

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Office, in Marksville, Louisiana, with the following members present:

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

Absent: None.

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 Latisha Small.

1. On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Lynn Deloach, the Board adopted the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Superintendent Karen Tutor recognized the Students of the Month for November, 2022. Mrs. Tutor presented a plaque to each student. Also, each Board member read a short biography detailing the accomplishments of each student.

The Students of the Month at each school are as follows:

Kendall Lewis, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; Embrey Lewis, Cottonport Elementary School; Brayden Whittington, Lafargue Elementary School; Annamae St. Romain, Marksville Elementary School; JaVon Melancon, Plaucheville Elementary School; Payden Porterie, Riverside Elementary School; Star Ponthieux, Avoyelles High School; Aaliyah Allen, Bunkie Magnet High School; Evin Courtney, Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences; and Hasna Mohamad, Marksville High School.

On behalf of the Board, President Aimee Dupuy commended the students on this outstanding achievement.

3. Assistant Superintendent Thelma Prater recognized the Teachers of the Month for November, 2022. She commended the teachers for their dedication, and Superintendent Tutor presented a plaque to each teacher, as follows:

Lindsey Bertrand, Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy; Haley DeMars, Cottonport Elementary School; Sarah Landry, Lafargue Elementary School; Nikki Guidry, Marksville Elementary School; Nikki Clark, Plaucheville Elementary School; Amber Bordelon, Riverside Elementary School; Ryan Gremillion, Avoyelles High School; Debra Leblanc, Bunkie

Magnet High School; Brandy Hoyt, Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences; and Dillion Juneau, Marksville High School.

On behalf of the Board, President Aimee Dupuy commended the teachers on this outstanding achievement.

4. On motion by Jill Guidry, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board deferred Item #4, Recognition of the 2023 New Teacher of the Year winners, to the February 2023 regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. President Aimee Dupuy recognized outgoing Board members Chris Lacour of District 3 and Stanley Celestine, Jr. of District 5. They were each presented with a plaque for their outstanding service and dedication to the Avoyelles Parish School Board and their constituents. Mr. Lacour and Mr. Celestine both expressed that they were honored to serve and their goals were accomplished, and both stated they would still be available to help whenever and wherever needed.

6. APSB Recognition: Justin Dufour, Avoyelles Parish County Agent, recognized five 4-H members who were chosen to represent the Avoyelles Livestock program, as follows: Lani Causey, Andrew Dauzat, Clara Deloach, Olivia Germany, and Dayton Pennington. These students will serve as Avoyelles 4-H Livestock Ambassadors for 2023.

7. President Aimee Dupuy addressed the Board regarding Courtesy Fund Guidelines.

On motion by Robin Moreau, seconded by Stanley Celestine, Jr., the Board approved the Courtesy Fund Guidelines as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Superintendent Karen Tutor addressed the Board with a recommendation to raise school board member salaries to \$800.00 per month beginning in January, 2023.

A motion was made by Lynn Deloach, seconded by Robin Moreau, that the Board raise school board member salaries to \$800.00 per month, beginning in January, 2023. The motion was adopted by the following 6-3 vote:

YEAS: Lynn Deloach, Robin Moreau, Latisha Small, Chris Robinson, Rickey Adams, and Jill Guidry.

NAYS: Chris Lacour, Stanley Celestine, Jr., and Aimee Dupuy.

9. President Aimee Dupuy addressed the Board regarding clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the APSB Advisor Student Council.

On motion by Jill Guidry, seconded by Robin Moreau, the Board deferred this item to the Education Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.