

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
VERMILION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

August 16, 2017

The School Board met this day in regular session at 216 South Jefferson Street, Abbeville, Louisiana, at 6:00 p.m., with the following members present: Mrs. Sara Duplechain, Mr. Anthony Fontana, Mr. Chris Gautreaux, Mr. Chris Hebert, Mr. Stacy Landry, Mrs. Laura LeBeouf, and Mr. Kibbie Pillette.

Absent: Mr. Luddy Herpin.

On motion of Mr. Gautreaux, seconded by Mr. Landry and carried, the Board adopted agenda items as follows:

Accepted the Treasurer's Report (period ending April 30, 2017) and placed in appropriate file for reference in preparation of the financial and compliance audit.

Accepted the Treasurer's Report (period ending May 31, 2017) and placed in appropriate file for reference in preparation of the financial and compliance audit.

Approved extending the \$35,000 annual contribution to the Vermilion Parish Economic Development program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year only.

Approved entering into a Data Sharing Agreement with University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning as it applies to the *Dolly Parton Imagination Library*.

Approved specifications for the purchase of new school buses for the 2017-2018 school year with funds generated from the 1996 millage, as presented, and authorized advertisement for bids.

Approved revisions to the Vermilion Parish School Board Transportation Handbook as presented.

Approved the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

Board President Fontana submitted into record a letter from the Vermilion Parish Registrar of Voters, Michael Bertrand, regarding a petition from registered voters of the parish petitioning the school board to hold a public meeting. (Exhibit "A")

The Board received a presentation on the Dr. Daniel R. Dartez Education Public Trust.

On motion of Mrs. Duplechain, seconded by Mr. Hebert and carried, the Board approved dedicating the available funds from the Dr. Daniel R. Dartez Education Public Trust for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to fund a multi-purpose building at Dozier Elementary School. Roll call vote: YEAS: Sara Duplechain, Chris Hebert, Stacy Landry, Laura LeBeouf, and Kibbie Pillette; NAYS: Anthony Fontana; ABSENT: Luddy Herpin. Motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Landry, seconded by Mr. Gautreaux and carried, the Board adopted the minutes as transcribed for filing purposes as the official minutes of the Vermilion Parish School Board for the meeting held on April 12, 2017. NAY: Sara Duplechain.

On motion of Mr. Landry, seconded by Mr. Gautreaux and carried, the Board adopted the minutes as transcribed for filing purposes as the official minutes of the Vermilion Parish School Board for the meetings held on May 11, and May 17, 2017. NAY: Sara Duplechain.

On motion of Mr. Landry, seconded by Mr. Gautreaux and carried, the Board adopted the minutes as transcribed for filing purposes as the official minutes of the Vermilion Parish School Board for the meetings held on June 15, and June 26, 2017. NAY: Sara Duplechain.

On motion of Mr. Gautreaux, seconded unanimously, the Board approved adopting the following resolution naming the Annex Building the Charles Campbell Curriculum Building:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Campbell, District F was a member of the Vermilion Parish School Board from January 1, 1995 until June 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, he served the board in a very honorable, capable, conscientious and dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, he provided leadership and stability to the board for over twenty years as a school board member and as the school board president for five terms; and

WHEREAS, The Vermilion Parish School Board publicly expresses its appreciation for Mr. Charles Campbell's excellent work and untiring efforts on behalf of the Vermilion Parish School System and the children this system serves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the board convened in regular session the 27th day of July, 2017, and the members of the Vermilion Parish School Board hereby dedicate and name the Curriculum Annex in his honor and shall henceforth refer to this building as the "Charles Campbell Curriculum Annex."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Vermilion Parish School Board that this resolution

be made a permanent part of the School Board records, and that a copy be presented to the family of Mr. Charles Campbell.

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On motion of Mr. Landry, seconded by Mr. Hebert and carried, the Board approved drafting a resolution of appreciation to Mr. Ed Villien for his years of service in providing outstanding insurance coverage to the Vermilion Parish School Board.

The Board received a presentation on the Vermilion Parish School District's Professional Development Guidance.

On motion of Mrs. LeBeouf, seconded by Mr. Hebert and carried, the Board approved drafting a resolution recognizing the Vermilion Parish School Board administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and students for their dedication and hard work in achieving excellent scores, in particularly, Eaton Park Elementary and James A. Herod Elementary.

