

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the Marksville High School Auditorium, Marksville, Louisiana, with the following members present:

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

Absent: None.

An Invocation was offered by Board Member Lynn Deloach.

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

1. On motion by Rickey Adams, seconded by Chris Lacour, the Board adopted the minutes of the regular Board meeting held Tuesday, July 7, 2020, and the special Board meeting held Monday, July 20, 2020, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. President Robin Moreau read a resolution of respect to the late Jerry L. Guillory, former high school teacher and supervisor.

On motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Chris Lacour, the Board adopted a resolution of respect to the late Jerry L. Guillory. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. President Robin Moreau introduced two candidates to fill the unexpired term of former School Board Member Van Kojis for District 8. Mr. Tom Roy and Ms. Jill Guidry joined the meeting virtually via Zoom and spoke of their intentions for pursuing this seat.

Board Member Aimee Dupuy offered a motion, seconded by Stanley Celestine, Jr., to appoint Jill Guidry to fill the unexpired term of former Board Member Van Kojis, Avoyelles Parish School Board Member for District 8. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Aimee Dupuy, Stanley Celestine, Jr., Lynn Deloach, Robin Moreau, and Rickey Adams.

Nays: Latisha Small, Chris Lacour, and Chris Robinson.

4. Superintendent Blaine Dausat announced that school would be commencing tomorrow if it were not for the Covid-19 pandemic. However, with school starting three weeks later, this allows more time for the students' chromebooks to arrive and to prepare the chromebooks ready for use by the students. Superintendent Dausat stated he is amazed at the number of parents who opted for virtual lessons versus in-person classes (41%). The biggest

concern is regarding internet issues and not having a teacher in person in front of the students. There will be kinks to work out, but he encouraged everyone to have patience and allow ample amount of time. Mr. Dauzat further stated that about two to three weeks after school starts, the virtual option will be reevaluated. Precautions in place include temperature checks every morning, face masks for everyone age 8 and up, and hand sanitizer in every room. Breakfast bags will be available for “grab & go” for students to eat in their classroom. For lunch, students will be spaced out inside the cafeteria, or they will have the option to eat outside or in their classroom. Every Monday by noon, lessons for the whole week will be prerecorded for all students. Students will have the option to watch live during regular class time or download to work on later. The last 30 minutes of every class will be open for questions and answers. If cases go up and things get worse, school will go 100% virtual.

5. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, addressed the Board regarding the adoption of a resolution for the Board’s adjusted millage rates.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Avoyelles Parish School Board of the Parish of Avoyelles, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on August 4, 2020 which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2020, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

Constitutional Tax	3.55 mills
Operational and Maintenance Tax	4.90 mills
Special Maintenance Tax	4.90 mills
Salary Tax	9.18 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Avoyelles, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Latisha Small, Chris Lacour, Lynn Deloach, Stanley Celestine, Jr., Robin Moreau, Rickey Adams, Chris Robinson, and Aimee Dupuy.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.