

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Van Kojis, President; Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Vice-President; Freeman Ford, Darrell Wiley, James Gauthier, Shelia Blackman-Dupas, Michael Lacombe, Rev. Mary Hayward-Jones, and Cynthia "Cindy" Hill.

Absent: None.

An Invocation was offered by Board Member Rev. Mary Hayward-Jones.

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

1. On motion of James Gauthier, seconded by Darrell Wiley, the Board adopted the minutes of the special Board meeting held Tuesday, May 31, 2011, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Vice-President Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. read a resolution of respect to the late Cleothile Dewailly, former teacher.

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Darrell Wiley, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Cleothile Dewailly. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Mr. Darrell Wiley, Board Member, read a resolution of respect to the late Irene Smith, former teacher.

On motion by Darrell Wiley, seconded by Shelia Blackman-Dupas, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Irene Smith. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine recognized and commended students for their outstanding achievements, as follows:

- 1) Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences: Megan Moreau, ninth grade student, placed third in the State Junior Beta Spelling Bee and is eligible to compete at the national Beta Convention.
- 2) Marksville High School: Emily Ryan and Austin Bordelon have been selected to membership on the statewide Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council. Both Emily and Austin will have the responsibility of representing the voices and perspectives of all youth in Congressional District 5 on issues that are important to teens. (It is very rare to have two students selected from the same school to represent the entire district).

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- 3) Bunkie High School: The Girls' Tennis Team finished as state runner-up. The Lady Panthers finished second in the state to Sacred Heart High School of New Orleans. Members include: Raven Naquin, Katelyn Newton, Rachel Ducote, Taylor Rabalais, Vanity Hayward, Taylor Bellow, Sydney Steele, Sarah Newton, Chaqualta James, Theresa Bootz, Kiara Blanks, and Anne Erickman, Manager.
The Boys' Tennis Team won third place behind Loyola Prep of Shreveport and Parkview Baptist of Baton Rouge. Members include: Jordan Whittington, Chas Descant, Michael Rabalais, Connor Descant, Darren Thevenote, Justin Descant, Taylor Tassin, and Aaron Husted.
Head Coach: Melinda Descant
Darren Thevenote placed first in State in Tennis.
- 4) Avoyelles High School: Avoyelles High School won second place in the Rapides Foundation Get Healthy Cenla Video Challenge. They are now \$5000 richer.

On behalf of the Board, President Van Kojis commended the students on their outstanding achievements.

5. Mr. Howard Desselle addressed the Board regarding renting of the Bunkie Middle School facility. The Board advised that they have met with legal counsel and that the facility cannot be legally leased unless payment is made or they offer in-kind services that offer a value to the community. The interested parties have provided a number of services that they want to offer, but a value needs to be placed on these items and presented to the Board for approval to pay for the lease of the gym. This Board is actively seeking leases on Section 16 properties.

6. Mr. Wilfred Ducote, Sales Tax Collector, reported that sales tax collections for the month of April, 2011 totaled \$576,054.09. Mr. Ducote stated that of this amount the 1% sales tax generated \$384,036.06 and the ½% sales tax generated \$192,018.03.

Also, Mr. Ducote stated that sales tax collections for the month of May, 2011 totaled \$507,423.58. Mr. Ducote stated that of this amount the 1% sales tax generated \$338,282.39 and the ½% sales tax generated \$169,141.19.

7. Mr. Michael Lacombe, Chairman of the Building and Lands Committee, presented the following report:

Building and Lands Committee Report
May 24, 2011

The Building and Lands Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present: