ST. TAMMANY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES

August 9, 2012

The School Board of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, met in regular session on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at the Robert C. Brooks, Jr. Educational Complex, 2544 Sgt. Alfred Drive, Slidell, Louisiana, at seven (7:00) o’clock P.M., (Central Daylight Savings Time).

I. OPENING
   A. Roll Call


   There was absent: Neal M. Hennegan.

   B. Invocation

   C. Pledge of Allegiance

   President Loup called on Mrs. Heintz for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

   D. Recognition of Visitors

   President Loup thanked WWL Channel 4 News and the Time Picayune for outstanding coverage of the opening of schools for the 2012-2013 school session.

   1. Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, LSU AgCenter

   President Loup called on Mr. Rusty Batty, St. Tammany Parish Chair and County Agent, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service. Mr. Batty introduced his staff and they presented reports on the services provided by the LSU AgCenter.

   E. Special Recognition

   1. Press Club of New Orleans Award Presentation

   Superintendent Folse said the New Orleans Press Club awarded eight of its annual media awards to the St. Tammany Parish Public School System for outstanding media projects over the past year. Superintendent Folse said both Channel 13, the School System’s educational television channel, and the Department of Communications won top honors.

   Department of Communications Awards

   Angela Daviston – 1st place in Public Relations Photography for the “School System Showcase” and 1st place in Public Relations Infographics for the PowerPoint presentation on Proposition 1, 2, and 3 Millage Renewal.

   Channel 13

   Kevin Humphrey – 1st place in Sports Action Videography on the Elementary Fitness Meet video.


   Rhett Sharpe – 1st place Infographics – for his work on a video project called “Did You Know?”

   2. Telly Award Presentation

   Superintendent Folse announced Channel 13 had won another Telly Award for the video,
“Ashley Stokes: The Walk”. He said the co-producers of this special video were Dr. Melody Swang and John Harrison. Superintendent Folse presented them with their Telly Awards.

3. Attendance Awareness

Mr. Bill Brady, Assistant Superintendent, said success in school is based on good attendance and he encouraged students to attend school on a regular basis.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Bellisario, with a unanimous second:

WHEREAS, children are the top priority for the St. Tammany Parish School Board and educators earnestly work to ensure students grow into educated, responsible and caring life-long learners; and

WHEREAS, a student’s attendance in school can be directly tied to success in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, students who attend school regularly are more likely to graduate from high school, find gainful employment and typically earn at least 50% more than students who drop out of school; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana believes education is critically important and is dedicated to ensuring students receive as much classroom instruction as possible; and

WHEREAS, parents need to encourage their children to attend school each day; and

WHEREAS, students who habitually miss school are more likely to drop out of school and three quarters of the people incarcerated in this country are high school dropouts; and

WHEREAS, truant behavior negatively impacts the entire community through a variety of ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board does hereby proclaim the importance of Attendance Awareness and ask all educators, parents and students to support efforts to promote daily student attendance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board, with copies being sent to each school and office site to be posted as a sign that school attendance should be a priority for everyone.

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Five Minutes – None.

B. Three Minutes

Mr. Clark Rowley spoke in favor of study halls in junior high and high schools.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of minutes for the regular meeting held July 12, 2012.

It was moved by Mr. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Tipton, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held July 12, 2012.

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

B. Approval of minutes for the special meeting held July 17, 2012.
It was moved by Mrs. Seeley, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve the minutes from the special meeting held July 17, 2012.

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

C. Appropriate retirement resolutions on the following certificated personnel subsequent to July 12, 2012.

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Dirmann, seconded by Mr. Jeter:

WHEREAS, Megan T. Boesch, Special Education Resource Teacher, Harrison Curriculum Center, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Boesch was an educator for twenty-six and ninety-eight hundredths (26.98) years, seventeen (17.00) years in St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. Boesch 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. Boesch in appreciation for services rendered.

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WHEREAS, Erin F. Powell, Psychologist, Harrison Curriculum Center, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Powell was an educator for thirty (30.00) years, all in St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Ms. Powell 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 Ms. Powell in appreciation for services rendered.

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth H. Broom, Professional Development Coordinator, Jefferson East Center, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Broom was an educator for thirty-nine and forty-three hundredths (39.43) years, thirty-eight and ten hundredths (38.10) years in St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. Broom 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. Broom in appreciation for services rendered.

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

D. Appropriate retirement resolutions on the following non-certificated personnel subsequent to July 12, 2012.

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Womack, seconded by Mrs. Seeley:
WHEREAS, Velma L. Morgan, School Food Service Technician, Covington Elementary School, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morgan worked for seventeen and twenty-six hundredths (17.26) 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. Morgan 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. Morgan in appreciation for services rendered.

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WHEREAS, Carol G. Parent, Custodian, Honey Island Elementary School, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parent worked for twelve (12.00) 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. Parent 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. Parent in appreciation for services rendered.

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WHEREAS, Myra D. Brown, School Secretary II, St. Tammany Junior High School, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown worked for thirty-one and ninety-nine hundredths (31.99) 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. Brown 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. Brown in appreciation for services rendered.

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WHEREAS, Lee A. McMooain, Bus Owner/Operator, Transportation Center, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McMooain worked for twenty-three and sixteen hundredths (23.16) years, all in St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. McMooain 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. McMooain in appreciation for services rendered.

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WHEREAS, Cynthia C. Patterson, Bus Owner/Operator, Transportation Center, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Patterson worked for seventeen and fifteen hundredths (17.15) years, all in St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Ms. Patterson 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 Ms. Patterson in appreciation for services rendered.

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

E. Announcement of Assistant Principal at Magnolia Trace Elementary School.

Superintendent Folse recommended Ms. Denise McCormick for the position of Assistant Principal at Magnolia Trace Elementary School.

