

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in special session Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

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

Absent: None.

1. Board Member Darrell Wiley stated that during his tenure as Board Member he has seen the transcription of the minutes increase in the number of pages. Mr. Wiley said that he was of the opinion that the minutes should reflect Board action, not necessarily what was said at the meeting. Also, Mr. Wiley suggested that the Board decrease the length of the minutes for cost saving measures.

President James Gauthier stated that upon completion of the minutes by the transcriptionist, he receives a copy by e-mail. Mr. Gauthier said that he reviews the minutes for errors and contacts the Superintendent's secretary for corrections. Mr. Gauthier said that in this particular case regarding the minutes of June 5, 2012, there are some corrections which are designated in bold print. Mr. Gauthier noted that these highlighted sections were added after he had approved the minutes. He asked that the Board review these changes prior to adopting the minutes.

A motion was offered by Van Kojis, seconded by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., to adopt the minutes, as corrected, of the regular Board meeting held Tuesday, June 5, 2012, as printed and mailed to Board members and being published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board.

Board Member Freeman Ford referred to Item 1 of the School Board Proceedings of June 5, 2012. Mr. Ford stated that after reviewing his statements, he felt that the minutes were not an accurate account. He provided the Board members with a summary of his statements and asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect the following statements:

"Board Member Freeman Ford noted that the "Superintendent's Report" was never made a part of the regular minutes. In the past it has always been. Secondly, Mr. Ford referred to Item Number 6 of the minutes and questioned why when he mentioned the \$515,000.00 compromised by the Bunkie Community and he said it was never acted upon or addressed, nothing was mentioned by Mr. Lemoine or Mr. Foster when in fact the April 18, 2012 minutes of the "Superintendent's Committee" stated otherwise. Mr. Ford also referred to page 10 of the May 1, 2012 minutes. A discussion ensued between Mr. Ford and Superintendent Lemoine as to the meaning of "acted upon" or "addressed". Mr. Ford concluded by saying a resolution was adopted by the Superintendent's Committee and he felt this meant it was acted upon."

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Darrell Wiley, Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., James Gauthier, Michael Lacombe, Lizzie Ned, Van Kojis, and Cynthia "Cindy" Hill.

Nays: Freeman Ford and Shelia Blackman-Dupas.

Mrs. Dupas stated that the reason she voted "nay" was because she was confused about some of the personnel matters from the June 5, 2012 minutes.

2. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine presented personnel changes for the Board's consideration, as follows:

PERSONNEL CHANGES

COTTONPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Resignation of Hannah Gisclair, teacher, effective August 1, 2012; resignation of Howard Jeansonne, (retired) teacher, effective June 1, 2012; and resignation of Evelyn Simon, food service manager, effective May 26, 2012, for the purpose of retirement.

MARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Resignation of Monica Nicholson, teacher, effective August 15, 2012.

RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Resignation of Peggy Joshua, (retired) teacher, effective at the end of the day May 25, 2012; and resignation of Kelli Weber, R.N., school nurse, effective at the end of the day May 25, 2012.

AVOYELLES HIGH SCHOOL: Resignation of Kimberly T. Boyd, teacher, effective at the end of the day May 25, 2012; resignation of Bessie M. Bannister, (retired) librarian, effective at the end of the day May 25, 2012; and resignation of Queen H. Alexander, (retired) teacher, effective May 7, 2012.

BUNKIE HIGH SCHOOL: Resignation of Diana L. Sheppard, (retired) teacher, effective at the end of the day May 25, 2012.

LOUISIANA SCHOOL FOR THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES: Resignation of Bonnie LeDuc, (retired) teacher, effective at the end of the day May 25, 2012; resignation of Angela Abiodun, teacher, effective at the end of the day May 25, 2012; resignation of Brittney N. Cambridge, teacher, effective at the end of the day May 25, 2012; resignation of Danielle Newsom, agriculture teacher, effective at the end of the day June 30, 2012; and resignation of Alisha Williams, teacher, effective at the end day May 25, 2012.

MARKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Resignation of Kimberly McCraw, teacher, effective August 1, 2012; resignation of Jessica Nosacka, teacher, effective August 1, 2012; resignation of Charles Schurba, teacher, effective at the end of the day May 25, 2012; resignation of Susan Gremillion, teacher, effective July 1, 2012; resignation of Ronald Roy, (retired) teacher, effective at the end of the day May 25, 2012; resignation of Barbara Cole, (retired) teacher, effective at the end of the day