

Oberlin, Louisiana

June 12, 2017

The Allen Parish School Board met in regular session at the Allen Parish School Board Office in Oberlin, Louisiana, on Monday, June 12, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Gregory Monceaux, President; Cathy Farris, Vice-President; Carolyn Manuel; Sally Moreaux; Susie Reeves

Absent: Steven Sumbler and Jason Turner

The meeting began with the invocation given by Susie Reeves.

Motion by Susie Reeves, seconded by Cathy Farris, unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2017, regular meeting.

Motion by Carolyn Manuel, seconded by Cathy Farris, unanimously carried to approve the payment of bills authorized by the Finance Committee.

Motion by Carolyn Manuel, seconded by Cathy Farris, unanimously carried to adopt the 2017-2018 professional staff and support staff salary schedules effective July 1, 2017.

Motion by Cathy Farris, seconded by Carolyn Manuel, unanimously carried to approve the following retirements/resignations:

1. Kathaleen Melder, Elizabeth High School Bus Driver, retirement effective May 23, 2017
2. Leslie Ashy, Oakdale Elementary School Teacher, resignation effective May 23, 2017
3. Kelsey Rogers, Oakdale High School Teacher, resignation effective May 23, 2017
4. Sherry Maddox, Fairview High School Teacher, resignation effective May 23, 2017
5. Hannah Paul, Oakdale High School Teacher, resignation effective May 23, 2017
6. Andrew Fenton, Reeves High School Custodian, resignation effective May 30, 2017
7. Jamie Smith, Oakdale Middle School Assistant Principal, resignation effective June 30, 2017
8. Ashley Green, Kinder Elementary School Teacher, resignation effective May 23, 2017
9. Kristen Chambers, Reeves High School Teacher, resignation effective May 23, 2017
10. Sean Bean, Reeves High School Teacher, resignation effective May 23, 2017

Motion by Susie Reeves, seconded by Carolyn Manuel, unanimously carried to approve a medical sabbatical leave for Emily Pelican, Speech Therapist for Kinder Schools, effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion by Carolyn Manuel, seconded by Sally Moreaux, unanimously carried to authorize the superintendent to advertise for the following positions:

1. Assistant Principal for Oakdale Elementary School
2. Custodian for Reeves High School
3. Bus Driver for Oakdale Schools

Motion by Cathy Farris, seconded by Susie Reeves, unanimously carried to authorize the superintendent to advertise for an official journal for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Motion by Cathy Farris, seconded by Carolyn Manuel, unanimously carried to adopt the following policy revisions:

1. DIE – Records Retention
2. DJE – Purchasing
3. DJED – Bids and Quotations
4. DJEF – Requisitions and Purchases
5. JGCE – Child Abuse
6. DJA – Authorized Signatures
7. JBC – School Admission
8. JBCC – Student Assignment
9. JCDAC – Dangerous Weapons
10. JGCD – Administration of Medication
11. JGB – School Wellness

Motion by Carolyn Manuel, seconded by Cathy Farris, unanimously carried to adopt a resolution to authorize the superintendent to execute a contract between the Rapides Foundation and the Allen Parish School Board to participate in the 2017-2018 Effective Schools Grant.

Motion by Cathy Farris, seconded by Carolyn Manuel, unanimously carried to adopt a resolution to authorize the superintendent to execute a contract between the Rapides Foundation and the Allen Parish School Board to participate in the 2017-2018 Healthy Behavior School District Partnership Grant.

RESOLUTION DECLARING PUBLIC EMERGENCY

A resolution by the Allen Parish School Board to certify the existence of a public emergency and to provide notice of such emergency as required by Louisiana R.S. 38:2212 (P).

