

Plaquemine, Louisiana
February 9, 2004
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING:

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Delahaye led the Board in a moment of silent reflection, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Nancy T. Broussard, David Daigle, Tom Delahaye, Michael C. Barbee, Paul Distefano, Glyna M. Kelley, Melvin Lodge, Louis J. Martinez, Darlene M. Ourso, Carson Trusclair, Brian S. Willis

Absent: Albertha Hasten, Dorothy R. Sansoni

Note: Mr. Edwards, Mr. Molden entered the meeting at this time.

Presiding: Tom Delahaye, President

The following item was included in the Superintendent's Report:

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION BY MR. BERA REGARDING INTERIM OPERATIONS OF SCHOOL SYSTEM

Mr. Bera recommended to the school board that Mr. Oveal Watkins serve as interim superintendent until June 7, 2004, at which time his tenure as superintendent will become full-time.

MOTION: By Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Distefano and unanimously adopted by those Board Members present

RESOLVED: That Mr. Oveal Watkins will serve as interim superintendent until June 7, 2004, at which time Mr. Bera's tenure as superintendent will become full time

REPORT BY MR. TOM DELAHAYE AND MR. MELVIN LODGE ON SCHOOL VISITS

Mr. Delahaye and Mr. Lodge presented to the school board concerns of school faculties and staff regarding the hiring of Mr. Bera, Iberville Parish School Board Superintendent. (Recorded verbatim on tape for reference).

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO PERSONNEL ITEMS

NOTE: Mr. Edwards asked the Board to add an item to the Consent Agenda thanking Mr. Charles P. Bujol, retired superintendent, for his years of service to the Iberville Parish School System.

Note: Mr. Lodge informed the Board that during the Personnel Committee meeting, it was voted on to bring the full Personnel Recommendation package to the Board.

MOTION: By Mr. Edwards, and seconded by Ms. Trusclair, and unanimously adopted by those Board Members present

RESOLVED: To approve the following Consent Agenda with the exception of the Personnel Committee Recommendations package

A. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2004, MINUTES

B. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 28, 2004, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

C. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15, 2004, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

D. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9, 2004, FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Federal Programs:

- a. Title I - Carryover – Janet Marionneaux
 - 1. Materials/Supplies/Equipment 2003-2004 \$ 6,179.53
- b. Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Program – Emily Stewart
 - 1. Materials/Supplies/Equipment 2003-2004 \$ 1,253.48
- c. Title I – Janet Marionneaux
 - 1. Materials/Supplies/Equipment 2003-2004 \$ 19,858.53
- d. 8(g) Teacher Block Grant
 - 1. Materials/Supplies/Equipment 2003-2004 \$ 2,520.00
- e. Title II – Carryover – Robert Daigle
 - 1. Materials/Supplies/Equipment 2003-2004 \$ 998.00
- f. Project Impact – Janet Marionneaux
 - 1. Materials/Supplies/Equipment 2003-2004 \$ 528.14
- g. Vocational Education – Oveal Watkins
 - 1. Materials/Supplies/Equipment 2003-2004 \$ 1,980.00
- h. School Tech Carryover – Janet Marionneaux
 - 1. Materials/Supplies/Equipment 2003-2004 \$ 7,799.45
- i. 8(g) New LINC Schools – Janet Marionneaux
 - 1. Materials/Supplies/Equipment 2003-2004 \$ 3,769.54
- j. Enhancing Education through Technology – Janet Marionneaux
 - 1. Materials/Supplies/Equipment 2003-2004 \$ 989.60

2. Maintenance:
 - a. Emergency and Requisition – Joseph Distefano, Jr.
 1. Materials/Supplies/Equipment 2003-2004 \$ 26,785.91
3. Food Service:
 - a. Expenditures – Paula Tillman \$ 2,781.72
4. Special Ed.:
 - a. Expenditures – Kathy D’Albor \$ 12,449.63

E. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9, 2004, PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

2003-2004 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Resignation:

1. Marvin Dotson, teacher-coach, Plaquemine High, effective end of the day January 8, 2004.
2. Angela Haydel, vocational ed. teacher, Plaquemine High, effective end of the day February 6, 2004.

