

Oberlin, Louisiana
September 11, 2017

The Allen Parish School Board met at the Allen Parish School Board Office in Oberlin, Louisiana, on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. to conduct a public hearing on the Consolidated Budget for FYE 2017 with the following members present:

Gregory Monceaux, President; Cathy Farris, Vice-President; Carolyn Manuel; Sally Moreaux; Susie Reeves; Steven Sumbler; and Jason Turner

The hearing began with the invocation given by Jason Turner.

President Monceaux called the hearing to order. Tammi Ritchie, Director of Finance, gave explanatory remarks and answered questions regarding the budget. Immediately following the hearing, the Board then convened into regular session.

President Monceaux introduced LSU AgCenter Assistant Extension Agent Brooke LaFargue to present the Allen Parish Annual Report. Junior Leaders briefly discussed plans for their Service Learning Project, "Childhood Cancer Awareness". The Board was thanked for their continued support of the 4-H programs.

Motion by Carolyn Manuel, seconded by Jason Turner, unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017, regular meeting.

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

Motion by Susie Reeves, seconded by Steven Sumbler, unanimously carried to approve the Budget Revision #1 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Motion by Steven Sumbler, seconded by Carolyn Manuel, unanimously carried to approve a resolution adopting the Consolidated Budget for FYE 2018.

Motion by Cathy Farris, seconded by Jason Turner, unanimously carried to approve the following retirements:

1. Hampton Courville, Jr., Kinder Elementary School Custodian, effective October 6, 2017
2. Josie Davis, Oakdale Elementary School Teacher, effective September 29, 2017

Motion by Carolyn Manuel, seconded by Steven Sumbler, unanimously carried to authorize the superintendent to advertise for a custodian for Kinder Elementary School.

Motion by Steven Sumbler, seconded by Carolyn Manuel, unanimously carried to authorize the superintendent to sign the required Louisiana Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist form reflecting a selection of or rejection of Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage. This selection is applicable to Commercial Automobile Insurance Coverage for the period of October 1, 2017, to October 1, 2018, as presented.

Motion by Jason Turner, seconded by Steven Sumbler, unanimously carried to approve Change Order #1 for the 2017 Fire Damage Demolition and Mitigation Work at Oakdale Elementary School. The Change Order is an increase of \$2,747.

Motion by Steven Sumbler, seconded by Jason Turner, carried to approve a one year extension to Superintendent Doucet's contract. The following vote was recorded:

Yeas: 6 (Manuel, Farris, Monceaux, Sumbler, Moreaux and Turner)
Nays: 0
Abstained: 1 (Reeves)
Absent: 0

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

1. Schools will be closed Friday, September 15th for Fair Day.
2. The Allen Parish School Board and eight other school systems are in partnership with The Rapides Foundation. The foundation is committed to improving the education of all of our students and a highlight of our 2017 Focus follows: Staff development will be ongoing throughout the year to improve on ELA, Science and Social Studies. Metamorphous Co. out of New York will be training teachers how to apply new math concepts. Supervisors will continue their training on the inquirer cycle to give feedback to the principals. The Inspiring Leaders Program, which is great training for future administrators, will be going in to Year Two. Also, the Board has committed \$41,940 for college credit which high school students can earn through our dual enrollment program.
3. Progress report on the Oakdale Elementary School project was given. The architect and Cohesive will begin designing the data wiring for the rebuilding of the school. Boise and their engineers are researching what they can provide and how materials will be brought to the site. Next week, lunches should be prepared on site for PreK-2nd grade students.

4. Superintendent Doucet expressed his appreciation to the Board their insight and leadership for rebuilding Oakdale Elementary School. The superintendent is honored to stay on for another year for the continuity and consistency needed to complete this timely project.

Motion by Jason Turner, seconded by Steven Sumbler, unanimously carried to adjourn.

Gregory Monceaux, President
Allen Parish School Board

ATTEST:

Michael K. Doucet, Secretary
Allen Parish School Board