Mr. Landry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gautreaux to approve the proposed Budget for the General and Special Revenue Funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, with the addition of a transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Insurance Fund to the General Fund.

Mr. Pillette offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mrs. LeBeouf to approve the proposed Budget for the General and Special Revenue Funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, with the addition of transferring \$500,000 from the Insurance Fund to the General Fund and sequestering \$500,000 from the Insurance Fund to be divided among the insurance policy holders to reimburse for premiums, with implementation to be reviewed at a later date.

Chris Hebert offered an amended substitute motion to approve the proposed Budget for the General and Special Revenue Funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and to set aside \$1,000,000 from the Insurance Fund for if and when the General Fund Budget balance is under \$1,000,000, transfer the \$1,000,000 back to the Insurance Fund. Substitute motion failed for lack of second.

Mr. Pillette amended his substitute motion to approve the proposed Budget for the General and Special Revenue Funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, with the addition of transferring \$500,000 from the Insurance Fund to the General Fund and sequestering \$500,000 to be put in an escrow, to be decided on the best way to be rebate it to the employees. Roll call vote: YEAS: Sara Duplechain, Chris Hebert, Laura LeBeouf, Kibbie Pillette; NAYS: Chris Gautreaux, Stacy Landry, and Anthony Fontana; ABSENT: Luddy Herpin. Motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mrs. Duplechain and carried, the Board approved additional funding of approximately \$17,000, for the relocation of a modular building from Eaton Park Elementary to Cecil Picard Elementary.

On motion of Mr. Pillette, seconded by Mr. Landry and carried, the Board approved revisions to policy IDDF – Education of Students with Exceptionalities.

The Board President removed the following item from the agenda:

Move to consider Superintendent’s contract.

On motion of Mr. LeBeouf, seconded by Mr. Gautreaux and carried, the Board entered into executive session for the discussion regarding the report, development or course of action regarding security personnel, plans, or devices.

On motion of Mr. Pillette, seconded by Mr. Landry and carried, the Board reconvened into regular session.

On motion of Mr. Landry, seconded by Mrs. Duplechain and carried, the Board approved converting 2 contracted positions to 2 full-time permanent positions.

On motion of Mr. Pillette, seconded by Mr. Hebert and carried, the Board approved the *School Safety Officer* job description.

On motion of Mr. Pillette, seconded by Mr. Landry and carried, the Board approved granting Leave Without Pay to Renee Harrington from August 16 through September 20, 2017.

The Board received Information and Advisory Reports as follows:

Business Department

Oil & Gas Revenue Report

Sales Tax Report

Quarterly Sales Tax Audit Report

Human Resources Department:

Personnel list:

APPOINTMENTS

Alexander, Dana - Central Office - Elementary Teacher (Alternative Program) – effective August 7, 2017 - Was one year only last year

Allen, Myra - Herod Elementary - Special Education Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 through May 26, 2018 only - Was one year only last year

Arcement, Laura - Eaton Park Elementary - Elementary Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 – replaces Alissa Richert who resigned

Bell, Ann - JH Williams Middle - MS Math Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 through May 26, 2018 only - Was one year only last year

Binion, Deanne - Central Office - Special Education Coordinator – effective August 1, 2017 – replaces Don Lemaire who was appointed to another position

Broussard, Courtney - Kaplan High - Secondary English Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 – replaces Simone Touchet who transferred

Broussard, Joey - Erath High - Bus Driver – effective August 8, 2017 – replaces Johnnie Hardy who retired

Broussard, David Martial - Erath High - Bus Driver – effective August 8, 2017 – replaces Brent Delcambre who retired

Chauvin, Clayton - Kaplan High - Secondary Social Studies Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 - Was one year only last year

Comeaux, Diane - Kaplan High - Assistant Principal – effective July 24, 2017 – replaces Ward Courville who transferred

DeLaPaz, Jacob - North Vermilion High - Secondary Math Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 – replaces Prophet Gaspard who transferred (Sarah Maloney rescinded)

Dubose, Jenny - Rene Rost Middle - MS Math Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 - .5 position transferred from NVMS to make whole (Nikia LeBlanc was displaced)

Dubois, Kayla - Kaplan Elementary - ECSE Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 through May 26, 2018 only – replaces Nicole Morgan who is on leave without pay

Duplantis, Alaina (Harrington) - JH Williams Middle - MS Math Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 through May 26, 2018 only - Was one year only last year