Mr. Bettencourt congratulated Ms. McCormick and presented her with a book, Schools Cannot Do It Alone: Building Public Support for America’s Public Schools by Jamie Vollmer.

F. Announcement of Assistant Principal at Northshore High School.

Superintendent Folse recommended Mr. Steve Alfonso, Jr. for the position of Assistant Principal at Northshore High School.

Mr. Lamarque congratulated Mr. Alfonso and presented him with a book, Schools Cannot Do It Alone: Building Public Support for America’s Public Schools by Jamie Vollmer.

G. Approval of recommendations from the Committee As A Whole Meeting held August 2, 2012.

Mr. Alfred, Chair of the Committee As A Whole for Business Affairs/Administrative, brought the following recommendations to the Board from the meeting held August 2, 2012.

1. Recommends acceptance of Bayou Lacombe Middle School, Reroofing of Renovated Wings, as substantially complete subject to the Architect’s recommendations, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Folse, STPSB Project No. 0809.4.

It was moved by Mr. Alfred, seconded by Mrs. Bellisario, 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.

2. Recommends acceptance of Alton Elementary School, Additions and Renovations, as substantially complete subject to the Architect’s recommendations, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Folse, STPSB Project No. 0901.

It was moved by Mr. Alfred, seconded by Mrs. Seeley, 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.

3. Recommends acceptance of Covington High, Phase II Reroofing of Main Building, as substantially complete subject to the Architect’s recommendations, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Folse, STPSB Project No. 0912.2.

It was moved by Mr. Dirmann, seconded by Mrs. Heintz, 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.
4. Recommends acceptance of Mandeville High School, Soffit and Fascia Replacement, as substantially complete subject to the Architect’s recommendations, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Folse, STPSB Project No. 1110.

*It was moved by Mr. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Tipton, 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.*

5. Recommends acceptance of Lee Road Jr. High School, Reroofing of Original Building, as substantially complete subject to the Architect’s recommendations, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Folse, STPSB Project No. 1113.

*It was moved by Mr. Womack, seconded by Mrs. Heintz, 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.*

6. Recommends acceptance of Slidell Jr. High School, Reroofing and Waterproofing, as substantially complete subject to the Architect’s recommendations, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Folse, STPSB Project No. 1122.

*It was moved by Mr. Lamarque, seconded by Mrs. Mullett, 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.*

7. Recommends acceptance of Covington High and Fontainebleau High Schools, Track Resurfacing, as substantially complete subject to the Architect’s recommendations, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Folse, STPSB Project No. 1126.

*It was moved by Mr. Bettencourt, seconded by Mr. Jeter, 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.*

8. Recommends acceptance that the assignment to the Type I-B Services for Architectural/Engineering Design Services Rotation pool be extended for one year for the following firms:

- J. V. Burkes & Associates, Inc.
- Dammon Engineering, Inc.
- Drake Engineering
- Duplantis Design Group
- Faunteroy Latham Weldon Barré Architects, APC
- G.E.C., Inc. (formerly Krebs, LaSalle, LeMieux)
- Gasaway-Gasaway-Bankston
- Holly & Smith Architects
- KVS Architecture & Associates
- Kyle Associates, LLC
- Richard C. Lambert Consultants, LLC
- Kelly McHugh & Associates, Inc.
- MSH Architects
- Perez, APC
- Brett Petry Architect, LLC
- Piazza Architecture Planning
- Pinnacle Engineering, LLC
- Ritter Consulting Engineers, Ltd.
- Verges Rome Architects, APAC
- WDG Architects Engineers
It was moved by Mrs. Bellisario, seconded by Mr. Jeter, 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.

9. Recommends acceptance that the assignment to the Type II-A/II-B Technical Services be extended for one year for the following firms:

   A. Recommends the following firms for Land Surveying:
      1. BFM Corporation, LLC
      3. G.E.C. Inc. (formerly Krebs, LaSalle, LeMieux)
      4. GSE Associates, LLC
      6. Turner Surveys, LLC

   B. Recommends the following firms for Geotechnical Services:
      2. Eustis Engineering, LLC
      3. Professional Service Industries, Inc.

   C. Recommends the following firms for Materials Testing:
      1. Beta Testing & Inspection, LLC
      2. Eustis Engineering, LLC
      3. Professional Service Industries, Inc.
      4. Southern Earth Sciences, Inc.

It was moved by Mrs. Seeley, seconded by Mr. Jeter, 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.

10. Recommends acceptance of Revised Tenure Policy as per Act 1 of the 2012 Legislative Session.

It was moved by Mr. Alfred, seconded by Mrs. Heintz, 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.

11. Recommends acceptance of Revised Reduction In Force (RIF) Policy as per Act 1 of the 2012 Legislative Session.

It was moved by Mr. Jeter, seconded by Mrs. Seeley, 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.

12. Recommends acceptance of the following New Job Descriptions: Principal, Assistant Principal, Guidance Counselor, and Librarian.

It was moved by Mrs. Heintz, seconded by Mrs. Bellisario, 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.


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

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

Mr. Lamarque said he would not vote in favor of 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 with Mr. Alfred and Mr. Lamarque voting nay.


It was moved by Mr. Alfred, seconded by Mr. Womack, 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.

The final Revised Budgets for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 are attached to the minutes as Attachment #1 and Attachment #2.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT

President Loup said a Public Hearing for the 2012-2013 proposed budgets would be held on Thursday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the C. J. Schoen Administrative Complex in Covington.

President Loup said a Committee As A Whole meeting for Human Resources/Education would be held on Thursday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the C. J. Schoen Administrative Complex in Covington.

V. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Loup adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.