

Iberville Parish School Board
Plaquemine, Louisiana
December 8, 2008
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL:

Present: Michael Barbee, Nancy Broussard, David Daigle, Tom Delahaye, Paul Distefano, Albertha Hasten, Michael Hebert, Jr., Glynna Kelley, Yolanda Laws, Melvin Lodge, Freddie Molden, III, Darlene Ourso, Dorothy Sansoni, Brian Willis

Absent: Stanley Washington

Presiding: Melvin Lodge, President

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The Math, Science, and Arts Academy West Campus band students, under the direction of their teacher, Michael Berthelot, performed several songs for the school board.

RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE LAND PURCHASE FOR THE IBERVILLE PARISH MATH, SCIENCE, AND ARTS ACADEMY, EAST CAMPUS

Mr. Joe Spiezio, Spiezio Organization, gave a brief presentation on the history of his ownership of the land that the Iberville Parish School Board is interested in purchasing for the Iberville Parish Math, Science, and Arts Academy, East Campus. Mr. Spiezio expressed his dedication to the development of the East side of Iberville Parish. He also stated that he knows any success with the development of land begins with a successful school system.

ADDENDUM

The school board felt that an addendum item needed to be added to the agenda due to the fact that the owner of the above mentioned property had a time-line to follow in order to move forward with the purchase of another piece of property in lieu of the property he would sell to the Iberville Parish School Board so he could begin plans of land development on that property.

The following motion was then offered:

MOTION: By Mr. Hebert, seconded by Ms. Hasten, and approved by the unanimous consent of the school board members present.

RESOLVED: To suspend the rules and add an item to the agenda.

Upon roll call, there were 14 Yeas, and 0 Nay(s). A unanimous vote of the members present and voting was required for approval. There were 14 Yeas out of 14 members present and voting, or 100%. The above motion was approved as follows:

YEAS: Michael Barbee, Nancy Broussard, David Daigle, Tom Delahaye, Paul Distefano, Albertha Hasten, Michael Hebert, Jr., Glyna Kelley, Yolanda Laws, Melvin Lodge, Freddie Molden, III, Darlene Ourso, Dorothy Sansoni, Brian Willis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stanley Washington

APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR THE IBERVILLE PARISH MATH, SCIENCE, AND ARTS ACADEMY, EAST CAMPUS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish School Board currently houses the Math, Science & Arts Academy, East Campus at the St. Gabriel Community Center, and

WHEREAS, the School Board has learned that the property adjacent to the St. Gabriel Community Center is available for purchase by the School Board for the construction of a school to house the Math, Science & Arts Academy, East Campus, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has commissioned an appraisal of the 16.317 acres of property adjacent to the St. Gabriel Community Center and the said 16.317 acres has appraised for \$71,472.39 per acre or a total purchase price of \$1,165,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property, through negotiations with the Superintendent, has agreed to sell the 16.317 acres to the School Board for \$1,500,000.00 or a price per acre of \$92,024.54 plus the donation of certain pre-development studies, tests and surveys as listed and valued below, and

WHEREAS, the School Board acknowledges the difference between the appraised price of the 16.317 acres and the seller asking price and factored into its decision the donation of certain pre-development studies, tests and surveys as listed and valued below, and

WHEREAS, the School Board consider the following expenses and/or capital expenditures that it would avoid or not be required to expend because of the location of the 16.317 acres adjacent to the St. Gabriel Community Center:

1. The Mayor of the City of St. Gabriel has pledged, through a long term cooperative endeavor agreement between the City and the School Board (initial term of 25 years), the use of the St. Gabriel Community Center. The use of the St. Gabriel Community Center would include but not be limited to the following: gymnasium, commercial kitchen, dining room, restrooms, parking lot, ball fields, weight room, office space and indoor swimming pool. The cooperative endeavor agreement would be for the same cost as the current cooperative endeavor agreement for the housing of the Math, Science & Arts Academy, East Campus. The long term cooperative endeavor agreement shall be entered into between the School Board and the City of St. Gabriel prior to the purchase of the 16.317 acres.
2. Existing utility connections available to the 16.317 acres which include: municipal water supply, municipal sewer connection, and municipal natural gas supply.
3. The 16.317 acres has immediate public road access to Louisiana Highway 30 and Gordon LeBlanc Street, St. Gabriel, LA, and