Green, Katherine – Eaton Park Elementary - Elementary Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 through May 26, 2018 only – replaces Hope Odom who resigned

Greer, Tara - Cecil Picard Elementary - Guidance Counselor – effective August 7, 2017 – replaces Maxine Dartez who transferred

Guidry, Tanna - Herod Elementary - Literacy Interventionist – effective August 7, 2017 – replaces Sheila Trahan who transferred

Landry, Christen - Erath Middle - MS Social Studies Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 through December 22, 2017 – replaces Nicole Toups who was granted a sabbatical

Lemaire, Don - Central Office - District Technology Manager – effective August 1, 2017 – replaces Michael Dartez who retired

Livingston, Efrem - Central Office (Lafayette Route) - Special Education Bus Driver – effective August 8, 2017 – replaces Vicki Foreman who retired

Lucas, Steven - Erath High - Special Education Teacher/ Coach – effective August 7, 2017 through May 26, 2018 only – replaces Kerry Richard who was appointed to another position

Luquette, Haley - FIEB Elementary - Elementary Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 – replaces Angela Huval who was transferred

Mayeux, Rita Anne - JH Williams Middle - Special Education Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 through May 26, 2018 only – replaces Jennifer Romero who resigned

MacLeod, Stacia - Herod Elementary - Elementary Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 – replaces Jennifer Dover who was terminated

Mouton, Rickey - Abbeville High - Bus Driver (Alternative Route) – effective August 8, 2017 – replaces Nancy Adams who transferred

Plowden, Gwendolyn - Central Office - Paraprofessional (Alternative Program) – effective August 8, 2017 – replaces Leana Suire who retired

Richard, Kerry - Central Office - Facilities Manager – effective July 1, 2017 – replaces Kip Derouen who resigned his manager duties

Richardelle, Lisa - LeBlanc Elementary – Paraprofessional – effective August 8, 2017 - New position created by the Board 5/11/17

Schexnayder, Randy - Kaplan High - Secondary Math Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 through May 26, 2018 only - Was one year only last year

Smith, Kara - Herod Elementary - Elementary Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 through May 26, 2018 only – replaces Jammie Boone who was granted a sabbatical

Sonnier, Dana - Erath High – Paraprofessional – effective August 8, 2017 - Position reassigned from JHW to EHS - Replaces Destiny Milton who was displaced.

Touchet, Brenda - Kaplan Elementary – Sweeper – effective July 31, 2017 – replaces Sharon Mouton who transferred

Trangmar, Johnny - Abbeville High - Special Education Teacher/Coach – effective August 7, 2017 through May 26, 2018 only – replaces Jeffery Davis who is deceased

MATERNITY LEAVES

Arcement, Penny – North Vermilion Middle – Teacher – effective August 11, 2017 through October 6, 2017

Broussard, Brittany - Erath High – Teacher – effective July 28, 2017 through September 22, 2017

Gayneaux, Jennifer - Erath Middle – Teacher – effective June 27, 2017 through August 8, 2017

Hargrave, Ann - Indian Bayou Elementary – Teacher – effective July 13, 2017 through September 7, 2017

Hargrave, Kristen - Eaton Park Elementary – Teacher – effective August 8, 2017 through September 19, 2017

Howell, Lauren - JH Williams Middle – Teacher – effective August 2, 2017 through September 27, 2017

LaSalle, Alicia - JH Williams Middle – Teacher – effective - August 14, 2017 through October 9, 2017

Meaux, Lindsey - FIEB Elementary – Teacher – effective August 23, 2017 through October 9, 2017

Mouton, Maddie - Eaton Park Elementary – Paraprofessional – effective July 1, 2017 through August 14, 2017

Werner, Cindy - Herod Elementary – Teacher – effective August 12, 2017 through September 22, 2017

Vincent, Kimberly - Herod Elementary – Teacher – effective August 6, 2017 through September 18, 2017

RESIGNATIONS

Berry, Mark - Central Office - School Psychologist – effective July 29, 2017

Broussard, Justin - Rene Rost Middle - Special Education Teacher – effective July 19, 2017

Higginbotham, Megan - LeBlanc Elementary - Elementary Teacher – effective July 26, 2017

Morgan, Nicole (Was approved for leave without pay) - Kaplan Elementary Early Childhood Special Education Teacher - July 20, 2017

