ST. TAMMANY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES

July 9, 2015

The School Board of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, met in regular session on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at the C. J. Schoen Administrative Complex, 321 N. Theard Street, Covington, Louisiana, at seven (7:00) o’clock P.M., (Central Daylight Savings Time).

I. OPENING

A. Roll Call

There were present: Board President, Stephen J. “Jack” Loup, III, and Board Members Neal M. Hennegan, Elizabeth B. Heintz, Michael J. Dirmann, Charles T. Harrell, Michael C. Nation, Willie B. Jeter, Peggy H. Seeley, Sharon Lo Drucker, Ronald "Ron" Bettencourt, Robert R. “Bob” Womack, Richard “Rickey” Hursey, Jr., Robin P. Mullett, Dennis S. Cousin and Mary K. Bellisario.

There were absent: None.

B. Invocation

C. Pledge of Allegiance

President Loup called on Mr. Nation for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Bob Womack recognized former Board Member, Mr. Earl Graves.

Mrs. Peggy Seeley recognized her brother, Mr. Simon Hover.

E. Special Recognition

1. Retired Employees Resolution

President Loup said it was a pleasure to honor the 2014-2015 retired employees of the St. Tammany Parish School Board to the meeting.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Jeter, with a unanimous second:

WHEREAS, over the years, dedicated, conscientious and hard-working employees have played a vital role in the success of the St. Tammany Parish Public School System; and

WHEREAS, those multi-faceted and talented employees who work in the field of education provide a valuable service to students and the community by preparing young people for a successful and productive future; and

WHEREAS, through their commitment, support and involvement in public education School System employees create a lasting impact on the lives of all they touch; and

WHEREAS, upon retirement from active service within the St. Tammany Parish Public School System, many former employees continue to contribute to the School System as volunteers and advocates for the System; and


WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to acknowledge these contributions and express appreciation to administrators, teachers and support personnel in their retirement from active service in the St. Tammany Parish Public School System during the 2014-2015 school session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the St. Tammany Parish School Board take this occasion to offer their gratitude to the retired employees within the School System and to wish them enjoyment and satisfaction in their much deserved retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board, with a copy being sent to all retired employees.

President Loup asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public, and there were none.

All members present voted in the affirmative, and the resolution was declared adopted.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Five Minutes

Mr. Simon J. Hover, Sr. addressed the Board on the topic, “Talent Exposed.”

B. Three Minutes

Ms. Lee Barrios, addressed the Board on the topic, “Standards Review Process.”

III. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of minutes for the regular meeting held June 11, 2015.

It was moved by Mrs. Seeley, seconded by Mrs. Drucker, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held June 11, 2015.

President Loup asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried.

B. Approval of minutes for the special meeting held June 11, 2015.

It was moved by Mrs. Mullett, seconded by Mr. Dirmann, to approve the minutes from the special meeting held June 11, 2015.

President Loup asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of minutes for the special meeting held June 18, 2015.

It was moved by Mr. Cousin, seconded by Mrs. Heintz, to approve the minutes from the special meeting held June 18, 2015.

President Loup asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

D. Appropriate retirement resolutions for the following certificated personnel subsequent to June 11, 2015.

The following resolutions were offered by Mrs. Heintz, seconded by Mrs. Drucker:

WHEREAS, Tanya B. Gabbard, Teacher, Bayou Woods Elementary School, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and
WHEREAS, Mrs. Gabbard was an educator for nine (9.00) years, seven (7.00) years in St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. Gabbard for her many years of service.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board with a copy being sent to Mrs. Gabbard in appreciation for services rendered.

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WHEREAS, Paul F. Fradella, Assistant Principal, Mandeville High School, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fradella was an educator for thirty-eight (38.00) years, twenty-six (26.00) years in St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Fradella for his many years of service.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board with a copy being sent to Mr. Fradella in appreciation for services rendered.

President Loup asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public, and there were none.

All members present voted in the affirmative, and the resolutions were declared adopted.

E. Appropriate retirement resolution for the following non-certificated personnel subsequent to June 11, 2015.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Mullett, seconded by Mr. Hursey:

WHEREAS, Helen S. Marchand, Special Education Aide II, Slidell High School, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Marchand worked for twenty and thirty-two hundredths (20.32) years, all in St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. Marchand for her many years of service.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board with a copy being sent to Mrs. Marchand in appreciation for services rendered.

President Loup asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public, and there were none.

All members present voted in the affirmative, and the resolution was declared adopted.

F. Announcement of Supervisor of Administration (Transportation).

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Mr. Stephen Alfonso as Supervisor of Administration (Transportation).

G. Announcement of Principal of Abita Springs Middle School.
Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Mr. Edward Strohmeyer as Principal of Abita Springs Middle School.


H. Announcement of Principal of Bayou Lacombe Middle School.

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Mr. Raymond Morris as Principal of Bayou Lacombe Middle School.


I. Announcement of Principal of Boyet Junior High School.

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Mr. John Priola as Principal of Boyet Junior High School.


J. Announcement of Principal of Lakeshore High School.

Remarks: Superintendent Folse

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Mr. Christian Monson as Principal of Lakeshore High School.


K. Announcement of Principal of Monteleone Junior High School.

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Ms. Sheri Jones as Principal of Monteleone Junior High School.


L. Announcement of Assistant Principal of Covington Elementary School.

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Ms. Kristen Winget as Assistant Principal of Covington Elementary School.


M. Announcement of Assistant Principal of Fontainebleau Junior High School.

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Ms. Katherine Whitlock as Assistant Principal of Fontainebleau Junior High School.


N. Announcement of Assistant Principal of Mandeville Elementary School.

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Ms. Kay Burns as Assistant Principal of Mandeville Elementary School.


O. Announcement of Assistant Principal of Mandeville High School.

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Mr. Harl Penton as Assistant Principal of Mandeville High School.

**P. Announcement of Assistant Principal of Monteleone Junior High School.**

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Ms. Jennifer Westcott as Assistant Principal of Monteleone Junior High School.


**Q. Announcement of Assistant Principal of Northshore High School.**

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Mr. Geremy Jackson as Assistant Principal of Northshore High School.


**R. Announcement of Assistant Principal of Pitcher Junior High School.**

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Ms. Amy Danna as Assistant Principal of Pitcher Junior High School.


**S. Announcement of Assistant Principal of Slidell High School.**

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Ms. Trece Jordan-Larsen as Assistant Principal of Slidell High School.


**T. Announcement of Assistant Principal of Slidell Junior High School.**

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Mr. Joshua St. Cyr as Assistant Principal of Slidell Junior High School.


**U. Announcement of Parish Wide Assistant Principals.**

Superintendent Folse announced the appointment of Parish Wide Assistant Principals: Ms. Allison Bolin, Ms. Joyce Davis, Ms. Anna Fuller, Ms. Seu Hee Ledet and Mr. Michael Smith.

President Loup congratulated the new Parish Wide Assistant Principals and presented them with a book, *The Principal: Three Keys to Maximizing Impact* by Michael Fullan.

Mrs. Heintz said the Administration worked very hard to get everyone in the right place. She said there were a lot of applicants for the jobs, and she appreciated everyone who had applied for the jobs.

**V. Consideration of an Extension to the Superintendent’s Contract.**

President Loup said each Board Member had received a letter from Superintendent Folse explaining his intentions. President Loup said Superintendent Folse had received a positive evaluation from the Board, and he asked if there was a recommendation from the Board.

*It was moved by Mr. Womack, seconded by Mrs. Seeley, to extend the contract of Superintendent Folse, commencing July 9, 2015 through July 1, 2019.*
President Loup asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public.

Mr. Dirmann said it was quite evident after the Superintendent’s evaluation a couple of weeks ago that with only one (1) year remaining in the Superintendent’s current contract, it hastened the Board to extend the contract as far as they could to guarantee stability within the School System. Mr. Dirmann said he fully supported the extension of the contract by three (3) years, and he said the contract carries the same terms and agreements that were in place in the original contract. Mr. Dirmann said it was purely a time extension on the contract, with the same clauses of the existing contract.

President Loup said Superintendent Folse is the right person in the right position, doing the right job, and doing what is absolutely best for the School System.

President Loup asked if there were any further questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Folse thanked President Loup, the Board Members, Mr. Womack and Mr. Dirmann for their kind words. Superintendent Folse said when you sit through a meeting like tonight and you see the people that are in this School System, and you see people that you count as former students, and you see people that you count as friends, and you see people that were your former teachers, and principals and administrators, you know that this is the greatest job in the world. Superintendent Folse thanked the Board for the opportunity to do his job for four (4) more years. Superintendent Folse said he knew there were many challenges ahead, but he knew that with teamwork, and the staff, and the principals, and the teachers, and the students, and the community and parents, that we would certainly succeed and continue to make this School System the best that it can be.

W. Approval of recommendations from the Committee As A Whole Human Resources/Education meeting held July 2, 2015.

Mrs. Heintz, Chair of the Committee As A Whole for Human Resources/Education, brought the following recommendations to the Board from the meeting held July 2, 2015.

1. Recommends approval of the revisions to the 2015-2016 Pupil Progression Plan.

It was moved by Mrs. Heintz, seconded by Mr. Dirmann, to accept the recommendation.

President Loup asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

X. Approval of recommendation from the Committee As A Whole Business Affairs/Administrative meeting held July 2, 2015.

Mr. Dirmann, Chair of the Committee As A Whole for Business Affairs/Administrative, brought the following recommendations to the Board from the meeting held July 2, 2015.

