

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
VERMILION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**May 7, 2009**

The School Board met this day in regular session at 216 South Jefferson Street, Abbeville, Louisiana, at 6:00 p.m., with the following members present: Mr. Ricky Broussard, Mr. Dexter Callahan, Mr. Charles Campbell, Mrs. Angela Faulk, Mr. Anthony Fontana, Mr. Ricky LeBouef, Mr. Chris Mayard, and Mr. Bill Searle.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. LeBouef, and carried unanimously, the Board added the following items to the agenda:

**Superintendent's Office:**

- C. 1. b. Move to adopt a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and promulgating the result of the special election held in the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, on Saturday, May 2, 2009, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.**
- C. 1. c. Move to adopt an ordinance providing for the levy within the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, of a one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales and use tax (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services in said Parish and for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said Tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of the Tax may be expended, said Tax having been authorized at a special election held in the Parish on May 2, 2009.**
- C. 1. d. Move to adopt the amended salary schedule, as recommended by the Superintendent, effective for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.**
- C. 1. e. Move to create a full time School Secretary position at Cecil Picard Elementary School.**
- C. 1. f. Move to reassign Band Teacher from full time at Indian Bayou Elementary School to half-time at Indian Bayou Elementary School and half-time at Cecil Picard Elementary School.**
- C. 1. g. Move to discuss a proposal from Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to purchase Sixteen Section Lands – (Section 16, Township 16 South, Range 2 West; Section 16, Township 16 South, Range 3 East; Section 16, Township 14 South, Range 1 West).**
- C. 1. h. Move to approve a change order for the maintenance warehouse.**

**Human Resources Department:**

- C. 9. a. Move to enter into executive session to discuss the following:**

## **Student discipline**

**On motion of Mr. LeBeouf, seconded by Mr. Searle, and carried, the Board adopted agenda items as follows:**

**Adopted the minutes as transcribed for filing purposes as the official minutes of the Vermilion Parish School Board for the meetings held on April 20, 2009, and April 23, 2009.**

**Accepted the Treasurer's Report.**

**Adopted the following resolution as it applies to the TASC program:**

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, The Vermilion Parish School Board understands that the primary predictor of a child's future success is whether he or she becomes a high school graduate; and**

**WHEREAS, The Vermilion Parish School Board acknowledges that in a Louisiana Department of Education Study of the 2006-07 school term, 34.1% of the students enrolled in public high schools in Louisiana either dropped out, graduated with a GED or something other than a diploma, or did not graduate on time; and**

**WHEREAS, The Vermilion Parish School Board is aware of the fact that truancy is a risk factor for school dropouts and has been noted as the number one correlation for criminal behaviors later in life; and**

**WHEREAS, The Board recognizes the importance and benefits of the Truancy Assessment Service Center (TASC) which was established in 1999 during the Regular Session of the Legislature to address underlying causes of truant behavior in elementary school children before they become entrenched and more difficult to treat; and**

**WHEREAS, The Truancy Assessment Service Center utilizes critical components of operation and evaluation in the following areas:**

- **Addressing the underlying causes of truancy**
- **Working with the family**
- **Using the holistic approach**
- **Providing incentives to encourage compliance**
- **Using motivational case management techniques**
- **Monitoring and evaluating**
- **Applying best practices and evidenced-based interventions**
- **Utilizing the FINS process to hold parents accountable**
- **Making use of community involvement in community partner advisory boards; and**

**WHEREAS, The Vermilion Parish School Board recognizes the significance of TASC results listed below:**

- **Approximately 65% of all cases were closed successfully**
- **An average of 92% of all cases were closed successfully due to the compliance of the family**
- **Only 1% of all TASC cases were petitioned to the court, and**
- **Approximately 54% of the children TASC served were assessed as high-risk**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Vermilion Parish School Board is aware of the significance of TASC in the quick identification, assessment, and intervention (primarily of children in the early grades) which ultimately leads to reducing truancy and increasing the high school graduation rate.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution become a part of the official journal of the Vermilion Parish School Board and that a copy be sent to the Legislators.**

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**Created a full time School Secretary position at Cecil Picard Elementary School.**