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017, a fire occurred at Oakdale Elementary School, which fire resulted in the total loss of the school building(s), furniture, fixtures, equipment, and supplies contained therein;

WHEREAS, as a result of the extensive damage caused by the fire, Oakdale Elementary School has been declared a total loss and will need to be reconstructed;

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 Allen Parish school year is scheduled to begin on August 7, 2017;

WHEREAS, the Allen Parish School Board will be unable to construct a new school prior to the commencement of the 2017-2018 school year, and will need to make temporary arrangements to house the approximately seven hundred (700) students who attend Oakdale Elementary School;

WHEREAS, in addition to the lease or purchase of the temporary structures, or any other accommodations, the Allen Parish School Board will need to purchase furniture, fixtures, supplies, equipment, and other materials and supplies that were damaged or destroyed by the fire and which are essential to the operation of Oakdale Elementary School for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year;

WHEREAS, the advertisement periods and other time delays required by Louisiana's Public Bid Law, La. R.S. 38:2211, *et seq.*, will not permit the Allen Parish School Board to make the necessary purchases to re-open Oakdale Elementary School prior to the start of the 2017-2018 school year and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana R.S. 38:2212 (P)(1)(a) provides that advertisements for public bids shall not apply in cases of public emergencies.

AND NOW, CONSIDERING THE FOREGOING:

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that the Allen Parish School Board, at a legally convened meeting held on June 12, 2017, hereby certifies that a public emergency exists due to the destruction and injury to its buildings and property as a result of the May 31, 2017 fire at Oakdale Elementary School, which requires the immediate purchase and/or lease of temporary classrooms, and/or any other accommodations, as well as the purchase of necessary furniture, fixtures, equipment, supplies and materials without the necessity of complying with the formalities of R.S. 38:2211, *et seq.*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that the Allen Parish School Board authorizes its Superintendent of Schools, and his designee(s) to negotiate contracts in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212 (P)(2) for the purchase, lease, or any other accommodations to serve as temporary classrooms for Oakdale Elementary School students until such time as a new, permanent school is constructed, as well as for the replacement of any and all necessary furniture, fixtures, equipment, materials and supplies that were damaged or destroyed in order to provide for the continued operation of Oakdale Elementary School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that notice of the provisions contained in this resolution shall be published in the official journal of the Allen Parish School Board within ten (10) days hereof.

Motion by Cathy Farris, seconded by Susie Reeves, unanimously carried:

YEAS: **5**

NAYS: **0**

ABSENT: **2** (Sumbler & Turner)

AND THE RESOLUTION was declared adopted on this 12th day of June, 2017.

Gregory Monceaux, President
Allen Parish School Board

Michael Doucet, Superintendent
Allen Parish School Board

Superintendent Doucet included the following items in his report to the Board:

1. The members of the Administrative Interview Committee for the 2017-2018 school year will be Kent Reed, Bridget Craft and Clarice Papillion representing supervisors and Pam Johnson and Kay Randolph representing school administrators.
2. Teachers and administrators have been actively participating in professional development this summer. Thirty-nine teachers and administrators recently attended the Teacher Leader Summit in New Orleans.
3. Summer school is being held through the month of June for EOC Remediation and Credit Recovery.
4. The Board received an update on the Oakdale Elementary School fire that destroyed nearly 80% of the school. As of today, the roof is still burning, but the area is being secured for safety. The maintenance crew is working on the part of the school that had little damage. Evaluations are being conducted on when and how to restore water and electricity to the part of the school that will be saved, as well as procedures to transport food for school lunches once school is back in session. The Rush family has donated the use of a building in Oakdale that will be used to hold items being donated to Oakdale Elementary School. Once the fire marshal and insurance company release their reports, more definite plans can be finalized. The Superintendent will hold a public meeting for the Oakdale Community once plans for the upcoming school year have been completed.
5. All parish principals were commended for their support to Oakdale Elementary School Principal Kay Randolph and her faculty during this tragic time. Sabine Parish School Board has offered to donate approximately 250 student desks. Other school systems have also reached out offering donations and assistance to Oakdale Elementary School.

Motion by Carolyn Manuel, seconded by Susie Reeves, unanimously carried to adjourn.

Gregory Monceaux, President
Allen Parish School Board

ATTEST:

Michael K. Doucet, Secretary
Allen Parish School Board