

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office, in Marksville, Louisiana, with the following members present:

Robin Moreau, President; Latisha Small, Keith Lacombe, Jay Callegari, Chris Robinson, Jill Guidry, and Aimee Dupuy.

Absent: Vice-President Rickey Adams and Lynn Deloach.

An Invocation was offered by 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 Chris Robinson.

1. On motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Jay Callegari, the Board adopted the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. State Representative Daryl Deshotel addressed the Board with an update on recent legislative funding for pay raises for teachers and support personnel, air conditioning for both the Fifth Ward and Hessmer gymnasiums, and the upcoming recreational/educational complex.

3. Wendy Marchand, Curriculum Supervisor, addressed the Board to announce the 2023-2024 District Grant for Effective Schools. This grant was awarded by the Rapides Foundation in the amount of \$125,000 for instructional leadership.

4. Dawn Pitre, Supervisor of Special Services, addressed the Board to request approval of the contract to amend/extend our services with Louisiana Autism Spectrum and Related Disabilities (LASARD) and LSU for \$50,000 to be paid out of 611 Set Aside Money.

On motion by Jill Guidry, seconded by Keith Lacombe, the Board approved the contract to amend/extend our services with Louisiana Autism Spectrum and Related Disabilities (LASARD) and LSU for \$50,000 to be paid out of 611 Set Aside Money. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Dawn Pitre, Supervisor of Special Services, addressed the Board to request approval of the renewal contract for gifted teacher Kathryn Gorsha with Sunbelt Staffing, LLC. The only change is a request for her hours to be increased from 30 hours per week to 32 hours per week.

On motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Latisha Small, the Board approved the renewal contract for gifted teacher Kathryn Gorsha with Sunbelt Staffing, LLC, with the only