

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EVANGELINE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Ville Platte, Louisiana

August 7, 2019

Members of the Evangeline Parish School Board met this day in a regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 P.M. at the Media Center, 607 Harvey LeBas Drive, Ville Platte, Louisiana.

Board members present were Mrs. Karen Vidrine, Ms. Georgianna Wilson, Ms. Wanda Skinner (entered 6:03), Mr. Arthur Savoy, Mr. Micheal W. Fontenot, Dr. Bobby Deshotel, Board President Wayne Dardeau, Board Vice-President Scott Limoges, Mrs. Sheila Joseph, Mrs. Peggy Forman, Ms. Nancy Hamlin, and Mr. Ellis Guillory, Sr. (entered 6:03)

Board member absent was Mr. Lonnie Sonnier.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Darwan Lazard, Assistant Superintendent Michael Lombas, CFO Amy Lafleur, Board Attorney Betsy Jackson, Director Kelli Lafleur (Special Education), Supervisors John Deranger (Technology Coordinator), John Deshotel (Acting CTE, textbooks, transportation and secondary), Jason Hazelton (Maintenance & Operations Facilitator), Linda Lafleur (elementary), Penny McDaniel (Title I), Grace Sibley (Title I), and Keith Scott (Acting special education). Principal present was Debby Soileau (VE).

Board President Wayne Dardeau declared a quorum and ordered members to proceed with the business of the day at 6:00 p.m.

It was moved by Board Vice-President Scott Limoges, seconded by Mr. Micheal W. Fontenot, and recommended by Superintendent Darwan Lazard to add New Business Items #13 and #14 to the agenda.

There was no objection, question or comment from board members or audience in attendance.

Voting for the motion were Mrs. Karen Vidrine, Ms. Georgianna Wilson, Mr. Arthur Savoy, Mr. Micheal W. Fontenot, Dr. Bobby Deshotel, Board President Wayne Dardeau, Board Vice-President Scott Limoges, Mrs. Sheila Joseph, Mrs. Peggy Forman, and Ms. Nancy Hamlin.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #1 – It was moved by Mrs. Karen Vidrine, seconded by Ms. Georgianna Wilson, and recommended by Superintendent Darwan Lazard to approve minutes of previous meeting dated July 17, 2019.

There was no objection, question or comment from board members or audience in attendance.

Voting for the motion were Mrs. Karen Vidrine, Ms. Georgianna Wilson, Mr. Arthur Savoy, Mr. Micheal W. Fontenot, Dr. Bobby Deshotel, Board President Wayne Dardeau, Board Vice-President Scott Limoges, Mrs. Sheila Joseph, Mrs. Peggy Forman, and Ms. Nancy Hamlin.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Wanda Skinner and Mr. Ellis Guillory entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Item #2 – Special Education Director Kelli Lafleur announced two EPSB District employees were recognized for their passion and commitment shown for the young people they serve in the jobs for America's Graduates Program. Both JAG Specialists successfully completed an on-site compliance monitoring of the JAG-LA programs, from the National Accreditation Team, during their year of transition, with no findings.

On July 7th – 12th in Orlando, Florida at the 36th Annual National Training Seminar both specialists gathered to celebrate, as an organization and as individuals, the people who carry out the work of Jobs for America's Graduates. Special Education Director Kelli Lafleur announced that tonight we wish to recognize the District's two (2) JAG specialists.

Ms. Jaslyn Griffith is a 1st year JAG Specialist implementing the Accelerated Interventions for the Middle School JAG AIM High Model Program at Bayou Chicot Elementary School. This Bayou Chicot Elementary School program had thirty (30) participants with 69% identified as one or more grades behind their peers. Some participants had IEP's and some had behavioral issues. Ms. Griffith has

exceeded our State Metrics Performance Outcome with an extraordinary promotion rate of 50% promoted to the 9th grade and 50% behavioral issues reduced.

Ms. Dianna Johnson is a veteran to the JAG Program and implemented the JAG-LA Multi-Year School Model Program for the first time at Ville Platte High School. Ms. Johnson achieved the “5 of 5” Performance Award for multi-year school. This program is currently serving 45 – 50 participants with 40% identified as one or more grades behind their peers and is providing follow-up services for an additional 20 participants. This program has achieved an extraordinary 95.8% graduation rate, exceeding National Performance Metrics as well as the State Affiliates of 90% graduation rate; 65% employment rate; 50% full-time engagement rate and enrollment in higher education.