**Reassigned Band Teacher from full time at Indian Bayou Elementary School to half-time at Indian Bayou Elementary School and half-time at Cecil Picard Elementary School.**

**On motion of Mr. Searle, seconded by Mr. Callahan, and carried, the Board entered into executive session to discuss the following:**

**Principal recommendations**

**On motion of Mr. Searle, seconded by Mr. LeBeouf, and carried, the Board reconvened into regular session.**

**On motion of Mr. Searle, seconded by Mr. LeBeouf, and carried, the Board accepted the recommendation of Priscilla Cormier as Principal of Seventh Ward Elementary.**

**On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fontana, and carried, the Board accepted the recommendation of Denise Soileau as Principal of Eaton Park Elementary.**

**On motion of Mr. Fontana, seconded by Mr. Campbell, and carried, the Board accepted the recommendation of Patricia Gaspard as Principal of Herod Elementary.**

**On motion of Mr. Searle, seconded by Mr. Broussard, and carried, the Board approved a change order with a \$6,000.00 maximum for the maintenance warehouse.**

**On motion of Mr. Fontana, unanimous second, the Board adopted a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and promulgating the result of the special election held in the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, on Saturday, May 2, 2009, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.**

**On motion of Mr. Fontana, unanimous second, the Board adopted an ordinance providing for the levy within the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, of a one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales and use tax (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services in said Parish and for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said Tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of the Tax may be expended, said Tax having been authorized at a special election held in the Parish on May 2, 2009.**

**On motion of Mr. Fontana, seconded by Mr. Campbell, and carried, the Board adopted the amended salary schedule, as recommended by the Superintendent, effective for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.**

**On motion of Mr. Searle, unanimous second, the Board denied the proposal from Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to purchase Sixteen Section Lands – (Section 16, Township 16 South, Range 2 West; Section 16, Township 16 South, Range 3 East; Section 16, Township 14 South, Range 1 West).**

**On motion of Mr. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Callahan, and carried, the Board awarded the bid for Alligator Trapping on All School Board Lands to Bo Bernard, for 65% of earnings from the sale of hides and other alligator products, who was the highest bidder meeting specifications in the invitation to bid as per bid tabulation sheets on file.**

**On motion of Mr. LeBeouf, seconded by Mr. Callahan, and carried, the Board awarded the bid for Hunting, Grazing and Trapping (Excluding Alligator) Lease on Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 1 East – 540 Acres, More or Less to Randy Dartez, Blast and Cast Hunting Club for an annual lease of \$7,009.50, who was the highest bidder meeting specifications in the invitation to bid as per bid tabulation sheets on file.**

**On motion of Mr. Fontana, seconded by Mr. LeBeouf, and carried, the Board awarded the bid for Repairs and Restoration of Hurricane Ike Storm Damage at FIEB Elementary**

School to Rudick Company, who was the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the invitation to bid as per bid tabulation sheets on file.

On motion of Mr. Broussard, seconded by Mr. LeBeouf, and carried, the Board awarded the bid for Repairs and Restoration of Hurricane Ike Storm Damage at Erath Middle School and Erath High School to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc., for \$160,073.00 who was the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the invitation to bid as per bid tabulation sheets on file.

On motion of Mr. Broussard, seconded by Mr. LeBeouf, and carried, the Board entered into executive session to discuss the following:

Potential litigation  
Personnel matters  
Collective bargaining  
Student discipline

On motion of Mr. LeBeouf, seconded by Mr. Searle, and carried, the Board reconvened into regular session.

