

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
HELD ON JULY 5, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish School Board was held on Thursday, July 5, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish School Board Office, 310 Royal Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, and upon roll call, the following members and Derwood Duke, Secretary-Treasurer, were present: Cecil Walker, Ralph Wilson, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton Donna Masson, Thomas Melder and George Rhymes. Absent: Carroll Daniels. Mrs. Joella Wilson came in late.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Means, followed by an invocation by Mr. Danzy and Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Wilson.

Under Superintendent/Staff reports, the board received:

1. The Board Update by Dr. Duke. Dr. Duke reported the maximum amount of sales tax for teachers was \$6,064.47 and beginning teacher was \$4,711.95.

Under New Business:

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Danzy, time was allowed for any public comments on adopting adjusted millage rates. No comments were received.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Danzy, that the Board hereby adopts the adjusted millage rate(s).

YEAS: Walker, Wilson, Graham, Danzy, Hilton, Masson, Means, Melder and Rhymes. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Daniels and J. Wilson. **(Carried)**

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Danzy, time was allowed for any public comments to set forth the adjusted millage rate(s) and roll forward the millage rates. No comments were received from the public.

On motion of Mr. Danzy, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Board hereby set forth the adjusted millage rate(s) and roll forward to millage rate(s) not exceeding the maximum authorized rate(s)

YEAS: Walker, Wilson, Graham, Danzy, Hilton, Masson, Means, Melder and Rhymes. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Daniels and J. Wilson. **(Carried)**

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:

1. *Adoption of Agenda.*
2. *Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2012*
3. **FINANCE ITEMS**
 - A. *Payment of Bills:*
 - B. *Out of State Travel:*
 - (1) **Kathy Bundrick, Susan Horne, Evie Posey and Laura McClain**, travel to Anaheim, California, on July 30, 2012 to August 1, 2012, to attend SRCL National Institute. Funded by SRCL (Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy).
 - C. *School Bus Routes Changes:*
 - D. *Purchase of Buses:*
 - E. *Advertisements: Permission to advertise for bids*

Mr. Russell Danzy presented the Finance, Facilities, Services and Insurance Report.

On a motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Board hereby approve a resolution authorizing the Superintendent to file litigation on behalf of the Natchitoches Parish School Board to challenge the constitutionality and/or legality of Act 2 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and to also authorize payment of legal fees if such litigation is filed on their behalf.

YEAS: Walker, Wilson, Graham, Danzy, Hilton, Masson, Means, Melder and Rhymes. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Daniels and J. Wilson. **(Carried)**

On motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the Board hereby approve the following :

1. A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein: making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith. This will be a renewal of a school parish wide tax millage of 7 mills.
2. A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Consolidated School District No. 9 (city limits of Natchitoches) of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission therewith.
3. A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a 1% sales tax for schools in Natchitoches Parish.

YEAS: Walker, Wilson, Graham, Danzy, Hilton, Masson, Means, Melder and Rhymes. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Daniels and J. Wilson. **(Carried)**

Mr. Ron Prewitt presented a timber update.

Director of Business Affairs, Mr. John Laborde presented the “proposed” 2012-2013 NPSB consolidated budget to the Board.

Mr. Ralph Wilson presented the Executive Report.

Mr. George Rhymes discussed the Natchitoches Parish School Board Policy Manual.

Mr. John Laborde reported on the status of the Preschool Center property.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Danzy, the Board adjourned.

DERWOOD DUKE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

CARROLL DANIELS, PRESIDENT