

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016, AT 5:03 P.M.

The Parish School Board of the Parish of West Feliciana, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at its regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Office, 4727 Fidelity Street, St. Francisville, Louisiana, on Tuesday, December 29, 2016, at three minutes after five o'clock (5:03) p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Beauchamp.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Beauchamp. Mr. Beauchamp asked the Board Secretary, Helen B. Davis, to call the roll of the Board.

There were present: President Beauchamp, School Board Members Amanda McKinney, Helen Whitfield, Beth Tycer, Milton Coats, Kelly O'Brien, and Sara Wilson-Rogers.

The Parish School Board of the Parish of West Feliciana, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of said parish for school purposes by Honorable Kevin Beauchamp, President, who then stated that the Parish School Board was ready for the transaction of business.

AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. McKinney, seconded by Ms. Tycer to approve the agenda for the November 29, 2016, regular Board meeting. Vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Tycer, seconded by Mr. Coats to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2016, regular Board meeting. Vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Milton welcomed Ms. Whitfield and thanked her for her service to the Board.

Mr. Milton stated that the presentation by Mr. Jim Ferguson will be moved to the December 13th Board meeting. He introduced Mr. Kevin Couhig, West Feliciana Council President, who presented information about broadband service in West Feliciana parish.

Mr. Lee Chastant of the West Feliciana Parish Hospital presented an update on the status of the new West Feliciana Parish Hospital, and stated that the grand opening is scheduled for June 2017.

OTHER SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS

Ms. Leslie McClure requested permission to proceed with the E-Rate related bidding process. Funds would be used to run fiber from the West Feliciana High School to Bains Lower Elementary and from Bains Elementary to West Feliciana Middle School. It was moved by Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Wilson-Rogers to grant permission to proceed, as needed, with the E-Rate related bidding process. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Four policies were presented for adoption. They are as follows:

- EBBH - Use of Automated External defibrillator (AED), presented by Mr. Carroll
- IDDF - Education of Students with Exceptionalities, presented by Ms. Lee
- DJE - Purchasing, presented by Ms. Davis
- GBA - Contracts and Compensation, presented by Ms. Davis

It was moved by Ms. McKinney, seconded by Ms. Tycer to adopt all four policies as presented. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Ms. Davis presented new FY 2016-17 budgets for approval. They are as follows:

- IDEA B – Regular/Carryover for \$159,766.00
- IDEA B – Preschool/Carryover for \$1,799.00
- LA 4 – TANF (State) for \$63,415.00
- LA 4 – TANF (Federal) for \$73,985.00

It was moved by Ms. Wilson-Rogers, seconded by Ms. O'Brien to approve all four budgets as presented. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Ms. Gilmore presented the 1st Quarter Food Service Financial Report. It was moved by Ms. McKinney, seconded by Ms. Tycer to approve the 1st Quarter Food Service Financial Report. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Ms. Davis presented the 1st Quarter General Fund Financial Report. It was moved by Ms. Tycer, seconded by Mr. Coats to approve the 1st Quarter General Fund Financial Report. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Mr. Milton pointed out that Ms. Davis will be retiring next year. He commented on the wealth of knowledge Ms. Davis possesses, and thanked for her many years of service. A celebration will be held in her honor nearer the date of her retirement.

Ms. Misty Cook was introduced. She is currently being trained to assume the responsibilities of Business Manager upon Ms. Davis' retirement. Ms. Cook thanked the Board for the opportunity to be a part of the West Feliciana school system.

Mr. Milton read the requests for out of state travel which were presented to the Board for approval. They are as follows:

- 1) April Davis: L.I.M. Symposium; Location: Mobile, Alabama; Date: February 23, 2017 and February 24, 2017; Funded by: School Fund
- 2) Margaret Hughes: L.I.M. Symposium; Location: Mobile, Alabama; Date: February 23, 2017 and February 24, 2017; Funded by: School Fund
- 3) Torrence Williams: National Council for Social Studies; Location: Washington, D.C.; Date: December 1, 2016 – December 5, 2016; Funded by: General Fund
- 4) Nicole Means: National Council for Social Studies; Location: Washington, D.C.; Date: December 1, 2016 – December 5, 2016; Funded by: General Fund
- 5) Katherine Wilkerson: NCTE Conference; Location: Atlanta, Georgia; Date: November 17, 2016 – November 20, 2016; Funded by: NCTE Fund

It was moved by Ms. Wilson-Rogers, seconded by Ms. Whitfield to approve the out-of-state travel requests as presented. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Superintendent’s Report was presented by Mr. Milton. The list of Board meeting dates in 2017 had previously been distributed to the board and it was noted that there will be an item on the December agenda for the Board to vote on approval of the 2017 School Board meeting dates at the December 13, 2016 Board meeting.

Mr. Milton reported on the success of the Aioli Dinner meeting held at Hemingbough on November 15 in conjunction with the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts. A new record was set, with over \$60,000 raised for the LA A+ Program at Bains Lower Elementary.

The Veteran’s Day program at West Feliciana Middle School was a huge success, exceeding already high expectations.

Mr. Lee Hammer, Facilities Director, gave a detailed, school-by-school project update. He then introduced Mr. Ryan Faulk with Holly & Smith Architects who gave an overview of future needs that should be addressed to ensure all erosion issues at all schools have been corrected.

A handout dealing with erosion issues at West Feliciana High School was provided to the Board members for review. At the December Board meeting, the Board will continue to address erosion items at West Feliciana High School, starting with high-priority issues.

Other highlights mentioned were:

- West Feliciana Schools received an “A” rating for the sixth consecutive year.
- The WFHS Football Team will host Lutchter High School in the semi-final game on December 2
- A new fundraising program has been adopted by the schools. Information will be distributed to all families soon.

It was moved by Ms. Wilson-Rogers, seconded by Ms. Whitfield to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

/s/ Hollis G. Milton
Hollis G. Milton, Superintendent

/s/ Kevin E. Beauchamp
Kevin E. Beauchamp, President

/s/ Helen B. Davis
Helen B. Davis, Secretary