On motion of Mr. Fontana, seconded by Mr. Broussard, and carried, the Board approved the Superintendent's filing of charges against an employee.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fontana, and carried, the Board accepted the following personnel list as recommended by the Superintendent:

#### **MATERNITY LEAVES**

Hebert, Christie – Herod Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective June 13, 2009, through July 27, 2009

Langlinois, Cherie – Central Office – Special Education – School Psychologist – effective June 15, 2009, through August 3, 2009

#### **RETIREMENTS**

Gaspard, Charlotte – Erath Middle – Teacher – effective June 5, 2009

Silar, Jodie – Herod Elementary – Teacher – effective may 31, 2009

#### **TRANSFERS (INVOLUNTARY)**

Becker, Racheal – LeBlanc Elementary – from Erath Middle – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Erath Middle

Berberich, Phyllis – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Pre-K Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary

Bernard, Andrea – Dozier Elementary – from Erath Middle – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary

Bernard, Natalie – LeBlanc Elementary – from Eaton Park Elementary – Special Education Paraprofessional – effective August 17, 2009 – position from Eaton Park Elementary

Bigot, DeEtte – Dozier Elementary – from Erath Middle – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – new position

Briggs, Kim – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Cafeteria Technician – effective August 17, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary

**Broussard, Lily – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Special Education Paraprofessional – effective August 17, 2009 – position from Eaton Park Elementary**

**Broussard, Linda – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Special Education Paraprofessional – effective August 17, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Broussard, Shanna – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Eaton Park Elementary**

**Cormier, Linda – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Eaton Park Elementary**

**Delay, Brenda – LeBlanc Elementary – from Eaton Park Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Erath Middle**

**Derouen, Kathleen – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Pre-K Paraprofessional – effective August 17, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Deville, Erica – LeBlanc Elementary – from Eaton Park Elementary – Special Education Paraprofessional – effective August 17, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Dooley, Delean – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Erath Middle**

**Duhon, Christine – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Speech Pathologist – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Gary, Jacqueline – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Head Janitor – effective July 1, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Gisclair, Julia – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Physical Education Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – from Dozier Elementary**

**Green, Nichole – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Eaton Park Elementary**

**Hardy, Tabatha – Cecil Picard Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – replaces Rachel Miller, who retired**

**Hargrave, Jennifer – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Pre-K Paraprofessional – effective August 17, 2009 – position moved from Erath Middle**

**Hargrave, Lauren – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Kindergarten Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Hill, Linda – LeBlanc Elementary – from Erath Middle – School Secretary – effective August 3, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Humble, Darlene – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Pre-K Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Huval, Mary Pat – LeBlanc Elementary/Erath Middle – from Erath Middle – Itinerant Special Education Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Erath Middle**

**Labit, Vicky – Dozier/LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Itinerant Cafeteria Manager – effective August 17, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Lahasky, Joy – LeBlanc Elementary – from Erath Middle – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Landry, Peggy – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Sweeper – effective July 1, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**LeBlanc, Christie – Cecil Picard Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – replaces Christina Russo, who was in a one year only position**

**LeBlanc, Donna – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Cafeteria Technician – effective August 17, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**LeBlanc, Glenn Roy – Dozier Elementary – from Erath Middle – Guidance Counselor – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Lee, Gail – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Kindergarten Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Levy, Vanessa – Cecil Picard Elementary – from Eaton Park Elementary – Special Education Paraprofessional – effective August 17, 2009 – contracted position at Vermilion Parish Alternative Program moved**

**Lurry, Virginia – Dozier Elementary – from Erath Middle – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Martin, Rachel – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Special Education Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – Behavior Interventionist from Dozier Elementary**

**Menard, Rickey – LeBlanc Elementary – from Eaton Park Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Merritt, Pamela – LeBlanc Elementary – from Eaton Park Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Erath Middle**

**Migues, Allison – Dozier Elementary – from Erath Middle – Special Education Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Moss, Danielle – Cecil Picard Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – new position**

**Mouton, Troy – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Guidance Counselor – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Erath Middle**

**Oyler, Dennis – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Special Education Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Pere, Ashley – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Kindergarten Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Poche, Schyuler – Dozier Elementary – from Erath Middle – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Porter, Lori – Dozier Elementary – from Erath Middle – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Punch, Rachelle – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Eaton Park Elementary**

**Richardelle, Lisa – LeBlanc Elementary – from Erath Middle – Special Education Paraprofessional – effective August 17, 2009 – position from Erath Middle**

**Roy, Jason – Dozier Elementary – from Erath Middle – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Schexnaider, Karen – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Eaton Park Elementary**

**Stelly, Brittany – LeBlanc Elementary – from Eaton Park Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Erath Middle**