1. Recommends acceptance to purchase coverage through Arthur J. Gallagher, Riverlands Insurance Services and John W. Dussouy & Co., Inc. for Property Primary & Excess, Liability, Crime Boiler and Machinery, Workers Compensation and NFIP in the amount of $1,621,691.00.

It was moved by Mr. Dirmann, seconded by Mr. Cousin, to accept the recommendation.

President Loup asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public.

Mr. Bettencourt asked if this was a net decrease in the payments as compared to last year.

Mr. Dirmann replied yes, and said it was a $368,583.00 decrease.
Mr. Jabbia said a spreadsheet was included in the Board Members packets which included changes in the premiums over the last five (5) years.

President Loup asked if there were any further questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommends acceptance of Woodlake Elementary, Renovations, as substantially complete subject to the Architect’s recommendations, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Folse, STPSB Project No. 0820.

It was moved by Mr. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Drucker, to accept the recommendation.

President Loup asked if there were any further questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommends acceptance of Northshore High School, Track Resurfacing, as substantially complete subject to the Architect’s recommendations, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Folse, STPSB Project No. 1500.

It was moved by Mr. Cousin, seconded by Mrs. Bellisario, to accept the recommendation.

President Loup asked if there were any further questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommends authorization for Superintendent Folse and/or Board President Loup, to purchase a 0.878 Acre Parcel and a 0.956 acre Servitude situated in Section 11, T-9-S, R-14-E, near Little Oak Middle School.

It was moved by Mrs. Bellisario, seconded by Mr. Cousin, to accept the recommendation.

President Loup asked if there were any further questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Recommends adoption of a resolution relative to the annexation of the Boyet Jr. High and Little Oak Middle School campuses into the City of Slidell.

It was moved by Mrs. Bellisario, seconded by Mr. Womack, to accept the recommendation.

President Loup asked if there were any further questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.


It was moved by Mrs. Drucker, seconded by Mrs. Seeley, to accept the recommendation.

President Loup asked if there were any further questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

I, W. L. "Trey" Folse, III, Superintendent of the St. Tammany Parish School System, hereby certify that the following Board Members have successfully completed one (1) hour of annual training for 2015 mandated by LA. R.S. 17:53 as evidenced by the attached Certificates of Completion. The training was held on July 2, 2015.

Mary K. Bellisario    Stephen J. “Jack” Loup, III
Ronald “Ron” Bettencourt    Robin P. Mullett
Dennis S. Cousin    Michael C. Nation
Michael J. Dirmann    Peggy H. Seeley
Richard “Rickey” Hursey, Jr.    Robert R. “Bob” Womack
Willie B. Jeter

I request that this Certification and the Certificates of Completion be entered into the minutes of the St. Tammany Parish School Board for July 9, 2015.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT

President Loup said the New Teacher Induction Luncheon would be held on Tuesday, July 14 at the Treen Technology Center. He said Mr. Folse’s presentation would begin at 11:25 a.m. with the luncheon immediately following.

President Loup said there would be a special Board meeting on Thursday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of expulsion appeal hearings. He said there would also be a special Board meeting on Thursday, July 23 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of expulsion appeal hearings.

President Loup said the Administrators Conference would be held on July 22-24 at the Treen Technology Center.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. An Executive Session has been requested pursuant to LRS 42:17A(2) to discuss the following matters:

1. Oil Spill by the Oil Rig Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010: MDL 2179, Section: J, USDC Eastern District.

It was moved by Mr. Bettencourt, seconded by Mr. Hursey, to convene in Executive Session to discuss the above listed matter in accordance with the provisions of LRS 42:17A.(2).

President Loup asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public, and there were none.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Hennegan, Mrs. Heintz, Mr. Dirmann, Mr. Harrell, Mr. Nation, Mr. Jeter, Mrs. Seeley, Mrs. Drucker, Mr. Bettencourt, Mr. Womack, Mr. Hursey, Mrs. Mullett, Mr. Cousin, Mrs. Bellisario and Mr. Loup.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstaining: None.

The motion carried.

The Board met in Executive Session.

It was moved by Mr. Bettencourt, seconded by Mr. Hursey, to return to Open Session.
President Loup asked if there were any questions from the Board. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Seeley, seconded by Mr. Womack, to accept the advice of counsel in the following matters:

1. Oil Spill by the Oil Rig Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010: MDL 2179, Section: J, USDC Eastern District.

President Loup asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public, and there were none.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Hennegan, Mrs. Heintz, Mr. Dirmann, Mr. Harrell, Mr. Nation, Mr. Jeter, Mrs. Seeley, Mrs. Drucker, Mr. Bettencourt, Mr. Womack, Mr. Hursey, Mrs. Mullett, Mr. Alfred, Mrs. Bellisario and Mr. Loup.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstaining: None.

The motion carried.

VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Loup adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

/s/ W. L. "TREY" FOLSE, III
Secretary

/s/ STEPHEN J. “JACK” LOUP, III
President