WHEREAS, the 16.317 acres has already been the subject to pre-development studies, tests and surveys which would have to be performed by the School Board but are made available to the School Board through a donation by the seller as listed below:

- A. Current Survey of the boundaries of the 16.317 acres date May 30, 2007;
- B. Full Geotechnical Investigation dated June 11, 2007;
- C. Environmental Site Assessment Phase I survey date April, 2007;
- D. Drainage impact study date December, 2007;
- E. Wet Lands Delineation dated April, 2007;
- F. Topographical Survey;
- G. Soil Boring sample report;
- H. Land Clearing and hauling of 10,000 yards of dirt onto the property and compaction thereof, and

WHEREAS, the School Board staff estimates and the seller has or will provided proof that the studies, tests and surveys cost the seller \$200,000.00. The School Board staff would also point out that the above studies or tests may have to be modified because the test were preformed with an intended use different than that of a school but the base data needed is contained within the studies or tests, and

WHEREAS, the School Board after deliberation and consideration of the expenses and/or capital expenditures avoided by #1, #2 and #3 above and the location of the property adjacent to the St. Gabriel Community Center has determined that the price per acre is reasonable and justified,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a purchase agreement with the seller, Pinnacle Equity Group, LLC, for the purchase

of the 16.317 acres adjacent to the St. Gabriel Community for One Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 (\$1,500,000.00) Dollars plus the donation of the studies, tests and surveys listed above and valued at \$200,000.00 under the terms and conditions approved by the Superintendent, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board hereby further authorizes the Superintendent to execute a Cash Sale and any other documents necessary to effectuate the sale of the 16.317 acres from Pinnacle Equity Group, LLC, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board hereby further authorizes the Superintendent to accept the donation of the studies, tests and surveys listed above and valued at \$200,000.00 from Pinnacle Equity Group, LLC.

I, P. Edward Cancienne, Jr., 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 School board duly called and held at its legal domicile in the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, on the 8th day of December 2008, 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 8th day of December 2008.

Secretary

After much discussion and questions from the school board, (recorded verbatim on file for reference), the following motion was then offered:

MOTION: By Ms. Hasten, and unanimously approved by the school board members present.

RESOLVED: To approve a resolution for the purchase of property for the Iberville Parish Math, Science, and Arts Academy, East Campus.

PRESENTATION OF LSBA CERTIFICATES TO THOSE BOARD MEMBERS COMPLETING THE REQUIRED FOUR HOURS OF TRAINING FOR 2009 FOR ACT 308 OF 2008

Dr. Cancienne handed out certificates to those board members that attended and completed the required four hours of training for 2009 for Act 380 of 2008. Those board members receiving certificates were David Daigle, Albertha Hasten, Glyna Kelley, Yolanda Laws, Melvin Lodge, Dorothy Sansoni, Stanley Washington, and Brian Willis.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 20, 2008, SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES; APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2008, SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES; APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 11, 2008 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES; APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3, 2008, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES; APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 8, 2008, BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS; APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 8, 2008, PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS; APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 8, 2008 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS; APPROVAL OF CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION TO THE FAMILY OF CAROLYN JOHNSON, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, PLAQUEMINE HIGH SCHOOL

During the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, the following items were discussed and approved as part of the consent agenda:

1. Approval of Substantial Completion of Contract with Texas Sports Builders for Track Replacement at Plaquemine High for Oct. 9, 2008.
2. Approval of Substantial Complete of Contract with Texas Sports Builders for Track Replacement at North, East, and White Castle High.
3. Approval of Substantial Completion of Contract with Charles Carter Construction for Multi-campus projects for Oct. 29, 2008.
4. Permission to advertise bid package storm repairs, Plaquemine High School and East Iberville School.

