

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office, Marksville, Louisiana, with the following members present:

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

Absent: None.

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 Lynn Deloach.

1. On motion by Aimee Dupuy, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board adopted the minutes of the regular Board meeting held Tuesday, January 5, 2021, and the minutes of the special Board meeting held Tuesday, January 19, 2021, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. A. Board Member Jill Guidry read a resolution of respect to the late Donna Jeansonne, retired teacher.

On motion by Jill Guidry, seconded by Chris Robinson, the Board adopted a resolution of respect to the late Donna Jeansonne, retired teacher. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Board Member Lynn Deloach read a resolution of respect to the late James Moreau, retired teacher of instrumental music and school board member.

On motion by Lynn Deloach, seconded by Aimee Dupuy, the Board adopted a resolution of respect to the late James Moreau, retired teacher of instrumental music and school board member. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. Board Member Latisha Small read a resolution of respect to the late Mary Rose McGee, retired food service technician.

On motion by Latisha Small, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board adopted a resolution of respect to the late Mary Rose McGee, retired teacher. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Superintendent Blaine Dauzat recognized the Students of the Month for January. Superintendent Dauzat stated that board members will present a plaque to each Student of the Month at their respective school.

Mr. Dauzat announced the Students of the Month at each school, as follows:

Siani Clark, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; London Kyle, Cottonport Elementary School; Kinley Augustine, Lafargue Elementary School; Jayden Cassey, Marksville Elementary School; Ma'laysha Dupuy, Plaquemine Elementary School; Kennedy Christal, Riverside Elementary School; Kaelynn Landry, Avoyelles High School; Joshua Wright, Bunkie Magnet High School; Beth Broussard, Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences; and Blaze Ponthieux, Marksville High School.

On behalf of the Board, President Stanley Celestine, Jr. commended the students on this outstanding achievement.

4. Superintendent Blaine Dauzat recognized the Teachers of the Month for January, as follows:

Connie Ducote, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; Keonte Wells, Cottonport Elementary School; Stephanie Bordelon, Lafargue Elementary School; Jessica Chatelain, Marksville Elementary School; Nikkie Walton, Plaquemine Elementary School; Susan Bordelon, Riverside Elementary School; Ritzell Veade, Avoyelles High School; Cherrie Callahan, Bunkie Magnet High School; Angela Deville, Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences; and Helena Ellis, Marksville High School.

On behalf of the Board, President Stanley Celestine, Jr. commended the teachers on their dedication and hard work.

5. Superintendent Blaine Dauzat announced that the high school LEAP tests have been completed, and the scores are being put together. He will try to get a breakdown of the scores of virtual students versus the scores of students who attend in person. In honor of National School Counselors Week, Superintendent Dauzat recognized all school counselors of the parish and thanked them for everything they do for all students. He then announced that the student count for spring occurred on February 1 and showed a loss of seventy (70) students. He did affirm that this amount is about average for the spring count, and he also noted that this is a smaller percentage of students than the majority of surrounding districts. Superintendent Dauzat stated that the Avoyelles Parish 4-H Organization sent a letter of appreciation to the school board for allowing them the use of the livestock barn for the Avoyelles Parish Livestock Show 2021, which was a great success. Finally, the next scheduled Committee Meetings fall on Mardi Gras. After a brief discussion, the meeting was then rescheduled for the following Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

6. Mayor Mark Jeanson addressed the Board regarding a proposal to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Hessmer.

On motion by Rickey Adams, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board granted authority to Mayor Jeanson to search for grants to cover the costs of renovations of the Hessmer High School Gymnasium and to have an Intergovernmental Agreement drawn up for legal review.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.