Appointment:

1. David Ashley, teacher-coach, Plaquemine High, replacing Marvin Dotson effective January 15, 2004.

Retirement and return to work:

1. Don Jones, teacher-coach, Plaquemine High, retirement effective end of the day February 10, 2004. Return to work February 12, 2004. Appointment effective through May 28, 2004.
2. Brenda Brown, teacher, Dorseyville Elementary, retirement effective end of the day February 20, 2004. Return to work February 26, 2004. Appointment effective through May 28, 2004.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Retirement and return to work:

1. Barbara Davis, Child Search/Child Net Coord., Iberville Parish School Board, retirement effective end of the day February 13, 2004. Return to work February 17, 2004. Appointment effective through June 30, 2004.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE STAFF

Temporary Reassignments:

1. Tarlyn Henry from sfs technician, Iberville OP Center, to sfs technician Dorseyville Elementary, effective February 4, 2004.
2. Linda Breaux from sfs technician, Iberville Elementary, to sfs technician Iberville OP Center, effective February 4, 2004.

ADDITIONAL 2003-04 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE STAFF

Resignation:

1. Belvin Batiste, 12 month housekeeper, Crescent Elementary, effective end of the day February 9, 2004.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE STAFF

Appointment:

1. Belvin Batiste, sfs technician, Crescent Elementary, effective February 10, 2004.

Retirement:

1. Joycelyn Bueche, sfs accountant II, Iberville Parish School Board, end of the day June 30, 2004.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Retirement and return to work:

1. Emily Stewart, Homeless Liaison/Drug Free Coord., Iberville Parish School Board, retirement effective end of the day February 13, 2004. Return to work February 17, 2004. Appointment effective through June 30, 2004.

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Temporary Appointment:

1. Beatrice Parker, librarian, White Castle High, effective February 10, 2004 through May 28, 2004.

APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION: By Ms. Ourso, seconded by Mr. Trusclair

RESOLVED: To approve the full package of the Personnel Committee recommendations.

Mr. Edwards objected to two items on the personnel agenda, the retiring and returning to work of Don Jones, teacher-coach, Plaquemine High School and the retiring and returning to work of Barbara Davis, Child Search/Child Net Coordinator, Iberville Parish School Board. After further discussion on this item, (recorded verbatim on tape for reference) the following motion was offered.

MOTION: By Ms. Ourso, seconded by Mr. Martinez

RESOLVED: To approve the full package of the Personnel Committee recommendations.

Upon roll call, the above substitute motion passed as follows:

YEAS: Michael Barbee, Nancy Broussard, David Daigle, Paul Distefano, Glynna Kelley, Melvin Lodge, Louis Martinez, Freddie Molden, Darlene Ourso, Carson Trusclair, Brian Willis

NAYS: Thomas Edwards, Tom Delahaye

ABSENT: Albertha Hasten, Dorothy Sansoni

F: CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION TO THE FAMILY OF LUCILLE WILKERSON, RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHER

G. CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION TO THE FAMILY OF SAM SINGLETON, RETIRED BAND DIRECTOR, PLAQUEMINE HIGH SCHOOL

H. CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION TO THE FAMILY OF SHIRLEY PERCELL, SISTER OF EARL PANIA, BUS DRIVER

I. CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION TO THE FAMILY OF SHIRLEY OURSO, WIFE OF FRANK OURSO, SR., RETIRED BUS DRIVER

J. CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION TO THE FAMILY OF AMANDA GRACE, RETIRED TEACHER

APPROVAL OF MOVING AGENDA ITEM 24 TO THE FRONT OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Delahaye asked that agenda item 24 be moved to the front of the agenda.

MOTION: Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Willis, and unanimously adopted by those Board Members present

RESOLVED: That agenda item 24 be moved to the front of the agenda.

APPEAL OF EXPULSION OF STUDENT AT THE IBERVILLE PARISH OPTIONAL EDUCATION CENTER

William Bujol, Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance, appeared before the Board and stated that the parent or guardian of a student who had been expelled at the Iberville Parish Optional Education Center had requested a hearing before the School Board relative to said expulsion. The parent/guardian was not present at the school board meeting at the time that the agenda item was brought before the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Daigle, seconded by Mr. Edwards

RESOLVED: That the expulsion of the student be upheld

After further discussion on the matter (recorded verbatim on tape for reference), the motion passed as follows:

YEAS: Michael Barbee, Nancy Broussard, David Daigle, Tom Delahaye, Paul Distefano, Thomas Edwards, Glyna Kelley, Melvin Lodge, Louis Martinez, Freddie Molden, Darlene Ourso, Brian Willis

NAYS: Carson Trusclair

ABSENT: Albertha Hasten, Dorothy Sansoni

CONSIDER ACCEPTING OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE LATHAN COMPANY, INC.'S CONTRACT ON DORSEYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND WHITE CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Distefano presented to the board the information regarding the accepting of substantial completion of the Lathan Company, Inc.'s on Dorseyville Elementary School and White Castle High School.