Special Education Director Kelli Lafleur congratulated Ms. Jasalyn Griffith and Ms. Dianna Johnson for a job well done.

Item # 3 – Board President Wayne Dardeau reminded board members the Financial Disclosure Statement for 2019-2020 must be submitted to Ethics no later than thirty (30) days after the start of school for the 2019-2020 school year. A copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement was provided in each board member’s packet. **(08012019RM Attachment #01)**

There was no question or comment from board members or audience in attendance.

Item # 4 – Evangeline Parish’s quarterly Educational Excellence Fund Investment Report was presented for review. The report shows a June 30, 2019 fund balance of \$1,406,768.51. **(08072019RM Attachment #02)**

There was no question or comment from board members or audience in attendance.

Item # 5 – Technology Coordinator John Deranger gave an update to internet security issues. Mr. Deranger informed board members that for the past week and a half, all school boards throughout the state have been under a “ransom ware attack”. This is an attack where software is implemented in your software that attaches to your data and it locks up the data. Then a ransom is asked for in return for unlocking your data. If the ransom is not paid, your data becomes unreadable, you cannot access it and it cannot be utilized. It has been reported that four (4) districts across the state have been “hit”. One district was “hit” so significantly that all of their data was “wiped out”, including their back-up.

The state became proactive along with cyber terrorism experts from the national guard and implemented six (6) phases of steps to be taken to protect our data. The first step was to shut down the internet to all EPSB sites. This was done at the end of last week. The second step was to bring the internet up to selected services that were needed such as JPAMS, Munis, telephone system, email, state and federal government sites and child nutrition services. The third step was to implement all of our necessary servers and programs were being backed up properly and being protected. The rest of the steps were completed with the exception of being the internet back up at the schools. The Central Office and Media Center have been brought back up completely. Mr. Deranger stated he is working with the state to determine a feasible time to bring the schools back up with internet. All network traffic will continue to be monitored to ensure there are no compromises. If any compromise is detected we will go back into “protective mode” to protect all of our data, data of our students, and our financial data. All supervisors and principals have been alerted to the steps we have taken to this point and what will happen from this point going forward.

There was no question or comment from board members or audience in attendance.

Item # 6 – An addendum to the Athletic Handbook was submitted for approval. **(08072019RM Attachment #03)** The addendum includes:

- The Evangeline Parish School Board will be assessed an annual fee of \$500.00 and each school will be assessed an annual fee of \$50.00, to help defray costs of the Parish Track Meet. Fee is to be paid to the host school of the Parish Meet.
- Parish Varsity Meet will be held the 1st Friday of April unless it falls during the Easter Holidays. If it falls within the Easter Holidays, it will then be moved to the following

Friday.

- Parish Elementary Meet will be held on the Tuesday before the Varsity Meet.
- No parish school shall schedule or participate in any other tournament while any Evangeline Parish athletic tournament is being hosted
- Background checks must be performed on any new EPSB employee, volunteer, CECP coach, etc.

It was moved by Mr. Arthur Savoy, seconded by Mrs. Peggy Forman, and recommended by Superintendent Darwan Lazard to approve Addendum to the Athletic Handbook, as presented.

There was no question or comment from board members or audience in attendance.

Voting for the motion Mrs. Karen Vidrine, Ms. Georgianna Wilson, Ms. Wanda Skinner, Mr. Arthur Savoy, Mr. Micheal W. Fontenot, Dr. Bobby Deshotel, Board President Wayne Dardeau, Board Vice-President Scott Limoges, Mrs. Sheila Joseph, Mrs. Peggy Forman, Ms. Nancy Hamlin, and Mr. Ellis Guillory, Sr.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item # 7 – CFO Amy Lafleur reminded board members that some time last year they approved an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease to Southwind Oil (previously granted to Banff Energy, LLC). The company Southland Oil has assigned this lease to Equinor Louisiana Properties, LLC (ELP). It is necessary for this changing of assignment to be acknowledged by the Evangeline Parish School Board.

It was moved by Board Vice-President Scott Limoges, seconded by Mrs. Sheila Joseph to acknowledge the assignment of the Subject Lease from Southwind to ELP.

There was no question or comment from board members or audience in attendance.

