

## **SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session Tuesday, November 2, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Dr. Jim Guillory, President; Lynn Deloach, Freeman Ford, Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Lizzie Ned, Van Kojis, and Robert Dunbar.

Absent: Ricky Juneau, Vice-President; and Shelia Blackman-Dupas.

An Invocation was offered by Assistant Superintendent Craig Foster.

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 Lynn Deloach, seconded by Van Kojis, the Board adopted the minutes of the regular Board meeting held Tuesday, October 5, 2010, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Board Member, read a resolution of respect to the late Eugenie C. Coco, teacher.

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Lizzie Ned, the Board adopted the resolution of respect to the late Eugenie C. Coco. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Mr. Freeman Ford, Board Member, recognized Trevor Benjamin as Student of the Month. Mr. Ford stated that Trevor is the son of Elaine and Jeffrey Benjamin and the grandson of Juanita Barbin and Genevieve Benjamin. Trevor is a third grade student at Lafargue Elementary School where he has maintained straight A's throughout his academic career. Mr. Ford further stated that Trevor is an outstanding student and has achieved the Advanced Reading status in the Accelerated Reader program. Also, Trevor was chosen as third grade's October Student of the Month because of his outstanding academic performance and school behavior.

Mr. Ford stated that Trevor plays baseball and was a member of the parish's All-Star Baseball Team. He stated that Trevor wants to be a professional baseball player when he grows up.

Trevor is an exceptional student and strives to complete all academic task before him. He is a great student at Lafargue Elementary School and an asset to the school.

Trevor recited a poem to the Board entitled "Veterans Day".

On behalf of the Board, President Jim Guillory and Board Member Freeman Ford commended Trevor and his parents for being named Student of the Month.

4. Mr. James Moss of Stevens Forestry addressed the Board regarding estimated timber sale income at Gin Lake.

Mr. Moss presented the following information and recommendations to the Board:

Timberland Tracts

(1)	Lake Long	640 acres	August 2004	timber
	sale - \$436,081.58			
(2)	Pomme DeTerre	640 acres	August 2004	timber
	sale - \$98,500			
(3)	Muscle Lake	640 acres	January 2005	timber
	sale - \$511,985			
(4)	Grassy Lake	640 acres	January 2005	timber
	sale - \$150,000			
(5)	Poisson Arme	640 acres	January 2005	timber
	sale - \$377,969			
(6)	Bayou Cocodrie	640 acres		
(7)	Gin Lake	160 acres		
(8)	Saline Lake	<u>430 acres</u>		
	4,430 acres			

Timber income for 2004-2005: \$1,574,535.58

Recommendations

- (1) Approve temporary right-of-way agreement with Mr. Dean Tyler.
  - This is an agreement to allow Mr. Tyler to haul timber across School Board property in Ruby, commonly referred to as the Gin Lake Tract.
  - Mr. Tyler has agreed to clear property lines around the Gin Lake Tract with a dozer and install a culvert in the road.
  - Road will be improved and boundaries will be clearly visible.
- (2) Authorize Stevens Forestry Service, Incorporated to proceed with the timber sale on the Gin Lake Tract.
  - Estimated timber sale income \$50-60,000
  - Selective harvest of hard wood saw timber and pulpwood
  - Trees harvested will be mature, diseased or inferior

- Trees will be harvested individually or in small groups to create openings in the canopy which will promote natural regeneration of red oak, cypress, and green ash

A motion was offered by Lynn Deloach, seconded by Van Kojis, that the Board proceed with the recommendation submitted by Mr. James Moss of Stevens Forestry.

President Jim Guillory questioned whether timber sales could possibly improve in the future. Dr. Guillory recommended that the Board should perhaps wait to sell timber until the market has improved.

Mr. James Moss stated that he was of the opinion that the market value should increase in the near future. Also, Mr. Moss stated that he thinks by the time the trees are marked and advertised for bids, it will be on the uphill after the first of the year. Mr. Moss stated that the bidding may be timed as the Board sees fit or the Board may offer bids or reject bids.

Board Member Freeman Ford questioned the reason this information had not been provided to each member prior to tonight's Board meeting. Mr. Ford stated that he would like to have known in advance in order to review and discuss this issue.

Assistant District Attorney David Lafargue stated that as a citizen, he walked through the area near Lake Long and it was ravaged. Mr. Lafargue further stated that tree cutting is underway and the only trees being re-planted are trash trees. He said that he did not consider the area that was cut was selective cutting.

