

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

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

Absent: None.

An Invocation was offered by Mr. Dexter Compton, Principal of LaSAS.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America led by Board Member Chris LaCour.

1. Superintendent Blaine Dauzat recognized Mr. Dontarius Ray Jones and Mr. Johnny Moore, students at Marksville High School, who have met all requirements for graduation. Mr. Dauzat presented Dontarius with his high school diploma. Johnny was not present at the meeting, therefore, he will receive his high school diploma at a later time.

2. A motion was made by Chris LaCour, seconded by Van Kojis, that the Board adopt the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Chris LaCour, Van Kojis, Freeman Ford, James Gauthier, Darrell Wiley, John Gagnard, Lizzie Ned, and Michael Lacombe.

Nays: Shelia Blackman-Dupas.

3. A motion was offered by Chris LaCour, seconded by John Gagnard, to add an item to the agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

On motion by Chris LaCour, seconded by Lizzie Ned, the Board agreed that the original contract proposed between five (5) local mental health agencies and the Avoyelles Parish School Board to provide mental health services to all public schools in the district will be revised, for the time being, to include only three (3) of the agencies involved, namely, Rehabilitation Services of Cenla, New Orleans Hope and Change, and Journey Rehabilitation Services. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Mr. John Gagnard, Vice-President, read a resolution of respect to the late Murkle Dupuy, former teacher.