Mrs. Karen Vidrine, Ms. Georgianna Wilson, Ms. Wanda Skinner, Mr. Arthur Savoy, Mr. Micheal W. Fontenot, Dr. Bobby Deshotel, Board President Wayne Dardeau, Board Vice-President Scott Limoges, Mrs. Sheila Joseph, Mrs. Peggy Forman, Ms. Nancy Hamlin, and Mr. Ellis Guillory, Sr.

Item # 8 – Price quotes for Central A/C System for James Stephens Montessori School cafeteria using Parish-wide Maintenance was presented.

VENDOR	PRICE QUOTE
Demoruelle’s AC & Heating	\$ 6,119.00
Vallet Refrigeration	\$ 6,157.00
Possum’s AC Repair	\$ 6,200.00

It was moved by Ms. Georgianna Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Peggy Forman, and recommended by Superintendent Darwan Lazard to approve price quote from Demoruelle’s AC & Heating, in the amount of \$6,119.00, for Central A/C System for James Stephens Montessori School cafeteria using Parish-wide Maintenance.

There was no objection, question or comment from board members or audience in attendance.

Voting for the motion were Mrs. Karen Vidrine, Ms. Georgianna Wilson, Ms. Wanda Skinner, Mr. Arthur Savoy, Mr. Micheal W. Fontenot, Dr. Bobby Deshotel, Board President Wayne Dardeau, Board Vice-President Scott Limoges, Mrs. Sheila Joseph, Mrs. Peggy Forman, Ms. Nancy Hamlin, and Mr. Ellis Guillory, Sr.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #9 – The following requisition(s) was presented for ratification/approval:

- A. Ratification of Bertrand’s Office Supply -- \$27,216.00 for letter size copy machine paper using General Fund (Requested by Superintendent Darwan Lazard and presented by CFO Amy Lafleur)
- B. Ratification of Amplify -- \$ 12,350.84 Instructional Curriculum for Response to Intervention for VPE 2nd graders using Title I (\$9,150.84) and Title II (\$3,200.00) (Requested by Superintendent Darwan Lazard and presented by Title I Director Maryann Fontenot)
- C. American Reading Company -- \$6,462.39 for Anchor Text and related resources for classroom teachers using textbook fund (Requested by Superintendent Darwan Lazard and presented by Supervisor Linda Lafleur)

It was moved by Mrs. Peggy Forman, seconded by Mr. Micheal W. Fontenot, and recommended by Superintendent Darwan Lazard to approve/ratify requisitions presented with the correction of funding source of #9A from General Fund to Parish-wide Maintenance Fund.

There was no objection, question or comment from board members or audience in attendance.

Voting for the motion were Mrs. Karen Vidrine, Ms. Georgianna Wilson, Ms. Wanda Skinner, Mr. Arthur Savoy, Mr. Micheal W. Fontenot, Dr. Bobby Deshotel, Board President Wayne Dardeau, Board Vice-President Scott Limoges, Mrs. Sheila Joseph, Mrs. Peggy Forman, Ms. Nancy Hamlin, and Mr. Ellis Guillory, Sr.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bobby Deshotel asked Superintendent Lazard to look into the situation of the turnaround at Basile High School. Dr. Deshotel stated that in the specifications of the BHS project there was suppose to be enlarging of the parking lot along with cutting of the fence and installing a turnaround for traffic to exit on Hwy. 190. The parking lot has been enlarged, the fence has been cut and gates installed, but the turnaround across the canal or ditch has not been installed.

Superintendent Lazard stated he would look into the matter and report back to Dr. Deshotel.

Item #10 – The following invoices were presented for payment:

- A. Rickey Vidrine – \$7,500.00 for movable concession stand building for Pine Prairie High School baseball program using 50% Parish-wide Maintenance Fund and 50% Pine Prairie High School funds (Requested and presented by Superintendent Darwan Lazard)
- B. Louisiana School Board Association (LSBA) -- \$9,207.00 for annual dues for fiscal year 2019-2020 using General Fund (Requested and presented by Superintendent Darwan Lazard)
- C. LSU Ag Center - \$39,415.00 for salary contributions for Louisiana Cooperative Extension Personnel for Educational Training using General Fund (Requested and presented by Superintendent Darwan Lazard)
- D. Tyler Technologies – \$ 49,061.04 for annual renewal of Munis using General Fund (Requested by Superintendent Darwan Lazard and presented by CFO Amy Lafleur)
- E. Yeager, Watson & Associates -- \$59,558.05 for Architectural Design & reimbursable expenses related to Project #2017-10, Athletic Track Resurfacing for Basile High School using Basile bond proceeds (Requested by Superintendent Darwan Lazard and presented by Maintenance & Operations Facilitator Jason Hazelton)
- F. Yeager, Watson & Associates -- \$39,576.47 for Architectural Design and reimbursable expenses related to Project #2017-19, Additions and Alterations to WWS using Basile bond proceeds (Requested by Superintendent Darwan Lazard and presented by Maintenance & Operations Facilitator Jason Hazelton)
- G. Yeager, Watson & Associates -- \$44,792.40 for Architectural Design and reimbursable expenses related to Project #2014-15, New Teacher Training & Technology Center using Parish-wide Maintenance (Requested by Superintendent Darwan Lazard and presented by Maintenance & Operations Facilitator Jason Hazelton)

It was moved by Mr. Ellis Guillory, Sr., seconded by Mrs. Karen Vidrine, and recommended by Superintendent Darwan Lazard to approve payment of invoices, as presented.

There was no objection, question or comment from board members or audience in attendance.

Voting for the motion were Mrs. Karen Vidrine, Ms. Georgianna Wilson, Ms. Wanda Skinner, Mr. Arthur Savoy, Mr. Micheal W. Fontenot, Dr. Bobby Deshotel, Board President Wayne Dardeau, Board Vice-President Scott Limoges, Mrs. Sheila Joseph, Mrs. Peggy Forman, Ms. Nancy Hamlin, and Mr. Ellis Guillory, Sr.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #11 – Personnel matters were presented as information:

Item #11A – **PERSONNEL CHANGES/RESIGNATIONS; RETIREMENTS; REASSIGNMENTS; TERMINATIONS:**

BAYOU CHICOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Jada Brown, Title I paraprofessional reclassified to pre-kindergarten paraprofessional (replacing Phyllis Eaves) effective 8/9/2019

CHATAIGNIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Rebecca Fontenot, assistant principal (replacing Sandra Kim Manuel), reassigned from Ville Platte Elementary School effective 2019-2020 school year

Jessica Ardoin, regular education (elementary) teacher (replacing David Ardoin) reassigned from Ville Platte Elementary School effective 8/9/2019

EVANGELINE CENTRAL

Sally Moreaux, interim behavior strategist (12 month), reassigned from Ville Platte Elementary School and reclassified from principal effective 2019-2020 school year

Robert Soileau, physical education teacher (reclassified from behavior strategist) effective 8/9/2019

James Shiver, alternative academic/ECAPPS teacher submitted letter of resignation effective 7/25/2019

JAMES STEPHENS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Jerry Bottley, assistant principal (replacing Chenile Tezeno), reassigned from Ville Platte Elementary School effective 2019-2020 school year

MAMOU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sandra Kim Manuel, assistant principal (replacing Jacob Toby Doucet), reassigned from Chataignier Elementary School effective 2019-2020 school year

Jennifer Monier, regular education (kindergarten) teacher, reclassified to regular education (elementary) teacher (replacing Johnell Celestine) effective 8/9/2019

Lacie Soileau, Title I teacher, (reassigned from Mamou High School) effective 8/9/2019

Tressa Aguillard, paraprofessional (French Immersion Program) (reassigned from Vidrine Elementary School) effective 8/9/2019

MAMOU HIGH SCHOOL

Neili Reed, regular education teacher (replacing Lorraine Doucet), reassigned from Vidrine Elementary School effective 8/9/2019

Emily Ortego, regular education teacher submitted letter of resignation effective 7/17/2019

PINE PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL

Patrick Guillory, interim assistant principal (replacing Katrina Ardoin), reassigned from Vidrine Elementary School and reclassified from regular education teacher effective 8/9/2019

Jacob Toby Doucet, assistant principal (replacing Kimberly McCauley), reassigned from Mamou Elementary School effective 2019-2020 school year

Trinitey Johnson, special education teacher, submitted letter of resignation effective 8/2/2019

Aubree Fontenot, regular education/business teacher, resigned effective 7/26/2019

Christopher Matthew Fontenot, regular education teacher (reassigned from Bayou Chicot Elementary School) effective 8/9/2019

Esther Blood, librarian/regular education teacher, submitted letter of resignation effective 8/2/2019

VIDRINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Johnell Celestine, interim assistant principal (replacing Greg Guillory), reassigned from Mamou Elementary School and reclassified from regular education teacher effective 2019-2020 school year

Lorraine Doucet, regular education teacher (replacing Neili Reed), reassigned from Mamou High School effective 8/9/2019

Alice Pitre, special education (elementary) teacher (reassigned from Mamou High School) effective 8/9/2019

Lori Guillory, librarian, submitted letter of resignation effective 7/25/2019

Nicole Angelique Manuel, librarian/regular education teacher (reclassified from regular education kindergarten teacher) (replacing Lori Guillory) effective 8/9/2019

Megan Villery, regular education kindergarten teacher (reclassified from regular education elementary teacher) (replacing Nicole Angelique Manuel) effective 8/9/2019

VILLE PLATTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Katrina Ardoin, interim principal (replacing Sally Moreaux), reassigned from Pine Prairie High School and reclassified from interim assistant principal effective 2019-2020 school year

David Ardoin, interim assistant principal (replacing Rebecca Fontenot), reassigned from Chataignier Elementary School and reclassified from regular education teacher effective 2019-2020 school year

Lisa Jack, interim assistant principal (replacing Jerry Bottley), reassigned from Vidrine Elementary School and reclassified from regular education teacher effective 2019-2020 school year

Jodi Andrus, regular education teacher reclassified to core recovery teacher (Title I school-wide) effective 8/9/2019

VILLE PLATTE HIGH SCHOOL

Jonathan Hagan, regular education teacher, not re-appointed for 2019-2020 school year

Joseph Betson, regular education teacher, submitted letter of resignation effective 7/25/2019

W.W. STEWART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Rachelle Berzas, school nurse, submitted letter of resignation effective 7/25/2019

Chelsie Guidry, pre-kindergarten paraprofessional, submitted letter of resignation effective 7/19/2019

Item #11B – RE-APPOINTMENT/APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

BASILE HIGH SCHOOL

Miranda Young, special education (elementary) teacher

BAYOU CHICOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Rebecca Stelly, special education (elementary) teacher

EVANGELINE CENTRAL

Tricia Richard, alternative academic/ECAPPS teacher (replacing James Shiver) effective 8/9/2019

JAMES STEPHENS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Julie Landreneau, part-time master teacher (not to exceed 20 hours per month; Title I school-wide funding) effective 7/1/2019

MAMOU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Breanna Veillon, regular education (kindergarten) teacher (replacing Jennifer Monier) effective 8/9/2019

MAMOU HIGH SCHOOL

Monique Limoges, regular education (elementary) teacher (replacing Emily Ortego) effective 8/9/2019

Kelsey Pellerin, regular education (elementary) teacher (replacing Lacie Soileau) effective 8/9/219

Laura Reed, regular education (elementary) teacher (replacing Alice Pitre) effective 8/9/2019

PINE PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL

Ted Fontenot, interim assistant principal (replacing Dawn Hardy) effective 2019-2020 school year

Madeline Kelly, regular education (kindergarten) teacher for 1st semester (replacing personnel out on 1st semester sabbatical leave) effective 8/9/2019

Glynda Whitten, special education (high school) teacher (replacing Trinitey Johnson) effective 8/9/2019

VIDRINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lauren Powell, regular education (elementary) teacher (replacing Megan Villery), effective 8/9/2019

Kelli Fontenot, regular education (elementary) teacher (replacing Patrick Guillory) effective 8/9/2019

Susan Ardoin Holmes, regular education (elementary) teacher (replacing personnel out on 2019-2020 sabbatical leave, effective 8/9/2019

VILLE PLATTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kara Smith, regular education teacher (replacing Jessica Ardoin), reassigned from Chataignier

Elementary School effective 8/9/2019

VILLE PLATTE HIGH SCHOOL

John Babineaux, regular education (high school) teacher effective 8/9/201

Kimberly McCauley, regular education teacher (reclassified from interim assistant principal and reassigned from Pine Prairie High School) effective 8/9/2019

MEDIA CENTER

Susan Kay Fontenot, professional development provider (20 hours per week as needed; Title I administrative funding) effective 7/1/2019

Neva Elaine Deshotels, English Learner Coach (20 hours per week as needed; Title I administrative funding) effective 7/1/2019

Item #11C – RE-APPOINTMENT/APPOINTMENT OF SUPPORT PERSONNEL FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

EVANGELINE CENTRAL

Lori Israel, special education paraprofessional (filling vacancy) effective 8/9/2019

JAMES STEPHENS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Christine Freeman, lunchroom technician effective 8/8/2019

Donna Robert, before care provider (2 ½ hours per day/5 days per week) effective 8/19/2019

Christian deBlanc, after care provider (2 ½ hours per day/5 days per week) effective 8/19/2019

Cornelius Hill, after care provider (2 ½ hours per day/5 days per week) effective 8/19/2019

Anitria Jack, after care provider (2 ½ hours per day/5 days per week) effective 8/19/2019

Ida Jack, after care provider (2 ½ hours per day/5 days per week) effective 8/19/2019

Kyra Simon, after care provider (2 ½ hours per day/5 days per week) effective 8/19/2019

MAMOU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Amy Berzas, school secretary (replacing Sheila Aymond) effective 8/1/2019

VILLE PLATTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lise Jones, paraprofessional (French Immersion)

Lakriesha Ben, paraprofessional (library) (filling vacancy) effective 8/9/2019

Regina Thomas, mentor (6 ½ hours per day/2 days per week; Title I Direct Student Services funding) effective 8/14/2019

Courtney Anderson, art/music mentor tech (3 ½ hours per day; Title I Direct Student Services funding) effective 8/13/2019

Michelle Henry, art/music mentor tech (3 ½ hours per day; Title I Direct Student Services funding) effective 8/13/2019

Martin Jason, art/music mentor tech (3 ½ hours per day; Title I Direct Student Services funding) effective 8/13/2019

Shaquanta Lawrence, art/music mentor tech (3 ½ hours per day; Title I Direct Student Services funding) effective 8/13/2019

Nicole Malbrew, art/music mentor tech (3 ½ hours per day; Title I Direct Student Services funding) effective 8/13/2019

Jermaine Tezeno, art/music mentor tech (3 ½ hours per day; Title I Direct Student Services funding) effective 8/13/2019

W.W. STEWART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Jacquelyn Winbush, pre-kindergarten paraprofessional (8g) (replacing Chelsie Guidry) effective 8/9/2019

Item #11D – LEAVE REQUESTS FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

JAMES STEPHENS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Sara Bergeron, regular education teacher, requested and granted maternity leave (six weeks post-delivery) and leave without pay (four weeks following end of maternity leave) and effective August 9, 2019 through September 17, 2019; date expected to return to work is September 18, 2019

VIDRINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Nicole Simoneaux, regular education teacher, requested and granted sabbatical leave for the 2019-2020 school year

NEW BUSINESS Item #13 – The following invoices(s) were submitted for payment:

- A. Ceaser Construction, LLC -- \$15,880.00 for final payment for elevation of Mamou High School gymnasium floor using Parish-wide Maintenance Fund

(Requested by Superintendent Darwan Lazard and presented by Maintenance & Operations Facilitator Jason Hazelton)

- B. Bayou Rapides Corporation -- \$83,682.04 for payment #2 on Pine Prairie High School Cafe using IDEA (Requested by Superintendent Darwan Lazard and presented by Maintenance & Operations Facilitator Jason Hazelton)
- C. Industrial Roofing & Construction, LLC -- \$68,482.04 for replacing of gymnasium at James Stephens Montessori School using Parish-wide Maintenance (Requested by Superintendent Darwan Lazard and presented by Maintenance & Operations Facilitator Jason Hazelton)
- D. Amplified IT -- \$18,500.00 – for Sync Up and create Google student accounts using Clearwire Funds (Requested by Superintendent Darwan Lazard and presented by Technology Coordinator John Deranger)
- E. Deshotel's Floor Covering -- \$13,120.00 for balance due on VC Tile flooring in classrooms in main building at Ville Platte Elementary School (project approved at board meeting of 2/20/2019)

It was moved by Ms. Nancy Hamlin, seconded by Mrs. Peggy Forman, and recommended by Superintendent Darwan Lazard to approve payment of invoices, as presented.

There was no objection, question or comment from board members or audience in attendance.

Voting for the motion were Mrs. Karen Vidrine, Ms. Georgianna Wilson, Ms. Wanda Skinner, Mr. Arthur Savoy, Mr. Micheal W. Fontenot, Dr. Bobby Deshotel, Board President Wayne Dardeau, Board Vice-President Scott Limoges, Mrs. Sheila Joseph, Mrs. Peggy Forman, Ms. Nancy Hamlin, and Mr. Ellis Guillory, Sr.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #14 – Supervisor Grace Sibley informed board members that for the 6th or 7th straight year Evangeline Parish School District has had either a regional or state finalist in the Teacher of the Year or Principal of the Year and for the third time in the last six years the Evangeline Parish School District has had someone who has made it to the state finalist. Years ago, Mrs. Susan Kay Fontenot was named “Louisiana State Elementary Teacher of the Year”, the first for Evangeline Parish. More recently, Mrs. Cherie Fontenot became our first Louisiana State Elementary Principal of the Year winner; Ms. Elizabeth Chatelain became Louisiana State High School Principal of the Year finalist, and now Ms. Lisa Jack has been named 2020 Louisiana State Middle School Teacher of the Year. A standing ovation was given to Ms. Lisa Jack for being named 2020 Louisiana State Middle School Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Sibley stated that three teachers were chosen to represent Evangeline Parish in the “2020 Louisiana Teachers of the Year” Program. The state was very impressed with all three of our candidates. This is an example of the good things happening in the Evangeline Parish School District.

Item #12 – Superintendent's Comments (Superintendent's Comments were handled by Assistant Superintendent Michael Lombas):

- Assistant Superintendent Michael Lombas introduced the new 3rd grade French Immersion Teachers
 - Ms. Alice Renard will be teaching 3rd grade French Immersion at Mamou Elementary School. Ms. Renard is from Paris, France
 - Mr. Ali Sarr will be teaching 3rd grade French Immersion at Ville Platte Elementary School. Mr. Sarr is a native of Senegal, but has been a citizen of Ottawa, Canada for the last twelve (12) years
- Assistant Superintendent Michael Lombas thanked the Evangeline Parish community, Evangeline Parish administrators and staff, Evangeline Parish Rotary, and KVPI for the overwhelming generosity and support of the French Immersion Program and the French Immersion teachers. Through collected donations, furniture has been provided to both Ms. Renard and Ms. Sarr to completely furnish their apartments and each was given \$500 to help “set up” their apartments and help with moving expenses in coming to our country. The French Immersion teachers come to us through CODOFIL with a two year contract with an option of a third year. All of the French Immersion teachers, presently

employed, have asked to come back for a third year.

- Assistant Superintendent Michael Lombas read an email from CODOFIL Communications Officer Matt Mick. In the email, Mr. Mick states he has been contacted by Mr. Richard Fausset, a journalist with the New York Times’ southern office, based in Atlanta, regarding the possibility of writing about “a newly-arrived French Immersion teacher in a school outside of the usual destinations (i.e. New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette).” Mr. Mick stated he met with Alice Renard at the CODOFIL new teacher orientation in Baton Rouge and suggested her as a potential person for Mr. Fausset. Mr. Mick felt Ms. Renard was a good fit for the story idea. Mr Fausset is requesting to be allowed to follow Ms. Renard during the upcoming first days of the school year. Assistant Superintendent Michael Lombas stated he has spoken with Ms. Renard and she has agreed to allow Mr. Fausset to “shadow” her for the first couple of school days. Assistant Superintendent Michael Lombas stated we look forward to the publicity of our French Immersion Programs in the New York Times.
- Ms. Renard and Mr. Sarr will be interviewed on KVPI radio broadcast on Friday morning, August 9, 2019.
- The first day of student instruction is set for Tuesday, August 13, 2019
- The “LAUNCH” Ceremony for the 2019-2020 school year will be held Friday, August 9, 2019 at Ville Platte High School in the gymnasium beginning at 9:30 AM
- Assistant Superintendent Michael Lombas informed board members that the Women of the United Committee of the St. Landry-Evangeline United Way honored Superintendent Lazard with the “Man With Heart” award. This award was presented to Superintendent Lazard on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at the Opelousas Civic Center.

It was moved by Mrs. Peggy Forman, seconded by Mr. Ellis Guillory, Sr., and recommended by Superintendent Darwan Lazard to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

There was no objection, question or comment from board members or audience in attendance.

Voting for the motion were Mrs. Karen Vidrine, Ms. Georgianna Wilson, Ms. Wanda Skinner, Mr. Arthur Savoy, Mr. Micheal W. Fontenot, Dr. Bobby Deshotel, Board President Wayne Dardeau, Board Vice-President Scott Limoges, Mrs. Sheila Joseph, Mrs. Peggy Forman, Ms. Nancy Hamlin, and Mr. Ellis Guillory, Sr.

Motion carried unanimously.

President

Secretary-Treasurer