

(Here are the unapproved minutes which are scheduled to be approved on February 5, 2014)

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF
NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING ON JANUARY 8, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish School Board was held on Thursday, January 8, 2015, 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 Dale Skinner, Secretary-Treasurer, were present: George Rhymes, Cecil Walker, Carroll Daniels, Ralph Wilson, Joella Wilson, Harry Graham, Russell Danzy, Michael Hilton, Donna Masson, Carl Means, and Thomas Melder.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President George Rhymes, followed by an invocation by Mr. Harris and Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Metoyer.

Mr. Louie Bernard, Clerk of Court, swore in the members of the Board for the 2015 year at the start of the Committee Meeting. All members were present for the swearing in.

At Tuesday's Committee Meeting, the meeting was turned over to Superintendent Skinner by Vice President Rhymes for the purpose of selecting a new President of the board. Superintendent Skinner opened the floor for nominations. On motion of Mr. Hilton, George Rhymes was nominated for President. On motion of Mr. Wilson, Carroll Daniels was nominated for President. Mr. Rhymes made the motion to cease nominations and Mr. Hilton seconded the motion. Mr. Rhymes was elected President of the Board for 2015.

Superintendent Skinner opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. On motion of Mr. Daniels, Mr. Wilson was nominated for Vice President. There were no other nominations for Vice President. Mr. Wilson was elected Vice President of the Board for 2015.

President Rhymes suggested deferring further elections for the year. There were no objections from the Board.

On motion of Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda:

1. *Adoption of Agenda.*
2. *Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2014*
3. FINANCE ITEMS
 - A. *Payment of Bills:*
 - B. *Out of State Travel:*
 - C. *School Bus Routes Changes:*
 - D. *Purchase of Buses:*
 - E. *Advertisements:*
 - Permission to advertise for bids:*
 - F. *Resignations:*
 - G. *Retirements:*
 - H. *Requests for Leave:*
 - I. *Termination:*

Mr. Danzy presented the Board with the Finance report. There were no bids to take action on at the meeting. Mr. Jason Edwards presented the Board with the transportation report. Mr. Edwards stated that the buses were running smoothly despite the extremely cold weather we were currently experiencing. Mr. Edwards also stated that two new bus drivers had been hired and additional drivers were in training. Durham transportation is now offering a \$300 sign on bonus and also paying trainees during the training process. Mr. Metoyer asked the Board to please check with the Judge concerning the order that states which students can and cannot be picked up and bused to the schools. Ms. Wilson also asked that the Board also revisit the school dress codes concerning jackets.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Hilton, the Board agreed to accept the School Student Activity Fund Audit for 2014 that was presented by Mr. Roger Cunningham at Tuesday's Committee Meeting. Ms. Wilson and Mr. Metoyer opposed the motion.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Hilton, the Board agreed to accept the basic financial Statements and Independent auditor's Report as of and for the year ending June 30, 2014 that was presented by Mr. Herbie Way at Tuesday's Committee Meeting. Ms. Wilson and Mr. Metoyer opposed the motion.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the Owner/Architect Agreement between Natchitoches Parish School Board and Yeager, Watson, and Associates, Inc., to move forward with Provencal addition.

On motion of Mr. Danzy and seconded by Mr. Graham, the Board approved the resolution officially declaring the results of the December 6, 2014 election.

On motion of Mr. Hilton and seconded by Ms. Wilson, the meeting was adjourned.

DALE SKINNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

GEORGE RHYMES, PRESIDENT