

The Bienville Parish School Board met in regular session Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at the Bienville Parish School Board Office, 1956 First Street, Arcadia, Louisiana, with the following members present: Mr. Edward Mason, Jr., Mr. Mickey Hampton, Ms. Freddie Blow, Ms. Martha Grigg, Mr. Donald Calloway, and Dr. Larry Knotts. Absent: Ms. Bonita Reliford.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Larry Knotts, and the invocation was given by Ms. Freddie Blow, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Superintendent William Britt.

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton, passed, approving the agenda posted April 24, 2018 (as amended on April 30, 2018) for the May 1, 2018 regular meeting of the Bienville Parish School Board.

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton, passed, approving the minutes of the regular meeting on April 5, 2018 and special meeting on April 12, 2018 as distributed.

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, approving the following resolution approving Guin Machine, Inc. for the participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BIENVILLE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD APPROVING GUIN MACHINE, INC. FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM AT ARCADIA, LOUISIANA, 71001

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry (“BCI”), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, Guin Machine, Inc. has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption (“ITE”) and seeks approval of the BCI and the Governor for a contract granting that exemption; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards, through Executive Order JBE 16-26, has set forth the conditions for his approval of ITE contracts, and affirmed that those conditions are in the best interest of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-26 provides that ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments, or upon showing that investment in construction/modernization of the facility represents a compelling basis for retention of jobs and that the percentage of exemption from ad valorem taxes, and length of the contract for such exemption, may vary depending upon the nature of the project and its economic development benefit in accordance with guidance received from the Secretary of Economic Development and concurred in by the appropriate parish and/or municipal council, school board, and sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-26 mandates that each exemption contract approved by the Governor shall include as Exhibit “A” a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the ITE between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and the applicant for the ITE contract, which provides for the creation or retention of jobs, and provides for the exercise of the option in the Louisiana Constitution for the term or percentage of the parish ad valorem tax exemption granted in the contract, and provides for the reduction or loss of the exemption based upon the applicant’s compliance with the contract.

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-26 further requires that this school board, together with the other required local governmental entities signify consent to the terms of the exemption by resolution and the sheriff of this parish shall signify consent to the terms of the exemption by letter. Executive Order JBE 16-26 further provides that the resolutions of approval and the sheriff’s approval shall be attached as Exhibit “B” to the ITE contract between the BCI and Guin Machine, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Guin Machine, Inc. and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development have advised that certain terms and conditions forming Exhibit “A” to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract pending approval before the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry have been reached and have conveyed the same to this school board, and thus this matter is now ready for a determination of approval of this school board as required by Executive Order JBE 16-26,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that this school board finds that Guin Machine, Inc. has presented compelling evidence that as a result of the investment for which the exemption is sought, it will create/retain nine manufacturing jobs if this exemption is granted, approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract based on the inclusion of the following terms and conditions into Exhibit “A” (the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement) between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and Guin Machine, Inc. to the Industrial Tax Exemption contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and Guin Machine, Inc. with respect to its manufacturing plant located at Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

Nine Retained Direct Jobs at the Manufacturing Establishment
\$ 356,722.28 Payroll

(A) Term of Exemption Contract: Five (5) years at 100% subject to renewal for three (3) years at 80% (Maximum of initial term of 100% exemption for up to 5 years and renewal of 80% exemption for up to 3 years)

Documentation of the investment and yearly review of employment and payroll provided that a greater than 10% reduction of jobs or payroll may result in reconsideration of the terms of the exemption including the opportunity to renew the initial five year exemption under the terms provided above.

This Bienville Parish School Board further authorizes the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, on behalf of the Board of Commerce and Industry, to include this resolution in Exhibit "B" to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and Guin Machine, Inc.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by this school board, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Board of Commerce and Industry and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

THE FORGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ, AND, AFTER PUBLIC DISCUSSION, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Edward Mason, Jr., Mickey Hampton, Freddie Blow, Martha Grigg, Larry Knotts, and Donald Calloway.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Bonita Reliford.

ABSTAIN: None.

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this 1st day of May, 2018.

/s/ Larry Knotts

Dr. Larry Knotts, President
Bienville Parish School Board

Motion by Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow, passed, approving the school calendar for the 2018-2019 school year (*Calendar 1*).

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Mr. Edward Mason, Jr., passed, authorizing the Superintendent to advertise for bids for *Phase I* construction/renovations for School District I (Arcadia School Complex).

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow, passed, to acknowledge the following announcement by Superintendent Britt: "Announcement is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bienville Parish School Board Office, 1956 First Street, Arcadia, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of Bienville Parish, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held within Parishwide School District of the Parish of Bienville to authorize the continuation of ad valorem taxes." This announcement will be sent to local representatives informing them that the Bienville Parish School Board will be calling an election to continue this tax.

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton, passed, convening an executive session for agenda item #6 - to discuss strategy for pending litigation/arbitration pertaining to petition filed in the Second Judicial District Court, Bienville Parish, Job #2014-08 – All Weather Athletic Track at Gibsland-Coleman High School.

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton, passed, reconvening the regular session of the Board.

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton, passed, authorizing the Superintendent to act on behalf of the Board as it relates to Job #2014-08 – All Weather Athletic Track at Gibsland-Coleman High School.

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Ms. Martha Grigg, passed, approving the following request for use of school facilities:

Gibsland-Coleman Alumni Association, Reunion/Raise Funds for Scholarships
Gibsland-Coleman High School Baseball/Softball Field, Cafeteria, and Gymnasium – June 29, 30, July 1, 2018

La. District Section 11 Youth, Community Prayer Rally
Ringgold Elementary Gymnasium – August 31, 2018

Motion by Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Ms. Martha Grigg, passed, authorizing the issuance of a one-time stipend in the amount of \$3,000 to certificated personnel and \$2,000 to support personnel to be disbursed on May 21, 2018.

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow, passed, convening an executive session for agenda item #10 – to finalize the Superintendent’s contract.

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Ms. Martha Grigg, passed, reconvening the regular session of the Board.

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow, passed, approving a two (2) year contract for newly appointed School Superintendent William Wysinger with an effective date of June 1, 2018.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Mr. Edward Mason, Jr., passed, adjourning the meeting.

/s/ William Britt

/s/ Dr. Larry Knotts

William Britt, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board

Dr. Larry Knotts, President
Bienville Parish School Board

CERTIFICATE

I, William Britt, Secretary of Bienville Parish School Board, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings of the regular meeting of the Board, May 1, 2018.

/s/ William Britt

William Britt, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board