

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Lynn Deloach, President; Robin Moreau, Vice-President; Latisha Small, Chris LaCour, Chris Robinson, Rickey Adams, Van Kojis, and Aimee Dupuy.

Absent: Stanley Celestine, Jr.

An Invocation was offered by Mr. Dexter Compton, Supervisor of Secondary Education.

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

1. On motion by Rickey Adams, seconded by Van Kojis, the Board adopted the minutes of the regular Board meeting held Tuesday, August 6, 2019, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Board Member Aimee Dupuy read a resolution of respect to the late Daniel Graham, former bus driver.

On motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board adopted a resolution of respect to the late Daniel Graham. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Board Member Rickey Adams read a resolution of respect to the late Mary Voiselle, former paraprofessional.

On motion by Rickey Adams, seconded by Chris LaCour, the Board adopted a resolution of respect to the late Mary Voiselle. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Superintendent Blaine Dautat recognized the Students of the Month for September. Mr. Dautat presented a plaque to each student. Also, each Board Member read a short biography detailing the accomplishments of each student.

The Students of the Month included: Tahj Robinson, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; D'Marion Smith, Cottonport Elementary School; Dayton Pennington, Lafargue Elementary School; Harper Dupont, Marksville Elementary School; Caleb Dupont, Plaucheville Elementary School; Reid Leger, Riverside Elementary School; Kylie Duhon, Avoyelles High School; Samireane Williams, Bunkie Magnet High School; Beth Broussard, LaSAS; and Jailah Moore, Marksville High School.

On behalf of the Board, President Lynn Deloach commended the students on their accomplishments.

5. Assistant Superintendent Thelma Prater recognized the Teachers of the Month for September. Ms. Prater commended the teachers and presented a plaque to each student, as follows:

Candice Hardy, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; Heavin Chesne, Cottonport Elementary School; Valerie Bordelon, Lafargue Elementary School; Nikki Guidry, Marksville Elementary School; Kara Lemoine, Plaucheville Elementary School; Yvonne Bassett, Riverside Elementary School; Allyn Ducote, Avoyelles High School; Star Higginbotham, Bunkie Magnet High School; Amy Pitre, LaSAS; and Sheri Bourgeois, Marksville High School.

On behalf of the Board, President Lynn Deloach commended the teachers on their accomplishments.

6. Mr. Jonathan Loveall, Candidate for Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Member for District 8, addressed the Board regarding the upcoming election. As a public school teacher himself, he pledged common sense testing reform, education funding reform, teacher diversity, and charter school accountability.

7. Mr. Daryl Deshotel, Candidate for State Representative, District 28, addressed the Board regarding the upcoming election. Mr. Deshotel stated that he strongly believes that education is the pillar of our community, and his goal is to increase economic development to create jobs in the parish.

8. Superintendent Blaine Dauzat stated that an enrollment count was done today showing 199 fewer students enrolled compared to last year at this time. As far as the four-day school week is concerned, everything seems to be going well: Instruction time is being protected, the afternoon "super snack" is a success, the homework rule is helping, bus routes are being adjusted to minimize late arrivals home, and there has been positive feedback from the community. There is very good news regarding preliminary school performance scores, although they are not available to the public just yet. Superintendent Blaine Dauzat proudly announced that Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy was named a Top Growth School, meaning 58% of the students at BELA met maximum growth per state standards.

9. On motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Latisha Small, the Board approved the Louisiana Compliance and System Survey. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. On motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Chris LaCour, the Board approved the Louisiana Compliance and System Survey for the Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, addressed the Board regarding the adoption of the Consolidated Budget for the 2019-2020 school year.

On motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Aimee Dupuy, the Board agreed to adopt the Consolidated Budget for the 2019-2020 school year, as follows: