

## TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

**June 7, 2005**

The Tangipahoa Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., in the School Board Meeting Room, School Board Office, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana, with President Leonard "Tank" Genco, Presiding.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Leonard "Tank" Genco, Al Link, Robert Caves, Carl Bardwell, Jimmy A. Richardson, I, Robert Potts, Maxine Dixon, and Sandra Bailey-Simmons

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Donnie Williams

Mr. Thomas Bellavia, Assistant Superintendent, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mrs. Sandra Bailey-Simmons, Board Member District H, read a patriotic selection. Michelle Husser, student – Hammond High School, sang the National Anthem.

President Genco recognized State Representative Diane Winston.

It was moved by Mr. Caves, seconded by Mr. Link, to approve the Board Minutes of May 17, 2005, as distributed. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Ms. Dixon, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to approve the Personnel Committee Report of June 1, 2005, with the exception of Resignations – Item #2. . Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Ms. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Caves, to approve Addendas #1 and #2. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted. Following is the report as adopted.

June 1, 2005

1. TEACHER - REHIRE

Chad Troxclair, Teacher - Ponchatoula High, effective August 15, 2005, Probationary  
 Jan Husser, Teacher - Ponchatoula Jr. High, effective August 15, 2005, Probationary  
 Colette Lofton, Teacher - Ponchatoula Jr. High, effective August 15, 2005, Probationary  
 Kristin Pellegrin, Teacher - Ponchatoula High, effective August 15, 2005, Probationary  
 Eric Chuter, Teacher - Ponchatoula High, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary  
 Stephen Gremillion, Teacher - Loranger High, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary  
 Shannon Watts, CSR Teacher - O.W. Dillon, effective August 15, 2005 Substitute  
 Henrietta Vernon, CSR Teacher - O.W. Dillon effective August 15, 2005 Substitute  
 Lori Trahan, 8-G Grant Pre-K Teacher - O.W. Dillon, effective August 15, 2005 Substitute  
 Kylie Sharkey, Teacher - O.W. Dillon, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary  
 Felicia Malone, Teacher - O.W. Dillon, effective August 15, 2005 Substitute  
 Pamela Kliesch, Title 1 Teacher - O.W. Dillon, effective August 15, 2005 Substitute  
 Barbara Carter, 8-G Grant Teacher - O.W. Dillon, effective August 15, 2005 Substitute  
 Peggy Binning, Kindergarten Teacher - O.W. Dillon, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary  
 LaShunta Banks, CSR – Teacher - O.W. Dillon, effective August 15, 2005 Substitute  
 Betsy Garrety, Teacher - Northwood High, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary  
 Roy Misita, Teacher - Northwood High, effective August 15, 2005 Substitute  
 Ruby Ricks, Teacher - Northwood High, effective August 15, 2005 Substitute  
 Maria Kinney, Teacher - Hammond High, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary  
 Lesley Passman, Agriculture Teacher - Hammond High, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary  
 Lee Wheeler, Title 1 Teacher Kentwood High, effective August 15, 2005 Substitute  
 Erin Dunnington, Speech Therapist - Independence Elementary, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary  
 Candace Ray, Teacher - Independence Elementary, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary

Ashley Notariano, Title 1 Teacher - Amite Elementary, effective August 15, 2005  
Substitute

Irene Brumfield, Title 1 Teacher - Amite Elementary, effective August 15, 2005  
Substitute

Gina Graziano, Kindergarten Teacher - Amite Elementary, effective August 15, 2005  
Probationary

Sharon Ponds, Kindergarten Teacher - Woodland Park Early Learning Center, effective  
August 15, 2005 Probationary

Jennifer Harrelson, 8-G Grant Pre-K Teacher - Woodland Park Early Learning Center,  
effective August 15, 2005 Substitute

Marian Marshall, Kindergarten Teacher - Woodland Park Early Learning Center,  
effective August 15, 2005 Probationary

Kristina Corneille, LA-4 Pre-K Teacher - Woodland Park Early Learning Center,  
effective August 15, 2005 Substitute

Daphne Griffin, Early Intervention Special Education Teacher - Woodland Park Early  
Learning Center, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary

Samantha Mitchell-Brister, Teacher - Independence Middle, effective August 15, 2005  
Probationary

Valerie Garafola, Teacher - Independence High, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary

DeShea Delatte, Teacher - Independence High, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary

Shelly Ernst, Teacher - D.C. Reeves, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary

Debbie Schanzbach, Teacher - D.C. Reeves, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary

Julie Neidhamer, Teacher - Tucker Elementary, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary

Sandy Lipscomb, Special Education Teacher - Tucker Elementary, effective August 15,  
2005 Probationary

Deondra Warner, Special Education Teacher - Hammond Eastside Primary, effective  
August 15, 2005 Probationary

Nancy Albright, CSR Teacher - Hammond Eastside Primary, effective August 15, 2005  
Substitute

Corliss Svoboda, CSR Teacher - Hammond Eastside Primary, effective August 15, 2005  
Substitute

Ethel Gilles, CSR Teacher - Hammond Eastside Primary, effective August 15, 2005  
Substitute

Melissa Riche, CSR Teacher - Hammond Eastside Primary, effective August 15, 2005  
Substitute

Cecilia White, CSR Teacher - Hammond Eastside Primary, effective August 15, 2005  
Substitute

Amy Bourgeois, CSR Teacher - Hammond Eastside Primary, effective August 15, 2005  
Substitute

Barbara Smith, Reading First Special Education Teacher - Hammond Eastside Primary,  
effective August 15, 2005 Substitute

Gail Gerike, Reading First Teacher - Hammond Eastside Primary, effective August 15,  
2005 Substitute

Amanda Montalbano, Title 1 Teacher - D.C. Reeves, effective August 15, 2005  
Substitute

JoAnn Prescia, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Site Coordinator - Hammond Eastside Upper, effective  
August 15, 2005 Substitute

Lisa Fussell, Title 1 Teacher - Hammond High, effective August 15, 2005 Substitute

## 2. TEACHER REHIRE-RECLASSIFICATION

Carissa Mabry, From: "OFAT" Teacher - Amite Elementary, To: Certified Title 1 Pre-K  
Teacher – Amite Elementary, effective August 15, 2005 Substitute

Rosia Varnado, From: Title 1 Teacher - Amite Elementary, To: Regular Program Teacher  
– Amite Elementary, effective August 15, 2005 Tenured

Meranda Phinney, From: TEP Teacher - Northwood High, To: Certified Teacher –  
Northwood High, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary

Jessica Foster, From: "OFAT" Kindergarten Teacher - Woodland Park Early Learning Center, To: Certified Kindergarten Teacher – Woodland Park Early Learning Center, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary

3. TEACHER-TRANSFER

Kelly Primeaux, From: Teacher – Loranger High, To: Teacher - Loranger Middle, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary

Casey Corkern, From: Teacher – Spring Creek, To: Teacher - Amite Elementary, effective August 15, 2005 Probationary

4. SUPPORT PERSONNEL – NEW HIRE

Tonia Conley, Special Education Paraprofessional – D.C. Reeves, effective August 15, 2005

5. SUPPORT PERSONNEL - REHIRE

Pam Rountree, Title 1 Pre-K Paraprofessional - Amite Elementary, effective August 15, 2005

Gayle Currier, Title 1 Pre-K Paraprofessional - Amite Elementary, effective August 15, 2005

Debra Briggs, Title 1 Computer Lab Paraprofessional - O.W. Dillon, effective August 15, 2005

Deidra Kinzy, Title 1 Pre-K Paraprofessional - O.W. Dillon, effective August 15, 2005

Jackie Tillis, Special Education Paraprofessional – 7 hours, Hammond Eastside Primary, effective August 15, 2005

6. LEAVES, RESIGNATIONS, RETIREMENTS

Sabbatical Leaves:

Charlotte Kelly, Teacher - Tucker Elementary, P. & I. – 2 semesters

Andrea Turner, Teacher - SLU Lab, Medical – 2 semesters

Shellie Pecararo, Teacher - Loranger Elementary, Medical – 2 semesters

Sharon Felder, Teacher - Ponchatoula Jr. High, Medical – 2 semesters

Rachel Stanga, Teacher - Spring Creek, P. & I. – 2 semesters

Trina Danz, Teacher - Midway Elementary, Medical – 2 semesters

Stefanie Sorbet, Teacher - D.C. Reeves, P. & I – 2 semesters

Becky Tobin, Teacher - Independence Middle, P. & I. – 2 semesters

Denise Latour, Teacher - Ponchatoula High, P. & I – 2 semesters

Judith Hulsey, Teacher - Ponchatoula High, P. & I – 2 semesters

Charlotte Freeman, Teacher - Ponchatoula High, Medical – 2 semesters

Lynn McComisky, Ponchatoula High, P. & I – 2 semesters

Cindy Fedele, Teacher - Independence Elementary, Medical – 2 semesters

Hope Himel, Teacher - Perrin Early Learning Center, Medical – 2 semesters

Freddie Painting, Resource Teacher - Resource Center, Medical – 2 semesters

Sheila Willie, Teacher - Loranger Elementary, P. & I – 2 semesters

Leaves:

Shona Phillips, School Nurse – Sumner (Extended Sick Leave using sick days first due to maternity – May 30, 2005), effective May 6, 2005

Jodie Thompson, Teacher - Vinyard Elementary (Straight Leave without pay due to illness – May 30, 2005), effective March 14, 2005

Mary Alice Bacon, Food Service Worker – Sumner (Straight Leave without pay using sick days first due to illness – May 30, 2005), effective April 28, 2005

Resignations:

Arlette Bouvier, Teacher – Amite High, effective May 30, 2005  
 Rachael Stromeyer, Teacher - Tucker Elementary, effective May 30, 2005  
 Rebecca St. Cyr, Payroll Coordinator – Central Office, effective April 26, 2005  
 Roger Williams, Custodian - Loranger Elementary, effective May 16, 2005  
 Bridget Trabona, Food Service - Loranger Elementary, effective April 25, 2005  
 Stephanie Simmons, Teacher - D.C. Reeves, effective August 1, 2005  
 Audrey Elzy, Paraprofessional - O.W. Dillon, effective May 23, 2005  
 Saundra Brown, Paraprofessional - Loranger Middle, effective May 27, 2005  
 Aimee Freeman, Teacher - Ponchatoula High, effective August 1, 2005

Retirements:

Mauriann Corbin, Teacher – Natalbany, effective May 31, 2005  
 Rosia Varnado, Teacher – Amite Elementary, effective September 11, 2005

ADDENDUM #11. TEACHER - RECLASSIFICATION

Cynthia Faller, From: Teacher – Regular Program – SLU Lab, To: Title 1 Mentor – C.M. Fagan – 9 months, effective August 15, 2005  
 Kindra Thompson, From: Special Education Teacher – Loranger Elementary, To: Special Education Mentor – C.M. Fagan – 9 months, effective August 15, 2005

2. LEAVES, RESIGNATIONS, RETIREMENTSLeaves:

Dorothy Boyette, Teacher – SLU Lab, (Extended Sick Leave due to illness using sick days first – August 15, 2005), effective May 10, 2005  
 Amanda Sandifer, School Psychologist – Special Education Center (Extended Sick Leave due to illness using sick days first – August 1, 2005), effective May 17, 2005

ADDENDUM #21. LEAVES, RESIGNATIONS, RETIREMENTSResignations:

Gina Keaton, Teacher - Hammond Westside Primary, effective July 1, 2005  
 John Laird, Teacher - Ponchatoula High, effective August 1, 2005  
 Reggie Bottolfs, Bus Driver – Ponchatoula, effective June 2, 2005  
 Beryl Bourgeois, Teacher - Loranger Elementary, effective May 31, 2005  
 Theresa Graves, Speech Therapist - Loranger Elementary, effective August 1, 2005

Retirements:

Marilyn Lamonte, Paraprofessional - Natalbany Elementary, effective May 28, 2005  
 Melinda Frandria, Office Assistant II - Adult Education, effective July 8, 2005

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mr. Potts, to approve the 16<sup>th</sup> Section Ad Hoc Committee Report of May 17, 2005. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted. Following is the report as adopted.

1. Approved the high bid of Weyerhaeuser (\$121,180.00) Bid #2005-26, Sale of Timber at Lewiston Tract #1.

2. Mr. A. W. Reed gave the committee an update on management activities and recommendations for 16<sup>th</sup> Section properties 2005 to date.

Ms. Suzie McGovern spoke in Public Input regarding Biometric Finger Scanning. Mr. Al M. Rogers spoke regarding freedom to pray.

There were no requests for personal privilege.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Link, to enter Executive to discuss the cases of John Doe vs. TPSS, Frances Chester vs. TPSS, Hazel Young, Stacy Young, Herman Johnson vs. TPSS, and Croson, Dorone vs. TPSS. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

The Board entered Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session.

No action was taken in the case of John Doe vs. the Tangipahoa Parish School System.

It was moved by Mr. Caves, seconded by Mr. Richardson, in the case of Frances Chester vs. TPSS, to authorize board counsel to continue negotiations to settle. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Caves, seconded by Mr. Richardson, in the case of Hazel Young, Stacy Young, and Herman Johnson vs. TPSS, to authorize board counsel to continue negotiations to settle. Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted.

The case of Croson, Dorone vs. TPSS was deferred to the next board meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Link, seconded by Mrs. Bailey-Simmons, to adjourn (7:37 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 (6/07/05)