

The Ouachita Parish School Board met in a "Special Called Meeting" on Monday, November 16, 2020 at twelve (12:00) o'clock p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Ouachita Parish School Board Central Office for the intended purpose of rescinding the original motion approving action to cut trees on Lakeshore Elementary School property because the contractor that was awarded the bid at the previous meeting did not meet the state guidelines requiring a contractor's license for bidding a project costing over \$50,000. Therefore, a new contract awarding the lowest bidder meeting requirements set by the state will be considered by the Board at this special meeting.

President Hicks called the meeting to order as he welcomed visitors and guests to the meeting.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Tommy Comeaux, Scotty Waggoner, Jerry R. Hicks, Harold McCoy, Dabo Graves and Greg Manley. Shere May was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Board member Scotty Waggoner.

The Invocation was given by Board member Harold McCoy.

On motion by Harold McCoy, seconded by Greg Manley, the Board approved the Agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried by all members present.

On the recommendation and advice of Board attorney Elmer Noah, Dabo Graves moved, seconded by Scotty Waggoner, that the Board rescind the original motion from the prior meeting approving action to accept the bid from Cajun Tree Cutters to cut some 210 trees at Lakeshore Elementary School due to a problem with State requirements for a contractor's license, disqualifying them from bidding. Following much discussion, President Hicks offered a brief moment for public comment and motion carried unanimously. Mrs. May was absent.

On the recommendation of Purchasing Agent Bobby Jones, Dabo Graves moved, seconded by Greg Manley, that the Board accept the contract proposal offered by Northeast Construction Company DBA Munholland Tree Service for \$96,820 to cut approximately 210 trees down, haul off debris, grind the stumps, clean up the disturbed property left by the tree cutting, and complete the project within 30 calendar days from start date at the Lakeshore Elementary School site. Following discussion, President Hicks offered public comment and motion unanimously carried. Mrs. May was absent.

There being no further business to discuss, Greg Manley moved, seconded by Harold McCoy, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

**OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

Jerry R. Hicks, President

**ATTEST:**

Don Coker, Secretary