

The Bienville Parish School Board met in regular session Thursday, March 8, 2018, 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, Dr. Larry Knotts, and the invocation was given by Ms. Martha Grigg, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Superintendent William Britt.

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Ms. Martha Grigg, passed, approving the revised agenda posted March 5, 2018 for the March 8, 2018 regular meeting of the Bienville Parish School Board.

Ms. Toni Calloway was presented with the 2017-18 PCAL Regional Bus Driver of the Year award. This designation is awarded to a small group of Parish Bus Driver of the Year recipients, and represents a higher level of dedication and accomplishment. Ms. Calloway was presented with a \$100 check, a personalized jacket, and an engraved plaque from the PCAL Bus Driver of the Year program.

Motion by Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow, passed, approving the minutes of the regular meeting on February 1, 2018 as distributed.

Motion by Mr. Edward Mason, Jr., seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton, passed, to enter a copy of the certificate of continuing education credits, as required by *Act 705 of the 2010 Legislature*, for School Board Members into the official Bienville Parish School Board minutes.

Mr. Edward Mason, Jr. – 21 Hours
Mickey Hampton – 21 Hours
Freddie Blow – 21 Hours
Bonita Reliford – 23 Hours
Martha Grigg- 23 Hours
Larry Knotts – 8 Hours
Donald Calloway – 24.5 Hours

Motion by Ms. Bonita Reliford, seconded by Ms. Martha Grigg, passed, selecting *The Bienville Democrat* as the official journal of the Bienville Parish School Board for the year 2018-2019 under the terms and provisions of State Law, at the rate authorized by the Louisiana Legislature.

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, placing the following proposed policy revision on public display from March 9, 2018 through April 4, 2018. The proposed policy revision is:

File: DFAA – Industrial Tax Exemptions

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Ms. Bonita Reliford, passed, adopting proposed policy revisions on public display from January 12, 2018 through January 31, 2018.

File: DFN – Sale of Buildings and Land
File: ECA – Authorized Use of Equipment
File: GBC – Recruitment
File: GBRIB – Sick Leave
File: EE – Child Nutrition Program Management
File: IDCJ – Supplemental Educational Services (deletion)
File: IDDH – English Learner Program
File: IFD – Parent and Family Engagement
File: IFDA – Parental Rights/Student Rights of Privacy
File: JR - Student Records

Motion by Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Ms. Martha Grigg, passed, changing the regular May Board meeting from May 3, 2018 to May 1, 2018.

Motion by Mr. Edward Mason, Jr., seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton, passed, to acknowledge the following announcement by Superintendent Britt: “Announcement is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bienville Parish School Board Office, 1956 First Street, Arcadia, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of Bienville Parish, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held within Parishwide School District of the Parish of Bienville to authorize the continuation of ad valorem taxes.” This announcement will be sent to local representatives informing them that the Bienville Parish School Board will be calling an election to continue this tax.

Mr. Doug Sapp addressed the Board regarding the alternate exit route for the Arcadia School Complex. Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Mr. Edward Mason, Jr., adopting the following resolution submitted by Mr. Sapp. Superintendent Britt stated that the resolution being approved by the Board did not obligate the Board financially.

Resolution

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 public schools; and

WHEREAS, The Bienville Parish School Board recognizes that the present Arcadia School Complex Located at 967 Daniel Street Arcadia, Louisiana has been in existence for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, There has been a concern with said Arcadia School Complex being located on a dead-end street without an emergency egress for the School Children of Arcadia, the Faculty, and Staff; and

WHEREAS, There have been two efforts to create an alternate route, which neither came to fruition; and

WHEREAS, The Bienville Parish School Board recognizes the sense of urgency in providing an alternate route not only for the Arcadia School Complex but also for the residents along Daniel Street and the Pafford Ambulance Station; and

WHEREAS, The Bienville Parish School Board is aware of efforts underway to plan an alternate route for the aforementioned entities located along Daniel Street

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bienville Parish School Board in Regular Session on this 8th day of March, 2018 *does hereby pledge our support in cooperation with any other State, City, Local and other entities for this much needed infrastructure that will create an immeasurably safer passage of egress for the Arcadia School Complex, the residents and the Pafford Ambulance Service which are all located on Daniel Street, Arcadia, Louisiana*

/s/ William Britt

*William Britt, Superintendent
Bienville Parish School Board*

/s/ Larry Knotts

*Larry Knotts, President
Bienville Parish School Board*

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

Annual Girl's Real Talk Retreat, Grades 3 - 9
Gibbsland-Coleman Auditorium, Concession/Pavilion, and Gymnasium – June 1, 2018

Slabtown Commission, Beauty Pageant & Parade
Ringgold Elementary Gymnasium and Parking Lot – March 10, April 7, 2018

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, approving the following requests for out of state educational trips:

Gibbsland-Coleman Senior Class of 2018, Senior Trip
Orlando, Florida – March 9 – 13, 2018

Saline High School 8th and 9th Grade, Magic Springs Education in Motion
Hot Springs, Arkansas – May 11 – 12, 2018

Saline High School Senior Class of 2018, Senior Trip
San Antonio, Texas – May 5 – 8, 2018

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton, passed, convening an executive session for agenda item #12- to discuss strategy for pending litigation/arbitration pertaining to petition filed in the Second Judicial District Court, Bienville Parish, Job #2014-08 – All Weather Athletic Track at Gibbsland-Coleman High School;

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow, passed, reconvening the regular session of the Board.

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton, passed, to accept the recommendation of Attorney Robert Kennedy, legal counsel representing the Board, relative to pending litigation/arbitration pertaining to petition filed in the Second Judicial District Court, Bienville Parish, Job #2014-08 – All Weather Athletic Track at Gibsland-Coleman High School;

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

/s/ William Britt

William Britt, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board

/s/ Dr. Larry Knotts

Dr. Larry Knotts, 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, March 8, 2018.

/s/ William Britt

William Britt, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board