Morvant, DeeNette - LeBlanc Elementary - Cafeteria Technician – effective July 11, 2017

Odom, Hope – Eaton Park Elementary - Elementary Teacher – effective July 19, 2017

Ortego, Erin - LeBlanc Elementary - Elementary Teacher – effective July 11, 2017

Poirrier, Tiffany - Erath High - Secondary Teacher – effective July 8, 2017

Ramirez, Anna - Central Office - Migrant Recruiter – effective July 15, 2017

Richert, Alissa - Eaton Park Elementary - Elementary Teacher – effective June 29, 2017

Romero, Jennifer - JH Williams Middle - MS Teacher – effective July 7, 2017

Sandoz, Thomas - Central Office - School Social Worker – effective August 7, 2017

Tassin, Jennifer - Eaton Park Elementary – Teacher – effective July 28, 2017

RETIREMENTS

Mouton, Troy - LeBlanc Elementary - Guidance Counselor – effective August 4, 2017

Suire, Leana - Herod Elementary – Paraprofessional – effective July 16, 2017

SABBATICAL LEAVES (MEDICAL)

Dardar, Susan - Meaux Elementary - PreK Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 through January 7, 2018

Toups, Nicole - Erath Middle – Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 through January 7, 2018

TERMINATION

Dover, Jennifer - Herod Elementary - Elementary Teacher – effective July 7, 2017

TRANSFERS (INVOLUNTARY)

Amy, Dawn - Meaux Elementary - from LeBlanc Elementary – Principal – effective July 24, 2017 – replaces Susan Stephen who was involuntarily transferred

Stephen, Susan - LeBlanc Elementary - from Meaux Elementary – Principal – effective July 24, 2017 – replaces Dawn Amy who was involuntarily transferred

TRANSFERS (VOLUNTARY)

Adams, Nancy - Rene Rost Middle - Special Education Bus Driver - from Regular Education Bus Driver – effective August 8, 2017 – replaces Rhonda Faulk who retired

Hebert, Jaime - Gueydan High/J. Owens Elementary - from Indian Bayou Elementary - Itinerant Special Education Teacher - from Regular Ed Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 - New Position

Huval, Angela - Indian Bayou Elementary - from FIEB Elementary - Elementary Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 – replaces Jamie Hebert who transferred

Touchet, Simone - Erath High - from Kaplan High - Secondary English Teacher – effective August 7, 2017 – replaces Tiffany Porrier who resigned

Wisser, Crystal - Indian Bayou Elementary - Guidance Counselor/ Interventionist - from Itinerant Guidance Counselor – effective August 7, 2017 - Reassigned teaching position from Eaton Park Elementary to .5 at Indian Bayou Elementary and .5 to Seventh Ward Elementary

APPOINTMENTS (Rescinded)

Danner, Kathryn - Rene Rost Middle - MS Math Teacher – effective July 2, 2017 – replaces Nikia LeBlanc who was displaced

Luquette, Haley - Eaton Park Elementary - Kindergarten Teacher – effective July 24, 2017 – replaces Katie Landry who resigned

Swain, Heath - North Vermilion High - Secondary Math Teacher – effective June 28, 2017 – replaces Prophet Gaspard who transferred

The Board President accepted the following resolution as part of the record of the meeting on behalf of the Vermilion Post 29, American Legion, Executive Committee:

**VERMILION POST 29, AMERICAN LEGION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of Vermilion Post 29 of the

American Legion recognizes that education of our youth of Vermilion Parish is an important part of service of the Vermilion Post 29 to our local communities which should be undertaken without regard to partisan politics;

WHEREAS under the leadership of the present superintendent, his administration and faculty, including educators, significant improvement has been achieved such that the Vermilion Parish educational system is now ranked among the top parish school systems within the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of Vermilion Post 29 of the American Legion further recognizes that an ever-improving educational system is fundamental to industrial development and economic growth within Vermilion Parish;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of Vermilion Post 29 of the American Legion recognizes that education within Vermilion Parish is a leading economic producer within the Parish;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of Vermilion Post 29 of the American Legion recognizes that the Vermilion Parish School Board, as part of an effective team united with the superintendent and his supervisory staff, serves all the people of Vermilion Parish and should act with strong collaboration and mutual trust, respect and professionalism;