MOTION: By Ms. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Daigle

RESOLVED: That the School Board accept the substantial completion of the Lathan Company, Inc.'s contract on Dorseyville Elementary School and White Castle High School.

Upon roll call, the above motion was approved as follows:

YEAS: Michael Barbee, Nancy Broussard, David Daigle, Tom Delahaye, Paul Distefano, Thomas Edwards, Glyna Kelley, Melvin Lodge, Louis Martinez, Freddie Molden, Carson Trusclair, Brian Willis

NAYS: Darlene Ourso

ABSENT: Albertha Hasten, Dorothy Sansoni

CONSIDER BIDS FOR WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR YEAR
BEGINNING MACH 1, 2004

Ms. Pitre requested the Board to allow Mr. Bera to award bid to the lowest competent bidder. After some discussion the following motion was offered:

MOTION: By Mr. Daigle, seconded by Mr. Martinez, and unanimously adopted by those Board Members present

RESOLVED: That the Workers Compensation bids be extended 10 days, allowing Mr. Bera to award the bid to the lowest competent bidder

APPROVAL OF THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Bera presented to the Board the version of the school calendar that had been favored by employees by almost a 72% majority. He recommended adoption of said calendar (Copy of calendar on file for reference). After some discussion (recorded verbatim on tape for reference) the following motion was offered:

MOTION: By Mr. Barbee, seconded by Mr. Willis, and unanimously adopted by those Board Members present

RESLOVED: That the Board adopt the 2004-2005 school calendar with the notation that exam days at the end of the school year would be ½ days as originally voted on and approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF CHANGING THE APRIL BOARD MEETING DATE OF APRIL 12, 2004,
TO APRIL 5, 2004

Mr. Bera requested that the Board change the April board meeting date of April 12, 2004, to April 5, 2004, due to the Easter holiday schedule.

MOTION: By Ms. Ourso, seconded by Mr. Willis, and unanimously adopted by those Board Members present

RESOLVED: That the Board change the April board meeting date of April 12, 2004, to April 5, 2004, due to the Easter holiday schedule.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDED 1966 SALES TAX ORDINANCE

Mr. Lou Delahaye, School Board Attorney, presented to the Board a copy of the amended 1966 Sales Tax Ordinance.

MOTION: By Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Ourso, and unanimously adopted by those Board Members present

RESOLVED: That the Board approve the amended 1966 Sales Tax Ordinance

"ORDINANCE"

The following ordinance was offered by School Board Member Nancy Broussard and seconded by School Board Member Darlene Ourso :

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT THE
APRIL 1, 1966 IBERVILLE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD GENERAL
SALES TAX ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 9, SECTION 9.03.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDINANED, by the Iberville Parish School Board, in legal session, that Chapter 9, Section 9.03 be amended and re-enacted as follows:

Section 9.03 of the April 1, 1966 Iberville Parish School Board General Sales Tax Ordinance, is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

"Sec. 9.03. Remedies for Collection, including Interest, Penalties, etc.

If the amount of tax due by the dealer is not paid on or before the twentieth (20TH) day of the month next following the month for which the tax is due, there shall be collected, with said tax, interest upon said unpaid amount, at the rate as provided in R. S. 47:1601 through 47:1606; and in addition to the interest that may be so due there shall also be collected a penalty as provided in R. S. 47:1601 through 47:1606; and in the event of suit, attorneys' fees at the rate of interest provided for in R. S. 47:1512 of the aggregate of tax, interest and penalty."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDINANED, by the Iberville Parish School Board, Plaquemine, Louisiana, that this ordinance shall become effective on the day 9th of February, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDINANED, by the Iberville Parish School Board, Plaquemine, Louisiana, that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed in their entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDINANED, by the Iberville Parish School Board, Plaquemine, Louisiana, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, was adopted by the following yea and nay on roll call:

YEAS: Michael Barbee, Nancy Broussard, David Daigle, Tom Delahaye, Paul Distefano, Thomas Edwards, Glyna Kelley, Melvin Lodge, Louis Martinez, Freddie Molden, III, Darlene Ourso, Carson Trusclair, Brian Willis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Albertha Hasten, Dorothy Sansoni

WHEREUPON, the ordinance was declared to be adopted on the 9th day of February, 2004.

