, Carl Bardwell, Robert Potts, and Al Link. ABSENT: Leonard "Tank" Genco.

No action was taken on the case of Margaret Dykes vs. TPSS.

It was moved by Mr. Caves, seconded by Mr. Bardwell, to authorize the Board's attorney to pursue a settlement in the case of Robert Dougherty vs. TPSS. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Caves, seconded by Mr. Bardwell, to approve the attorney's recommendation in the case of Maria Hernandez vs. TPSS. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

No action was taken in the case of Debra Taylor vs. TPSS.

The case of Estelle D. Richardson will be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Williams, to accept the counsel's recommendation in the case of Lana Lee vs. TPSS.

A roll call vote on the motion resulted in its adoption, with five (5) yeas, three (3) nays, and one (1) absent, as follows: YEAS: Jimmy Richardson, I, Maxine Dixon, Donnie Williams, Robert Potts, and Al Link. NAYS - Robert Caves, Sandra Bailey-Simmons, and Carl Bardwell, ABSENT: Leonard "Tank" Genco.

No action was taken in the case of Johnny Santangelo vs. TPSS.

Vice-President Bailey-Simmons passed the gavel to Mr. Al Link.

It was moved by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, seconded by Mr. Bardwell, to approve the Finance Committee Report of April 5, 2005. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted. Following is the report as approved.

1. Approved the Accounts Payable Check Register dated 2/24/05 – 3/30/05.
2. Renewed Norris Insurance Consultants Contract for Professional Services in the amount of \$15,332.00 with the option to renew the contract for a second and third year.
3. Approved the Institutional Asset Management/Cash Portfolio offered by Hancock Bank and authorize the Superintendent to sign the Funds Transfer Agreement with Hancock Bank.
4. Approved the low bids for Bid #2005-04, Janitorial Supplies.
5. Approved the low bid of Economical Janitorial Supply (\$34.45 per case) for Bid #2005-05, Toilet Tissue.
6. Approved the low bid of Economical Janitorial Supply for Bid #2005-06, Janitorial Chemicals.
7. Approved the low bids for Bid #2005-07, Copy Paper.
8. Approved the revised Purchasing Policies and Procedures Manual.

Vice-President Bailey-Simmons assumed the gavel.

It was moved by Ms. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Bardwell, to approve the Personnel Committee Report and Addendum #1. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted. Following is the report as approved.

1. SUPPORT PERSONNEL - NEW HIRE

Bridgette Ogima, Office Assistant I – Central Office, effective April 20, 2005
Linda Alexander, Bus Aide – 4 hours – Hammond Jr. High, effective April 1, 2005

2. SUPPORT PERSONNEL - TERMINATION

Marjorie Gainey, Food Service Worker – Ponchatoula Jr. High, effective April 6, 2005

3. TEACHER - TERMINATION

Romeekia Richard, Teacher

4. *LEAVES*RESIGNATIONS*RETIREMENTSLEAVES:

Jermaine Brumfield, Paraprofessional – Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center, (Straight Leave without pay due to illness – May 30, 2005), effective April 15, 2005
Aletha Johnson, Title 1 Resource Teacher (Extended Sick Leave using sick days first due to Surgery – May 16, 2005), effective March 21, 2005
Shelia Owens, Teacher – Independence High (Extended Sick Leave due to surgery using sick days first – August, 2005), effective April 4, 2005
Shelia Williams, Teacher – Hammond Westside Upper (Straight Leave without pay), effective April 13, 2005
Therese Domiano, Principal – Hammond Westside Primary (Extended Sick Leave due to illness using sick days first – June 1, 2005), April 4, 2005

Resignations:

James Varnado, Custodian – Chesbrough Elementary, effective March 24, 2005

ADDENDUM #11. *LEAVES*RESIGNATIONS*RETIREMENTS

Virginia Daughdrill, Principal – Midway Elementary, effective July 31, 2005

Mr. Link spoke in personal privilege regarding the death of Mrs. Linda Thomas, Assistant Principal at Hammond Westside Upper Elementary School.

It was moved by Mr. Bardwell, seconded by Mr. Potts, to adjourn (8:07 p.m.). Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard “Tank” Genco, President

Louis L. Joseph, Secretary-Treasurer

Recorded By: Jo-Ann L. Frazier (4/19/05)