WHEREAS. the Executive Committee of Vermilion Post 29 of the American Legion places high confidence in the abilities of the present superintendent and his supervisory staff to continue with the upward improvement of the educational system of Vermilion Parish;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of Vermilion Post 29 of the American Legion expects persons elected to hold public office will uphold and perform the duties of their office in a fair, impartial and reasoned manner without resort to personal animosity;

WHEREAS a parish school board is required by law to meet once a month and thereby is imposed a duty upon a member of such school board to meet unless reasonably excused from attendance;

WHEREAS each parish school board may make such rules and regulations for its own government as it may deem proper and not inconsistent with law and regulations of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education;

WHEREAS the Vermilion Parish School Board has, on June 18, 2015,

adopted and promulgated "Duties of School Board Members" to include, among others, the duties to not neglect his or her share of the work of the Vermilion Parish School Board; to vote and act in the school board meetings impartially for the good of the district; to accept the will of the majority vote in all cases, to represent the school board and school system to the public in such a way as to promote both interest and support; to refer complaints to proper school authorities and to abstain from individual counsel and action; and, to act ethically in all matters at all time in representing the Vermilion Parish School Board to the best of one's ability;

WHEREAS the Vermilion Parish School Board has, on June 18, 2015, adopted and promulgated a "School Board Operating Protocol" which provides, among other requirements, that individual school board members do not have authority; only the Vermilion Parish School Board as a whole is vested with authority to act; an individual member of the Vermilion Parish School Board will not take unilateral action; and, debate and differing points of view should be undertaken in a manner to avoid escalation of negative impressions or incidents.

WHEREAS the present situation existing between members of the Vermilion Parish School Board is not conducive to quality growth and confidence in the educational system of Vermilion Parish and has become a distraction from the improved quality of an education within Vermilion Parish;

WHEREAS recent actions of some members of the Vermilion Parish School Board in refusing to attend scheduled Vermilion Parish School Board meetings have hindered the ability of the Vermilion Parish School Board to meet, act on agenda items and otherwise proceed with the business of the Vermilion Parish School Board is not in the best interest of the educational system of Vermilion Parish;

AND WHEREAS the expressed unilateral refusal of some members of the Vermilion Parish School Board to attend scheduled meetings of the Vermilion Parish School Board for reasons other than particularized individual health issues operates as a denial of representation of those voters within the respective school board districts;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of Vermilion Post 29 of the American Legion expects the Vermilion Parish School Board to act with appropriate respect and professionalism in resolving the present situation concerning a contract with the present superintendent as required by the laws of the State of Louisiana;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Executive Committee of Vermilion Post 29 of the American Legion calls for a cessation of the present situation in which

some members have refused to attend scheduled meetings and which has resulted in the Vermilion Parish School Board being unable to conduct meetings to consider and act on matters of administrative importance to the educational system of Vermilion Parish;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, considering the demonstrated achievements of the present superintendent and his administration of the Vermilion Parish educational system; the need of the Vermilion Parish School Board to hold meetings as required by the laws of the State of Louisiana; and, the need to have in place a timely approved budget, the Executive Committee of Vermilion Post 29 of the American Legion urge those members of the Vermilion Parish School Board who have expressed an intent not to attend scheduled meetings of the Vermilion Parish School Board to consider the business of the Vermilion Parish School Board and conform their actions to the requirements of laws of the State of Louisiana, the "Duties of School Board Members" and the "School Board Operating Protocol" as adopted and promulgated by the Vermilion Parish School Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should those members of the Vermilion Parish School Board who have failed to attend scheduled meetings of the Vermilion Parish School Board without valid excuse and who have expressed an intent to not attend future meetings of the Vermilion Parish School Board persist in such conduct, then those members should resign from their elected positions or face appropriate sanctions as may be available under the laws of the State of Louisiana;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that in light of the expressed refusal of some members of the Vermilion Parish School Board to attend scheduled meetings of the Vermilion Parish School Board and their absence from scheduled meetings of the Vermilion Parish School Board has resulted in the inability of the Vermilion Parish School Board to meet in compliance with state law; the inability of the Vermilion Parish School Board to as yet adopt a budget; and, to act on other matters which were to come before the Vermilion Parish School Board, all applicable forms of relief, whether administrative, civil or criminal, against such persons whose actions have prevented and may prevent the Vermilion Parish School Board from timely meeting and acting upon matters before the Board should be sought by the appropriate officer of the Vermilion Parish School Board.