Mr. Moss stated that this is the only method to create hard woods to return is to create openings, disturb the soil and allow the sunlight to hit the ground. He stated that they are cutting trees that are 20 inches in diameter or greater, and smaller trees that are crooked, leaning, and that have big holes in them. Mr. Moss stated that all trees are being reviewed and he is taking out the trees that need to be removed in order to allow higher value hardwood to receive sunlight to regenerate.

Mr. David Lafargue stated that this is not happening and the trees are not regenerating. He stated that the trash trees are growing first. Furthermore, Mr. Lafargue stated that he has represented the Board in the past and he is aware of this issue. He said that the hardwood bottomland timber has not been properly managed.

Board Member Freeman Ford offered a motion to table Item Number 4 pending further information.

In response from comments from a general public member concerning the sale of Sixteenth Section lands, President Guillory stated that he was vehemently opposed to that as a Board Member and he would not support any vote to sell Section 16 lands due to mineral leases being purchased by oil and natural gas companies. Dr. Guillory stated that his reasoning was due to possibly compromising educational opportunities to generate funding for future students of the parish school system.

Board Member Lizzie Ned requested that this matter be referred to the Building and Lands Committee.

A motion was offered by Freeman Ford, seconded by Lizzie Ned, that the Board amend the previous motion as follows: That the Board accept the recommendation submitted by Mr. James Moss of Stevens Forestry regarding Number 1 of the report and delete Item Number 2.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Freeman Ford, Dr. Jim Guillory, Lizzie Ned, Van Kojis and Robert Dunbar

Nays: Lynn Deloach and Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr.

5. The following resolution was offered by Carlos A. Mayeux and seconded by Van Kojis.

#### RESOLUTION

Resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of Revenue Bonds (Taxable QSCB), in one or more series, of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana; providing certain terms of said Bonds, making application to the State Bond Commission for the approval of said Bonds, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“ARRA”) provides for the authority of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana (the “Parish School Board” or the Issuer”) to issue taxable bonds designated as Qualified School Construction Bonds (“QSCBs”) for construction, rehabilitation or repair of public school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has issued its allocation of QSCB authority for 2010, with the State of Louisiana’s allocation in the amount of \$145,528,100, which includes the 2009 carryover amount; and

WHEREAS, this Parish School Board desires to incur debt and issue not exceeding \$1,000,000 of its Revenue Bonds (Taxable QSCB) (the “Bonds”), in one or more series, for the purpose of construction, rehabilitation or repair of public school facilities, including equipping of school facilities improved with Bond proceeds, and paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, said Bonds to be payable from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the funds to be derived by the Issuer from the levy and collection of a special tax of 3.62 mills (such rate being subject to adjustment from time to time due to reassessment) (the “Tax”) which the Issuer is authorized to impose and collect each year, to mature over a period not exceeding 19 years and to be either non-interest bearing or to bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum, and will be sold at not less than 98% of the par value thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer is not now a party to any contract secured by a pledge or dedication of the Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to make application to the State Bond Commission for approval of the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana for school purposes, that:

SECTION 1. Preliminary Approval of Revenue Bonds. Preliminary approval is given to the issuance of not exceeding \$10,000,000 of Revenue Bonds (Taxable QSCB) (the "Bonds"), in one or more series, of the Parish School Board of the Parish of at Avoyelles, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), pursuant to Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, for the purpose of construction, rehabilitation or repair of public school facilities, including equipping of school facilities improved with Bond proceeds, and paying the costs incurred in connection with the issuance thereof (the "Projects"), said Bonds to be payable from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the funds to be derived by the Issuer from the levy and collection of a special tax of three and sixty-two hundredths (3.62) mills (such rate being subject to adjustment from time to time due to reassessment) (the "Tax") which the Issuer is authorized to impose and collect each year pursuant to Article VII, Section 13 ©) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974. The Bonds will mature over a period not exceeding 19 years and will be issued either as (a) qualified tax credit bonds with a supplemental coupon at a rate or rates not exceeding two per centum (2%) per annum, or (b) taxable interest-bearing bonds at a rate or rates not exceeding eight per centum (8%) per annum subject to reimbursement under Section 6431 of the Code. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form, shall be sold to the purchasers thereof at a price of not less than 98% of par, plus accrued interest, if any, and shall have additional terms and provisions as may be determined by the Issuer.

SECTION 2. State Bond Commission Approval. Application is hereby made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for its consent and authority to issue and sell the Bonds, and a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the Issuer, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application. By virtue of applicant/issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 3. Authorization and Sale of the Bonds. The Bonds are hereby authorized to be sold by private placement to one or more institutions (the "Purchaser") provided

the details of the Bonds are in accordance with the provisions of this resolution, and in particular that: (I) the principal amount of the Bonds does not exceed \$1,000,000 (ii) the term of the Bonds does not exceed the lesser of 19 years or the term provided by the federal government at the time of the sale and (iii) the Bonds are sold as (a) qualified tax credit bonds with a supplemental coupon at a rate or rates not exceeding two per centum (2) per annum, or (b) taxable interest-bearing bonds at a rate or rates not exceeding eight per centum (8%) per annum subject to reimbursement under Section 6431 of the Code. The Superintendent is hereby authorized to sign a Commitment Letter or Bond Purchase Agreement providing for the sale of the Bonds to the Purchaser, in form and substance satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the School Board, meeting the requirements set forth above, which Commitment Letter or Bond Purchase Agreement shall constitute the sale of the Bonds.

SECTION 4. Bond Counsel. The Issuer finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Foley and Judell, LLP, Bond Counsel, is hereby requested to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to the Issuer for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise the Issuer as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinion covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of said Bond Counsel shall not exceed the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work in connection with the issuance of revenue bonds and based on the amount of said Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. That pursuant to instructions from the Secretary, said Foley and Judell, LLP shall also assist in the preparation of an official statement containing detailed and comprehensive financial and statistical data with respect to the sale of the Bonds and the costs of the preparation and printing of said official statement shall be paid from the proceeds of the issue for which it has been prepared. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Finance Director is hereby empowered and directed to issue vouchers to said Bond Counsel in payment for the work herein provided for upon completion of the work herein specified and under the conditions herein enumerated.

SECTION 5. Declaration of Official Intent. Prior to the delivery of the Bonds, the Issuer anticipates that it may pay a portion of the costs of the Projects from available funds. The Projects include specifically construction, rehabilitation or repair of public school facilities, including equipping of school facilities improved with Bond proceeds. Upon the issuance of the Bonds, under the provisions of 26 U.S.C. 54F, the Issuer reasonably expects to reimburse any such expenditures of other available funds from a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds, which are classified as a qualified tax credit bond by 26 U.S.C 54A(d)(1)(E). Any such allocation of proceeds of the Bonds for reimbursement will be with respect to capital expenditures (as defined in Reg. 1.150-1(b) and will be made upon the delivery of the Bonds and not later than eighteen (18) months after the date such expenditure was paid. This Section is intended to be a declaration of official intent within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. 54A(d)(2)(D).



10. President Jim Guillory and members of the Board discussed policy matters, as follows:

- Superintendent's e-mail describing varied roles and responsibilities per State statute.
- Follow-up discussion by Board members for evaluation of annual goals adopted in January 2010.
- Fiscal responsibility and accountability by Board members.
- Communication process to be used between Board members, Superintendent, and attorney representing interests of the District's unitary process.
- Deliberation regarding use of Resource Officers for 7-12 schools as needed or as pilot projects with evaluation protocols.

The Board discussed the use of Resource Officers for 7-12 schools as needed or as pilot projects with evaluation protocols.

Superintendent Lemoine stated that there was an effort to establish an agreement with the Sheriff a year ago and the Sheriff's department does not have the funds available to place the Resource Officers in the schools. He stated that the officers have been used in the schools on an as needed basis as Sheriff's Deputy in order to keep schools safe and orderly. Superintendent Lemoine stated that because of recent problems an officer had been placed at Bunkie High School for a period of time and at Marksville High School. Mr. Lemoine further stated that he plans on assigning an officer to Avoyelles High School. He stated that if the Board is interested in this type of program, they will have to free up money in order to make a decision on whether or not school resource officers provide enough of an impact in our schools.

Board Member Lizzie Ned stated that she is aware of the major needs in the parish schools which have been requested over the years for physical education teachers in the elementary grades. Mrs. Ned said that part of last year part-time physical education teachers were hired which greatly assisted, however, the physical education teachers were later removed when funds were cut. She stated that when we are talking about the students, the Board should place a great deal of emphasis in providing them with the resources that are needed in the physical education department in order to provide services that work with the whole child and helps to develop the whole child. She stated those teachers who were taken out are now needed and would like the Board to look at this first if there are any extra funds. Also, Mrs. Ned stated that the Board should also place counselors within the school system. She stated that she does not have any objection with resource officers, but thinks that there are priorities which need to be looked at closer before considering others.

The Board agreed to refer this matter to the Finance Committee and ultimately to the Executive Committee.

11. Mr. Craig Foster, Assistant Superintendent, presented a report on transportation discipline data as it relates to bus suspensions for the month of October 2009 compared to the



month of October 2010. Mr. Foster stated that the total bus suspensions for October 2009 totaled 132. He stated that of this amount there were 103 black students who were suspended and 29 white students who were suspended. Furthermore, Mr. Foster stated that the total bus suspensions for October 2010 totaled 35 and of this amount there was 24 black students and 11 white students.

12. Mr. Robby Gaspard, Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance, addressed the Board regarding School-Wide Discipline. Mr. Gaspard presented data on discipline for the district. He reported that suspension rates have decreased in both the elementary and high schools. The use of ISS is helping to decrease the suspension rates, however, the number of incidents in the parish remains about the same from last year.

Mr. Gaspard also reported that Marksville Elementary School is being recommended for Secondary PBIS Training. The recommendation comes after Marksville Elementary School was deemed ready for the training due to the high level of PBIS implementation at the school.

13. On motion by Freeman Ford, seconded by Van Kojis, the Board agreed to go in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation (Holmes versus Avoyelles Parish School Board bearing Civil Action 12,721 on the docket of the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.) MOTION CARRIED.

The Board reconvened in open public session at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Dr. Jim Guillory advised that the Board has been updated and no decisions have to be made at this time. Dr. Guillory stated that the matter is proceeding in a positive manner.

14. Board Member Lynn Deloach presented the following report:

Building and Lands Committee Report  
October 12, 2010

The Building and Lands Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Ricky Juneau, Chairman; Robert Dunbar, Lynn Deloach, Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Dr. Jim Guillory, President; and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. Also present were Van Kojis, Board Member; Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor; Michael Lacombe, Darrell Wiley, and James Gauthier, Board-Members Elect; Jennifer Dismer, Principal of Plaucheville Elementary School; and Jimmy Moss.

1. The Building and Lands Committee reviewed the "Lease of School Lands" policy with regards to Pomme de Terre Section, Ginn Lake, and Grassy Lake.

Upon motion by Lynn Deloach, seconded by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., the Building and Lands Committee recommended that the Board revise **File: DFI** to reflect that School Board lands with no campsites, namely, Township 1 North, Range 6 East, Pomme de Terre; Township 2 North, Range 3 East, Ginn Lake; and Township 2 North, Range 7 East, Grassy Lake; can be leased pursuant to Louisiana Law for the purpose of hunting and fishing. Ayes: Ricky Juneau, Lynn Deloach, and Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. Nays: Robert Dunbar.

2. The Building and Lands Committee reviewed the “Use of School Facilities” policy.

The committee agreed to refer the “Use of School Facilities” policy to the Executive Committee to determine whether school administrators are adhering to the contents of the policy.

3. Mr. James Moss of Stevens Forestry addressed the Building and Lands Committee regarding allowing Mr. Dean Tyler access through School Board lands.

The Building and Lands Committee recommended allowing Mr. Dean Tyler the use of a right-of-way near Ginn Lake, pending legal review.

4. Upon motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Robert Dunbar, the Building and Lands Committee recommended to approve Change Order Number 002, presented by Maintenance Supervisor Steve Marcotte in the increased amount of \$41,140.00 which is URSPROJECT Number 19229282. MOTION CARRIED.

The Building and Lands Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Ricky Juneau, Chairman  
Building and Lands Committee

On motion by Lynn Deloach, seconded by Van Kojis, the Board adopted the Building and Lands Report as presented.

Ayes: Lynn Deloach, Carlos A. Mayeux, Dr. Jim Guillory, Lizzie Ned,  
Van Kojis and Robert Dunbar

Nay to Item Number 1 only: Freeman Ford.