IBERVILLE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

BY:
PRESIDENT, TOM DELAHAYE

ATTEST:

MARTIN BERA, SECRETARY

CERTIFICATE

I, Martin Bera, hereby certify that I am the duly qualified Secretary for the Iberville Parish School Board.

I further certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the ordinance adopted by the Iberville Parish School Board, in regular session, on the 9th day of February, 2004.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the Iberville Parish School Board, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on this 10th day of February, 2004.

SECRETARY

{SEAL}

CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CO-SIGNER ON SCHOOL BOARD CHECKS FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 6, 2004

Mr. Delahaye discussed with the Board the authorization of Mr. Martin Bera as co-signor of checks as Secretary-Treasurer of the School Board. Mr. Bera discussed with the Board the appointment of Oveal Watkins to serve as a co-signer for the period of February 10, 2004 through June 6, 2004. (Recorded verbatim on tape for reference).

MOTION: By Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Daigle, and unanimously adopted by those Board Members present

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MR. BERA AS CO-SIGNER OF CHECKS AS SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting of February 9, 2004, the members of the Iberville Parish School Board elected by majority vote Martin H. Bera to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of said School Board; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the duties of the office of Secretary-Treasurer, said officer is required to countersign all checks issued by said School Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iberville Parish School Board does hereby authorize its Secretary-Treasurer, Martin H. Bera, to sign all appropriate signature cards and/or other necessary documents to become a co-signer of all checks to be issued by said School Board.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Board cause to be made such facsimile signature plates and rubber stamps as required bearing the name of Martin H. Bera.

CERTIFICATE

I, Tom Delahaye, President of the Iberville Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed at a meeting of said School board duly called and held at its legal domicile in the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, on the 9th day of February, 2004, as recorded in the minutes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Iberville Parish School Board on this 10th day of February, 2004.

President

{SEAL}

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MR OVEAL WATKINS AS CO-SIGNER ON
SCHOOL BOARD CHECKS FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 6, 2004

WHEREAS, the members of the Iberville Parish School Board, hereby appoint Oveal Watkins, as an interim check signer on all school board bank accounts, effective February 9, 2004, through June 6, 2004.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Mr. Oveal Watkins will be bonded by the Iberville Parish School Board.

CERTIFICATE

I, Martin Bera, Secretary of the Iberville Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed at a meeting of said Board duly called and held at its legal domicile in the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, on the 9th day of February, 2004, as recorded in the minutes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Iberville Parish School Board this 10th day of February, 2004.

Secretary

{Seal}

APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXECUTE PROFESSIONAL
ENERGY CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT

Mr. Delahaye requested that the Board approve Mr. Bera to execute the Professional Energy Consultant Services Contract which would provide monitoring services for one year of the Iberville Parish School Board contract with Siemens. (Recorded verbatim on tape for reference)

MOTION: By Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Barbee, and unanimously adopted by those Board Members present

RESOLVED: Mr. Bera has approval to execute the Professional Energy Consultant Services Contract

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENSATION PACKAGE

Ms. Pitre requested that the Board amend the dates of the Superintendent's contract to conform to the fiscal year of the Iberville Parish School Board contract terms July through June.

MOTION: By Mr. Willis, seconded by Ms. Broussard, and unanimously adopted by those Board Members present

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent's contract will be amended to conform with the fiscal year of the Iberville Parish School Board contract terms July through June.

APPROVAL TO RESCHEDULE APPEAL OF EXPULSION OF STUDENT AT THE IBERVILLE PARISH OPTIONAL EDUCATION CENTER

Mr. William Bujol, Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance, informed the Board that the parent/guardian of the student that was to appear before the Board for the expulsion hearing was now in attendance. Mr. Bujol recommended to the Board that because of Louisiana Revised Statute 42:6.1 (A)(7), regarding the right of a parent to request the hearing be held in open or executive session, that the hearing be rescheduled for the March school board meeting.

MOTION: By Mr. Distefano, seconded by Ms. Ourso, and unanimously adopted by those Board members present

RESOLVED: That the appeal of the expulsion of student at Iberville Parish Optional Education Center be rescheduled for the March school board meeting

The meeting was adjourned upon motion by Ms. Ourso, seconded by Ms. Broussard.

IBERVILLE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

TOM DELAHAYE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MARTIN H. BERA, SECRETARY