

## SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in special session Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Van Kojis, President; Michael Lacombe, Vice-President; Freeman Ford, Darrell Wiley, Chris LaCour, James Gauthier, Shelia Blackman-Dupas, Lizzie Ned, and John Gagnard.

Absent: None.

1. On motion by John Gagnard, seconded by Lizzie Ned, the Board adopted the minutes of the special Board meeting held Tuesday, March 10, 2015, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board. MOTION CARRIED.

2. President Van Kojis addressed the Board regarding a recent radio show held in Marksville on March 23, 2015. Mr. Kojis apologized to the people attending the radio show for his remarks. He stated that he did not want this disagreement to interfere with unitary status.

Mr. Kojis advised that he is resigning as President of the Board. He relinquished the gavel to Vice-President Michael Lacombe.

Mr. Lacombe assumed the Chair.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Lacombe expressed his thanks to Mr. Kojis for his service to the Board.

3. A discussion was held regarding lease prices at Old River and Spring Bayou sites. Mr. Michael Lacombe stated that the Board will hear comments from the audience in an orderly fashion. Several individuals in the audience expressed their concern regarding the increase amount of the leases as well as urged the Board to hire a second appraiser.

Attorney Rodney Rabalais addressed the Board regarding three clients he is currently representing. He advised the Board that his clients are interested in purchasing Section 16 properties.

District Attorney Charles Riddle responded to Mr. Rabalais' proposal. He stated that the Board is mandated to place Avoyelles Parish School Board property on bid prior to sale of said property. Mr. Riddle advised that the Board has two options: continue individual leases or place the property for bid in accordance with the bid law.

Mr. Allen Holmes, Plaintiff, addressed the Board regarding their Ten Year Capital Improvement Plan. He urged the Board to continue with their plan to generate funding to improve schools in the Avoyelles Parish public school district.

4. On motion by Shelia Blackman-Dupas, seconded by Lizzie Ned, the Board agreed to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation (Holmes versus Avoyelles Parish School Board bearing Civil Action 12,721 on the docket of the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.); and to discuss pending litigation (Bayou Josen Section Sale.) MOTION CARRIED.

On motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Chris LaCour, the Board reconvened in open public session at approximately 7:15 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion by Darrell Wiley, seconded by Shelia Blackman-Dupas, the meeting was adjourned.

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Michael Lacombe, President

Blaine Dautat, Secretary-Treasurer