15. Mr. Lynn Deloach, Chairman of the Education Committee, presented the Education Committee Report, as follows:

Education Committee Report  
October 12, 2010

The Education Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Lynn Deloach, Chairman; Shelia Blackman-Dupas, Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Dr. Jim Guillory, President; and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. Board Member Lizzie Ned was absent. Also present were Van Kojis, Board Member; Susan Welch and Randy Littleton, Supervisors; Jennifer Dismar, Rapides Foundation Coordinator; and Michael Lacombe, Darrell Wiley, and James Gauthier, Board-Members Elect

1. Ms. Sherri Braud with the Louisiana Senate addressed the Education Committee regarding an update on “Government Day” scheduled at Marksville High School on November 3, 2010. Ms. Braud invited all Board members to attend “Government Day” and commended Marksville High School Student Emily Ryan for being elected to the Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

2. Mrs. Susan Welch, Supervisor of Secondary Education; and Mr. Randy Littleton, Supervisor of Elementary Education, presented a report on the 2009-2010 School Performance Scores, as follows:

Bunkie Elementary School	66.3
Bunkie High School	64.1
Cottonport Elementary School	77.7
Lafargue Elementary School	99.9
Marksville Elementary School	80.6
Marksville High School	73.5
Avoyelles High School	81.5
Plaucheville Elementary School	92.3
Riverside Elementary School	75.7
Louisiana School for the Agricultural Sciences	67.7

3. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine presented a report on the Cohort Graduation rate of the district for the past four years, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>% of Graduates</u>
2003-2007	63.10%
2004-2008	58.90%
2005-2009	64.20%
2006-2010	52.60%

4. Mr. Jennifer Dismar, Rapides Foundation Coordinator, presented information on the STEM/CTE Program. Ms. Dismar provided the committee with a schedule of events that have and will be taking place in the district as a result of the Rapides Foundation’s STEM/CTE initiative. Board members were also invited to the first ever Robotics Competition in Avoyelles Parish on November 6, 2010.

5. Mrs. Susan Welch, Supervisor of Secondary Education, reviewed academic coaches' duties and responsibilities. A log of coaching activities was provided to each Board member for their review.

The Education Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Lynn Deloach, Chairman  
Education Committee

On motion by Lynn Deloach, seconded by Carlos A. Mayeux, the Board adopted the Education Committee Report as presented by Chairman Deloach. MOTION CARRIED.

16. Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

Finance Committee Report  
October 19, 2010

The Finance Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman; Van Kojis, Dr. Jim Guillory, President; and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. Mrs. Shelia Blackman-Dupas and Ricky Juneau were absent. Also present were Michael Lacombe, James Gauthier, and Cindy Hill, Board Members-Elect; Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; and staff members.

1. Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Dr. Jim Guillory, the Finance Committee recommended to approve requests for overnight travel as presented by Superintendent Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine addressed the Finance Committee regarding the Education Jobs Fund Program. Mr. Lemoine advised the committee that the State of Louisiana has been awarded \$147 million under the Federal Education Jobs Fund Program. He further stated that the Louisiana Department of Education will be administering these funds on behalf of the State of Louisiana. Also, he stated that the allocation for each district/school is based on its proportional share of the State's school finance formula, the Minimum Foundation Program. He also reported that the district will receive approximately \$1.3 million which must be spent at the school level. This is a one-time allocation which must be sent by the end of next fiscal year. He also reported that the State reported that possible MFP cuts may occur this year.

3. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented a report on the 2009-2010 funds, as follows:

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|-----|---------------------|
| (a) | General Fund        |
| (b) | School Food Service |
| (c) | Special Maintenance |
| (d) | Special Sales Tax   |

(e)

Other Funds

With regards to the General Fund, Mrs. Bonnette reported that the total revenues amounted to \$36,078,201 and the total expenditures amounted to \$35,494,313, resulting in a current year surplus of \$583,889. The beginning fund balance of \$4,519,145 resulted in an ending fund balance of \$5,103,034.

4. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented an update on the 2010-2011 General Fund Budget. Mrs. Bonnette reported total revenues of \$35,388,866, total expenditures of \$35,646,494 and a projected deficit of \$257,628 resulting in an estimated ending funding balance of \$4,845,406.

Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Dr. Jim Guillory, the Finance Committee recommended to adopt the revised 2010-2011 General Fund budget. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented an update report on the 2011-2012 estimated benefit. She reported estimated rates as follows: (1) Teachers' Retirement, (2) School Employees' Retirement, and (3) State Group (a possible 15% increase).

6. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, acknowledged receipt of a Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

7. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented a comparison of quotes from consultants regarding health insurance, as follows:

<u>Consultant</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Ahler Consulting	\$12,200 plus expenses
Clesi.Burns	\$10,000
Parsons Benefit Services	\$6500

Mrs. Bonnette recommended to wait for information requested from the Office of Group Benefits regarding claims paid versus premiums paid before moving forward.

8. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented a report on work related injuries. Mrs. Bonnette reported that costs incurred for 2009-2010 were \$317,977.82, with most cuts related to slips, trips, or falls. A safety program is on-gong to assist in reducing the occurrences.

9. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented a report of receipt of hazard mitigation grant from GOSHEP/Office of Emergency Preparedness. She reported that Phase I amounts to \$57,000 for planning expenses. The Superintendent reported that the total

grant is approximately \$500,000 to be spent in the Marksville High School gymnasium in order to upgrade the gymnasium as an evacuation safe area.

10. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented an update on communication with the Department of Education regarding student based budgeting. She stated that the Department of Education is researching this type of funding and she is on a committee of business managers working with the Department of Education to provide information regarding this procedure.

11. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, addressed the Finance Committee regarding Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) 2010 Allocation procedures. She reported that the Avoyelles Parish School Board has been allocated up to \$10,000,000. Also, LaSAS has requested \$1,000,000 to fund a gymnasium/multi purpose center and funding will be awarded at a later date.

12. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine addressed the Finance Committee regarding information on an on-line Computer Assisted Policy Service (CAPS) provided by Forethought Consulting, Incorporated.

Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Dr. Jim Guillory, the Finance Committee recommended to purchase the on-line Computer Assisted Policy Service (CAPS) provided by Forethought Consulting, Incorporated with stimulus funds. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman  
Finance Committee

President Jim Guillory reminded present and newly-elected Board members to continue being prudent in the finances of the school system. Dr. Guillory called their attention to the trend showing a continuous reduction in the ending fund balance of the school system.

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Lizzie Ned, the Board adopted the Finance Committee Report as presented by Chairman Mayeux, pending the Federal Court's approval of Item Number 11. MOTION CARRIED.

On motion by Freeman Ford, seconded by Robert Dunbar, the Board authorized Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine to meet with Assistant District Attorney Charles Riddle, III for Mr. Riddle to petition the Federal Court for approval of the spending of the \$500,000.00 on the Marksville High School gymnasium. MOTION CARRIED.

On motion by Freeman Ford, seconded by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., the Board agreed that if the money is approved for spending for Marksville High School that permission be given to Maintenance Supervisor Steve Marcotte for architectural services to be approved by the Board. MOTION CARRIED.

17. Mr. Freeman Ford, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented the Executive Committee Report, as follows:

Executive Committee Report  
October 19, 2010

The Executive Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at approximately 5:20 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Freeman Ford, Chairman; Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Van Kojis, Dr. Jim Guillory, President; and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. Mr. Lynn Deloach was absent. Also present were Michael Lacombe, James Gauthier, and Cindy Hill, Board Members-Elect; and staff members.

1. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine presented policies submitted by Mr. James Prescott, Jr. of Forethought Consulting, Incorporated for the committee's consideration, as follows:

(a)	File: BCBH	Minutes of Board Meetings
(b)	File: EE	Child Nutrition Program Management
©	File: GBDA	Employment of Retired Personnel
(d)	File: IDFA	Interscholastic Athletics
(e)	File: JB	Attendance
(f)	File: JBA	Compulsory School Attendance Ages
(g)	File: JBC	School Admission
(h)	File: JBCD	Student Transfer and Withdrawal
(I)	File: JBD	Student Absences and Excuses
(j)	File: JCDAF	Bullying, Cyberbullying,
	Intimidation,	Harassment, and Hazing
(k)	File: JCDB	Student Dress Code
(l)	File: JGFG	Illness and Accidents
(m)	File: EDDBA	Responsibility for Vehicle Operation
(n)	File: GBN	Dismissal of Employees
(o)	File: DFI	Lease of School Lands
(p)	File: GBD	Employment of Personnel
(q)	File: JBH	Attendance Reports for Student Drivers
®	File: JGB	School Wellness
(s)	File: DFL	Investments
(t)	File: DJE	Purchasing
(u)	File: DJED	Bids and Quotations
(v)	File: EDD	School Bus Scheduling and Routing
(w)	File: ID	Curriculum
(x)	File: IDDE	Student Driver Training
(y)	File: JR	Student Records

Upon motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Van Kojis, the Executive Committee recommended that all policy revisions submitted by Forethought Consulting, Incorporated be accepted and that File: IDDE be reviewed for accurateness. MOTION CARRIED.

