

The Bienville Parish School Board met in regular session Thursday, January 12, 2017, 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. Bonita Reliford, Ms. Martha Grigg, Mr. Donald Calloway, and Dr. Larry Knotts. All members were present.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ms. Martha Grigg, and the invocation was given by Mr. Mickey Hampton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Superintendent William Britt.

Motion by Dr. Larry Knotts, seconded by Ms. Bonita Reliford, passed, approving the agenda posted January 6, 2017, for the January 12, 2017 regular meeting of the Bienville Parish School Board.

Superintendent Britt announced this was the first meeting of the year and would be a re-organizational meeting. The floor was opened for nominations for President to serve during 2017. Mr. Donald Calloway nominated Mr. Edward Mason, Jr., seconded by Dr. Larry Knotts. Ms. Bonita Reliford made a motion for nominations to cease for President and seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway. There being no further nominations, Mr. Edward Mason, Jr. was declared President for 2017 by a unanimous vote.

A plaque of appreciation was presented to Ms. Martha Grigg for her service as President of the Bienville Parish School Board for 2016.

The next order of business was the election of a Vice-President to serve during 2017. Ms. Freddie Blow nominated Dr. Larry Knotts, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway. Ms. Bonita Reliford made a motion for nominations to cease for Vice-President and seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway. There being no further nominations, Dr. Larry Knotts was elected Vice-President for 2017 by a unanimous vote.

Time, place and date for the regular meetings were discussed. Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Dr. Larry Knotts, passed, placing the regular meeting of the Board at the Bienville Parish School Board Office, 1956 First Street, Arcadia, Louisiana, at 6:00 p.m. to be held on the following dates:

February 2, 2017
March 2, 2017
April 6, 2017
May 4, 2017
June 1, 2017
July 6, 2017
August 3, 2017
September 7, 2017
October 5, 2017
November 2, 2017
December 7, 2017
January 11, 2018

Motion by Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Ms. Martha Grigg, passed, approving the minutes of the regular meeting on December 1, 2016 as distributed.

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Ms. Bonita Reliford, passed, to adopt the following resolution:

Louisiana School Board Recognition Month
January 2017

Whereas, the education of Louisiana's school-aged children is the foundation upon which the economic, social and intellectual capital of our state is built; and

Whereas, locally elected school boards play an important and vital role in a representative democracy, and decisions made by local boards of education directly influence instruction in Louisiana's public schools; and

Whereas, these decisions affect the present and future lives of children, and also set direction to prepare all students to be competitive in a local, state, national, and global 21st century economy; and

Whereas, local school board members work with parents, businesses, education professionals, all elected officials and other community members to create the educational visions we want for our students; and

Whereas, this year's theme – **SCHOOL BOARDS MATTER!** - reflects the relevance of local school board members as they advocate for public education with local, state, and federal leaders; and

Whereas, School Board Recognition Month provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the thousands of people in Louisiana who champion the mission of public education and school board members; now, therefore be it

Resolved, the Bienville Parish School Board recognizes the contributions of the state's local school boards to the academic success of its public school students and expresses its sincerest recognition to the local school board members for their focus on the well-being and achievement of children throughout the state; and be it finally

Resolved, the Bienville Parish School Board declares January 2017 as School Board Member Recognition Month and encourages local school districts and community leaders to appropriately recognize our state's dedicated school board members.

This resolution declared adopted on this twelfth day of January, 2017.

/s/ William Britt

/s/Edward Mason, Jr.

William Britt, Secretary

Edward Mason, Jr., President

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Dr. Larry Knotts, passed, placing the following proposed policy revisions on public display from January 13, 2017 through February 1, 2017. The proposed policy revisions are:

File: DJA – Authorized Signatures

File: JBC – School Admission

File: JBCC – Student Assignment

File: JCDAB – Dangerous Weapons

File: JGCD – Administration of Medication

File JQE – Expectant and Parenting Students

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton, passed, to take agenda item #7, consider request to sign a Partial Occupancy Agreement between the Bienville Parish School Board and Thrash Construction Services - Job#2014-08 All Weather Athletic Track Gibsland-Coleman High School (*New Building A, Aluminum Bleachers, and Track Lighting Only*), under advisement and place this item on the February 2, 2017 Board agenda.

Motion by Mickey Hampton, seconded by Ms. Bonita Reliford, passed, approving the following request for use of school facilities:

NAACP, Community Program

Arcadia High School Cafeteria and Gymnasium – January 16, 2017

Anderson Chapel C.M.E. Church, Gibsland City-Wide Black History Program

Gibsland-Coleman Auditorium, Concession, and Gymnasium – February 4, 2017

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

/s/ William Britt

/s/ Edward Mason, Jr.

William Britt, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board

Edward Mason, Jr., 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, January 12, 2017.

/s/ William Britt

William Britt, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board