Signed:
/s/ Thomas B. Thompson
Thomas B. Thompson
Commander, Vermilion Post 29

The Board President accepted the following resolution as part of the record of the meeting on behalf of the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors:

**VERMILION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS under the leadership of the present superintendent, his administration and faculty, including educators, significant improvement has been achieved such that the Vermilion Parish educational system is now ranked among the top parish school systems within the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce, representing 329 businesses within Vermilion Parish, further recognizes that an ever-improving educational system is fundamental to industrial development and economic growth within Vermilion Parish;

WHEREAS the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce recognizes that education within Vermilion Parish is a leading economic producer within the Parish;

WHEREAS the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce recognizes that the Vermilion Parish School Board, as part of an effective team united with the superintendent and his supervisory staff, serves all the people of Vermilion Parish and should act with strong collaboration and mutual trust, respect and professionalism;

WHEREAS the Vermilion Parish School Board has, on June 18, 2015, adopted and promulgated "Duties of School Board Members" to include, among others, the duties to not neglect his or her share of the work of the Vermilion Parish School Board; to vote and act in the school board meetings impartially for the good of the district; to accept the will of the majority vote in all cases, to represent the school board and school system to the public in such a way as to promote both interest and support; to refer complaints to proper school authorities and to abstain from individual counsel and action; and, to act ethically in all matters at all time in representing the Vermilion Parish School Board to the best of one's ability;

WHEREAS the Vermilion Parish School Board has, on June 18, 2015, adopted and promulgated a "School Board Operating Protocol" which provides, among other requirements, that individual school board members do not have authority; only the Vermilion Parish School Board as a whole is vested with authority to act; an individual member of the Vermilion Parish School Board will not take unilateral action; and, debate and differing points of view should be undertaken in a manner to

avoid escalation of negative impressions or incidents.

WHEREAS the present situation existing between members of the Vermilion Parish School Board is not conducive to quality growth and confidence in the educational system of Vermilion Parish and has become a distraction from the improved quality of an education within Vermilion Parish;

WHEREAS recent actions of some members of the Vermilion Parish School Board in refusing to attend scheduled Vermilion Parish School Board meetings have hindered the ability of the Vermilion Parish School Board to meet, act on agenda items and otherwise proceed with the business of the Vermilion Parish School Board is not in the best interest of the educational system of Vermilion Parish;

AND WHEREAS the expressed unilateral refusal of some members of the Vermilion Parish School Board to attend scheduled meetings of the Vermilion Parish School Board for reasons other than particularized individual health issues operates as a denial of representation of those voters within the respective school board districts;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce expects the Vermilion Parish School Board to act with appropriate respect and professionalism in resolving the present situation concerning a contract with the present superintendent as required by the laws of the State of Louisiana;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce calls for a cessation of the present situation which has resulted in the Vermilion Parish School Board being unable to conduct meetings to consider and act on matters of administrative importance to the educational system of Vermilion Parish;

BE IT FURTHER. RESOLVED that, considering the demonstrated achievements of the present superintendent and his administration of the Vermilion Parish educational system; the need of the Vermilion Parish School Board to hold meetings as required by the laws of the State of Louisiana; and, the need to have in place a timely approved budget, the Board of Directors of the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce urge those members of the Vermilion Parish School Board who have expressed an intent not to attend scheduled meetings of the Vermilion Parish School Board to consider the business of the Vermilion Parish School Board and conform their actions to the requirements of laws of the State of Louisiana, the "Duties of School Board Members" and "School Board

Operating Protocol" as adopted and promulgated by the Vermilion Parish School Board;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that should those members of the Vermilion Parish School Board who have failed to attend scheduled meetings of the Vermilion Parish School Board without valid excuse and who have expressed an intent to not attend future meetings of the Vermilion Parish School Board persist in such conduct, then those members should resign from their elected positions or face appropriate sanctions as may be available under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

Signed:

**/s/ Ross Comeaux
Ross Comeaux, President
Vermilion Chamber of Commerce**

On motion of Mr. Fontana, seconded by Mrs. LeBeouf and carried, the Board adjourned the Regular Meeting #1 at 8:15 p.m.

**/s/ Anthony Fontana
Mr. Anthony Fontana
President**

**/s/ Jerome Puyau
Mr. Jerome Puyau
Secretary-Treasurer**