2. The Executive Committee reviewed the "Use of School Facilities" policy and uniform application to various school sites.

Upon motion by Dr. Jim Guillory, seconded by Van Kojis the Executive Committee recommended that the Superintendent and his staff be directed to secure other "Use of School Facilities" policies, being used by the school district, for review at the next Executive Committee meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

The Executive Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Freeman Ford, Chairman  
Executive Committee

On motion by Freeman Ford, seconded by Lizzie Ned, the Board adopted the Executive Committee Report as presented by Chairman Ford. MOTION CARRIED.

Board Member Freeman Ford stated that the Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 30, 2010. Also, Mr. Ford requested that Item Number 2 be placed on the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

The Board also agreed to schedule a Finance Committee and Building and Lands Committee meeting on November 16, 2010; and possibly a Bus Committee meeting on November 30, 2010, at 4:30 p.m.

18. On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Van Kojis, the Board granted permission to advertise for the position of assistant principal. MOTION CARRIED.

19. Mr. Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor, presented a bid-opening committee report on repairs and renovations to Riverside Elementary School.

The committee acknowledged receipt of the following bids:

Phillip Mayo Construction, Incorporated: Base Bid, \$423,700; Alternate Number 3, \$9000

Wilmar Construction: Base Bid, \$453,00; Alternate Number 3, \$1900

Rusk Construction: Base Bid, \$359,877; Alternate Number 3, \$1000



Mr. Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor, advised the Board that the bids are under advisement by the architectural firm for evaluation and a report will be presented to the Board after the architect's review.

The committee did not take any action on this matter.

20. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine presented personnel changes for the Board's consideration, as follows:

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

##### BUNKIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Appointment of Mable Onisha, Title I school-wide paraprofessional, replacing Wanda Pickett, deceased, effective November 3, 2010.

COTTONPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Resignation of Lori M. Rabalais, teacher, effective at the end of the day October 21, 2010.

Transfer/appointment of Marcie Carmouche, from General Fund to Title II CSR teacher, effective October 22, 2010 through May 20, 2011.

Transfer/appointment of Altoinette Jones, (TAT) teacher, from Title II to regular education, effective October 22, 2010 through December 17, 2010.

Appointment of Andrea St.Romain, autism paraprofessional, replacing Carmeletia Callihan, who transferred to Riverside Elementary School, effective November 3, 2010.

Transfer/appointment of Carla Green, from full-time custodian to one-half time custodian, effective October 28, 2010.

Transfer/appointment of Tammie Merrel, one-half time custodian at Plaucheville Elementary School to full-time custodian, effective October 28, 2010.

LAFARGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Resignation of Vanessa Ducote, teacher, effective December 31, 2010.

MARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Resignation of Rachel Broussard, teacher, effective at the end of the day October 8, 2010, for the purpose of retirement.

PLAUCHEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Transfer/appointment of Carla Green, one-half time custodian, from full-time custodian at Cottonport Elementary School, effective October 28, 2010.

RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Resignation of Crystal Marsh, Title I school-wide paraprofessional, effective October 29, 2010.

Transfer/appointment of Carmeletia Callihan, autism paraprofessional at Cottonport Elementary School, to Title I school-wide paraprofessional, replacing Crystal Marsh who resigned, effective November 3, 2010.

AVOYELLES HIGH SCHOOL

Appointment of Jessica Bertrand, (TAT) teacher, effective August 9, 2010 through December 17, 2010 (new position).

BUNKIE HIGH SCHOOL

Correction in appointment: Appointment of Debra LeBlanc, from Title I teacher to General Fund teacher, effective August 4, 2010 through May 20, 2011.

MARKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Resignation of Christopher J. Veade, teacher, effective the end of the day September 29, 2010, for the purpose of retirement.

ADDENDUM(S)

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COTTONPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Resignation of Doretha A. Hall, bus driver,  
effective January 1, 2011, for the purpose of  
retirement.

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Lynn Deloach, the Board  
approved the personnel changes as presented by Superintendent Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, on motion by Freeman Ford, seconded by Lizzie  
Ned, the meeting was adjourned.