Ms. Ourso, Personnel Committee Chairperson, informed the full board that, during the personnel committee meeting, the reassignment of Ms. Katherine Williams from Guidance Counselor at Plaquemine High School to Guidance Counselor at East Iberville effective Monday, December 1, 2008, was removed from the personnel agenda would not be voted on.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 8, 2008 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Appointments:

1. Joseph Stephenson, teacher West Bank Academy, effective Monday, December 1, 2008
2. Carolyn Jones, Early Interventionist, Iberville Elementary, effective Monday, December 8, 2008

Reassignments:

1. Willie Zanders from assistant principal, Iberville Elementary to teacher Iberville Parish Optional Education Center, effective Monday, November 17, 2008

2. Penny Allen, from teacher at West Bank Academy to teacher Plaquemine High, effective, Monday, December 1, 2008

Sabbatical Medical Leave:

1. Evelyn Garner, speech therapist at White Castle High, effective Monday, January 12, 2009 through Friday, May 29, 2009 (second semester of 08-09 school year)

TRANSPORTATION STAFF

Appointments:

1. Lisa Lowery, bus driver, Plaquemine area, replacing Travis O'bear, effective Friday, November 21, 2008
2. Karen Bosley, bus driver, Plaquemine area, replacing Charlene Stafford, effective Thursday, November 20, 2008

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Approval of System Instructional Specialist Job Description (Attachment I)

Approval of District Athletic Coordinator Job Description (Attachment II)

ADDITIONAL 2008-2009 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of contract between Iberville Parish School Board and MINACT-Job Corp. (Attachment III)

MAINTENANCE STAFF

Appointments:

1. Emitt Pugh, painter/carpenter, Iberville Parish, effective Tuesday, December 9, 2008. Pay grade 24, Level 1
2. Christopher Debetta, HVAC, Iberville Parish, effective Tuesday, December 9, 2008. Pay grade 24, Level 1

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Appointment:

1. Regina Dunbar-Bynum, guidance counselor, North Iberville, effective Monday, January 5, 2009

Resignations:

1. James Peyton, teacher/coach, East Iberville Elem/High, effective Thursday, December 4, 2008
2. Amy Rust, teacher, Iberville Elementary, effective Friday, December 5, 2008

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 8, 2008 FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Discuss and approve accepting bids for large equipment for School Food Service.
2. Discuss and approve accepting bids for staples and frozen foods for School Food Service.

The following motion was then offered:

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

RESOLVED: To approve all items of the consent agenda as presented.

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

YEAS: Michael Barbee, Nancy Broussard, David Daigle, Tom Delahaye, Paul Distefano, Albertha Hasten, Michael Hebert, Jr., Glynna Kelley, Yolanda Laws, Melvin Lodge, Freddie Molden, III, Darlene Ourso, Dorothy Sansoni

NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: Brian Willis

ABSENT: Stanley Washington

CONSIDER AND APPROVE PLACING THE PUPIL PROGRESSION PLAN ON PUBLIC REVIEW FOR PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENTS, PRIOR TO BOARD APPROVAL

Ms. Callegan asked the board to approve placing the Pupil Progression Plan on public review for public input and comments, prior to board approval. Ms. Callegan informed the board that parents from Iberville Parish schools were appointed to serve on the 2008-2009 Pupil Progression Plan committee. A list of changes made to the Pupil Progression Plan would be given to board members when approved by the board.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHANGING POLICY BBC TO ADD AN "AT LARGE" MEMBER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No vote was taken on this item due to the fact that any new policy or changes to existing policy must be sent to board members at least two weeks prior to action being taken.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cancienne spoke to board members regarding the methods that he will use to gather data needed to guide and support Iberville Parish School System's next 100 Day Plan. He also stated that in addition to quantitative data collected through various testing initiatives, state and district testing data, and implementation of Iberville Comprehensive Curriculum, plans are underway to begin to gather qualitative data by way of interviews and resuming Roundtable Meetings.

APPEAL OF EXPULSION FOR A STUDENT AT DORSEYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parent withdrew appeal.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Ms. Ourso and was unanimously approved by the School Board members present.

IBERVILLE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MELVIN LODGE, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

P. EDWARD CANSIENNE, JR., SECRETARY