

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 5:00 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.

An Invocation was offered by Reverend Chris Augustine.

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

1. On motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Darrell Wiley, the Board adopted the minutes of the regular Board meeting held Tuesday, January 3, 2012, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Vice-President Michael Lacombe read a resolution of respect to the late Raymond Ducote, former teacher.

On motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Van Kojis, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Raymond Ducote. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Mrs. Shelia Blackman-Dupas read a resolution of respect to the late Eddie Mayeux, former bus driver. Mrs. Dupas stated that she had fond memories of Mr. Mayeux as her bus driver while she was in school, and on behalf of her family, she expressed her sympathy to Mr. Mayeux's family.

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

4. Mrs. Lizzie Ned, Board Member, read a resolution of respect to the late Jessie Dossman, former food service employee. Mrs. Ned stated that she knew Ms. Dossman very well, and she was a beautiful person with a wonderful personality. She then expressed her deepest sympathy to Ms. Dossman's family.

On motion by Lizzie Ned, seconded by Shelia Blackman-Dupas, the Board adopted a resolution of respect to the late Jessie Dossman. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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5. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine recognized the Students of the Month and each Board member presented a plaque to each student, as follows:

Mr. Van Kojis presented a plaque to Destiny Woodall, Bunkie Elementary School; Mr. Michael Lacombe presented a plaque to Tatyana Friels, Cottonport Elementary School; Mr. Darrell Wiley presented a plaque to Callie Roszell, Lafargue Elementary School; Mrs. Cindy Hill presented a plaque to Ethan Pitre, Marksville Elementary School; Mr. Michael Lacombe presented a plaque to Shane Reynolds, Plaucheville Elementary School; Mrs. Shelia Blackman-Dupas presented a plaque to Madison Ward, Riverside Elementary School; Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. presented a plaque to Tiffany Augustine, Avoyelles High School; Mrs. Lizzie Ned presented a plaque to Erica Laborde, Bunkie High School; Mr. James Gauthier presented a plaque to Brooke Anderson, LaSAS; and Mr. Freeman Ford presented a plaque to Nuri Jeter, Marksville High School.

A short biography was read detailing accomplishments of each student.

On behalf of the Board, President James Gauthier commended the students on their accomplishments.

6. Mrs. Thelma Prater, Director of Federal Programs, recognized the 2011-2012 Students of the Year, as follows:

5th Grade Student of the Year

Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy, Aleka Washington; Cottonport Elementary School, Logan Marler; Lafargue Elementary School, Kaleb Mayeaux; Marksville Elementary School, Shelby Marcotte; Plaucheville Elementary School, Savannah Ducote; and Riverside Elementary School, Layla Bell.

8th Grade Student of the Year

Avoyelles High School, Connor Gauthier; Bunkie High School, Jennifer Odis; LaSAS, Joshua Mendoza; and Marksville High School, Kaylan Anderson.

12th Grade Student of the Year

Avoyelles High School, Sean Hoffman; Bunkie High School, Micalee Jeansonne; LaSAS, Brooke Anderson; and Marksville High School, Austin Bordelon.

District Winners were Savannah Ducote, fifth grade, Plaucheville Elementary School; Kaylan Anderson, eighth grade, Marksville High School; and Sean Hoffman, twelfth grade, Avoyelles High School.

7. Miss Summer Anderson, student at LaSAS, was recognized by President James Gauthier for the purpose of discussing FFA Week. Miss Anderson, Louisiana State FFA Vice-President, announced that National FFA Week will be celebrated from February 18-25, 2012. There are local FFA chapters at Avoyelles High, Bunkie High, LaSAS, and Marksville High.