**Stutes, Suzette – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Erath Middle**

**Suire, Autumn – Cecil Picard Elementary – from Erath Middle – Kindergarten Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – new position**

**Touchet, Phyllis – Erath Middle – from Dozier Elementary – School Secretary – effective August 3, 2009 – position from Erath Middle**

**Toups, Jennifer – Dozier Elementary – from Erath Middle – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Toups, James Lacy – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Janitor – effective July 1, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Toussaint, Aquilla – LeBlanc Elementary – from Eaton Park Elementary – Special Education Paraprofessional – effective August 17, 2009 – position from Eaton Park Elementary**

**Trahan, Tasha – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Pre-K Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Vallot, Elaine – LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Pre-K Paraprofessional – effective August 17, 2009 – position from Erath Middle**

**Vaughn, Gina – LeBlanc Elementary – from Erath Middle – Sweeper – effective July 1, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Viator, Jill – Dozier Elementary – from Erath Middle – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Viator, Maleigha – Dozier Elementary – from Erath Middle – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

**Vizier, Michael – Dozier/LeBlanc Elementary – from Erath Middle – Itinerant Band Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Erath Middle**

**Winner, April – Dozier/LeBlanc Elementary – from Dozier Elementary – Itinerant Vocal Music Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position from Dozier Elementary**

## **ADDENDUM**

### **APPOINTMENT**

**Hebert, Albert – Central Office – Maintenance – Carpenter II – effective May 26, 2009, pending Functional Assessment Results – replaces Allen Norris, who retired**

### **RESIGNATIONS**

**Hebert, Vanessa – Kaplan Elementary – Kindergarten Teacher – effective May 31, 2009**

**Primeaux, Holly – Cecil Picard Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective May 31, 2009**

### **RETIREMENT**

**Noel, Pamela – Meaux Elementary – Guidance Counselor – effective August 12, 2009**

## **SABBATICAL LEAVE (PROFESSIONAL)**

**Hebert, Deborah – Dozier Elementary – Teacher – effective August 12, 2009, through January 8, 2010**

## **TRANSFERS (VOLUNTARY)**

**Alexander, Zaida – J H Williams Middle – from Kaplan Elementary – Special Education Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – replaces Vickie Landry, who was in a one year only position**

**Azemar, Leslie – LeBlanc Elementary – from Herod Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position was moved from Erath Middle**

**Bourgeois, Sarah – Indian Bayou Elementary – from Kaplan Elementary – Special Education Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – Patricia Bellaire, who was in a one year only position**

**Delcambre, Brooke – LeBlanc Elementary – from Herod Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position was moved from Erath Middle**

**Dubois, Katie – North Vermilion High – from J H Williams Middle – Special Education Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position was moved from Abbeville High**

**Duhon, Bridget – LeBlanc Elementary – from Herod Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position was moved from Erath Middle**

**Girouard, Delia – LeBlanc Elementary – from Herod Elementary – Kindergarten Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position was moved from Dozier Elementary**

**Ladner, Kristen – LeBlanc Elementary – from Eaton Park Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position was moved from Erath Middle**

**LeBlanc, Shana – LeBlanc Elementary – from Eaton Park Elementary – effective August 12, 2009 – position was moved from Erath Middle**

**McDermott, Lauryn – LeBlanc Elementary – from Herod Elementary – Elementary Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – position was moved from Erath Middle**

## **TRANSFER (INVOLUNTARY)**

**Adams, Paulette – Kaplan Elementary/Meaux Elementary – from Vermilion Parish Alternative Program – Special Education Teacher – effective August 12, 2009 – new position**

**On motion of Mr. Fontana, seconded by Mr. Campbell, and carried, the Board amended the agenda to name the new track at Abbeville High School Coach William “Billy” Gooch, Jr., with the dedication to take place in the fall at a home football game.**

**The Board received Information and Advisory reports as follows:**

### **Business Department:**

**Tax Fund  
Quarterly Finance Report  
School Lunch**



**On motion of Mr. Searle, seconded unanimously, the Board adjourned the Regular Meeting #19 at 9:10 p.m.**

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**Mr. Chris Mayard  
President**

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**Mr. Randy Schexnayder  
Secretary-Treasurer**