

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017, AT 5:04 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, January 17, 2017, at four minutes after five o'clock (5:04) p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Beauchamp.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Coats. 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, Milton Coats, Kelly O'Brien, and Sara Wilson-Rogers. Absent was Beth Tycer.

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.

I. AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. McKinney, seconded by Ms. O'Brien to approve the agenda for the January 17, 2017, regular Board meeting. Vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

II. MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Wilson-Rogers, seconded by Ms. Whitfield to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016, regular Board meeting. Vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

III. RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Milton welcomed the Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Track Teams and others who were in attendance to recognize the teams' accomplishments. Coach Nick Smith introduced the Boys Team members who were present and gave a summary of their performance. The team finished second in the state and are the number one public school for the seventh straight year. Coach Rickey Grant introduced Ms. Heather Blalock who assists in coaching the girls' team. She introduced the girls who were in attendance—the top-performing public school in the state. Ms. Blalock also presented Kelly Goff with a certificate for having finished third at the state level.

IV. OTHER SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Milton yielded to the Board for nominations for president of the Board. Ms. McKinney nominated Mr. Beauchamp. Ms. Wilson-Rogers nominated Mr. Coats.

Mr. Milton asked for a roll call vote. Mr. D'Aquila said there could be one vote in which the Board members state the name of the person for whom they are voting.

IV. OTHER SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS *(cont'd.)*

A. The roll call vote was as follows:

	<u>Beauchamp</u>	<u>Coats</u>
A. McKinney	x	
K. Beauchamp	x	
H. Whitfield		x
M. Coats		x
K. O'Brien	x	
S. Wilson-Rogers		x
Totals	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

Ms. Tycer was absent.

The vote was tied. Mr. D'Aquila stated there could be another vote to see if there was a change. If not, the vote could be tabled until the next meeting. A roll call vote was taken. The results are as follows:

	<u>Beauchamp</u>	<u>Coats</u>
A. McKinney	x	
K. Beauchamp	x	
H. Whitfield		x
M. Coats		x
K. O'Brien	x	
S. Wilson-Rogers		x
Totals	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

Ms. Tycer was absent.

The second vote resulted in a tie. Mr. D'Aquila also stated that whoever holds the current offices will continue to hold the office until the February Board meeting, at which this item will be on the agenda.

It was moved by Ms. Wilson-Rogers, seconded by Ms. O'Brien to table the vote for officers until the February 21st Board meeting. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Mr. Milton introduced Jim Ferguson, West Feliciana Parish Public Works Director, for a progress report on the Pecan Grove property. Mr. Ferguson stated that he had received proposals for abatement at the Pecan Grove property, and introduced Ms. Jessica Keesler, with Terracon, to provide an update. According to Ms. Keesler, because the first request for bids resulted in a small number of bidders and bids that were much higher than expected, a second Request for Bids was issued. A bid summary was distributed to Board members for review.

After much discussion, it was moved by Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Wilson-Rogers to award the contract for Asbestos, Lead-Based Paint & Universal Regulated Waste Abatement to 1 Priority Environmental Services, Inc., in the amount of \$138,727.80, with the proposed start date of February 1, 2017, contingent on the property being vacated by current entities, and a Notice to Proceed issued by the School Board. Once the bid is accepted, Terracon will prepare a contract for review by Mr. D'Aquila. The duration of the project is estimated at 65 days from the start date. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IV. OTHER SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS (cont'd.)

C.1. The Louisiana Association of School Boards provided information that January 2017 is Louisiana School Board Member Recognition Month, and Mr. Milton read aloud a resolution stating such. It was moved by Mr. Coats, seconded by Ms. McKinney to adopt the resolution *Louisiana School Board Recognition Month, January 2017*. Resolution on file. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

C.2. Mr. Milton read aloud the *LSBA Code of Conduct for Louisiana School Board Members (9-9-16)*. It was moved by Ms. McKinney seconded by Ms. O'Brien to adopt it as an addendum to Policy BH – School Board Ethics. Resolution on file. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Each Board member will sign a copy to be placed on file.

D. Mr. Milton read aloud *West Feliciana Parish School Board Resolution No. 2016-01*, approving Hood Container of Louisiana for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program, at 100% for five years with an option to reapply for an additional three years at 80%. Mr. Kevin Couhig was present to answer questions. When asked if the exemption would change if ownership changed, he stated that the exemption is for the facility, not the owner. After some discussion, it was moved by Ms. McKinney, seconded by Ms. Wilson-Rogers to adopt the resolution. Resolution on file. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

E. Mr. Milton read aloud *West Feliciana School Board Resolution 2016-02*, in regard to the Industrial Tax Exemption Program. Mr. Couhig stated that this would be a blanket resolution that in the future would apply to any business that meets the criteria. After some discussion, it was moved by Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Ms. McKinney to adopt *West Feliciana Parish School Board Resolution No 2016-02*. Resolution on file. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

F. Ms. Davis presented four budget revisions for approval. It was moved by Ms. Wilson-Rogers, seconded by Mr. Coats to approve the budget revisions as follows:

#190-4510	Carl Perkins	\$18,652.00
#220-4541	Title I/Carry Over	\$96,946.00
#266-2017	Educational Excellence Fund (EEF)	\$36,716.00
#283-4559	Title II and Class Size Reduction Carry Over	\$ 3,086.00

Vote was unanimous. Motion Carried

V. PERSONNEL ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

There were no personnel items for Board approval.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Milton presented the Superintendent’s Report in which he highlighted the following:

- The IRS 2017 Standard Mileage Rate for Business has changed to \$ 0.535 per mile.
- Students of the Year were announced. They are:
 - Miles Bryant, Elementary
 - Mathilda Fox-Smith, Middle School
 - Mika Cooper, High School

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (*cont'd.*)

- Updated Policies will be mailed to Board Members this week for action at the February Board meeting.
- Mr. Steven Comfort will be retiring in 2017. Superintendent Milton noted a restructuring of the Data Department. The job descriptions have been restructured to cover the positions, and no new money is required.
- The next Board meeting will be February 21, 2017.
- Louisiana Public Broadcasting highlighted the LA A+ Program and Bains Lower Elementary on their *Art Rocks!* program.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 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