

Franklinton, Louisiana  
February 10, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

The Washington Parish School Board met in regular session on the above date with the following members present: Dan Slocum, Kendall McKenzie, Robert Boone, Dewitt Perry, Alan McCain, Lesley McKinley and Frankie Crosby. Absent: John Wyble and Bruce Brown.

**Agenda Item #1 - Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Lesley McKinley.

**Agenda Item #2 – Invocation**

The invocation was given by Dewitt Perry.

**Agenda Item #3 – Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Item #4 – Consider a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 13, 2022, regular board meeting (John Wyble).**

It was moved by Frankie Crosby, seconded by Robert Boone, that the Board adopt the minutes of the January 13, 2022, regular board meeting as submitted to each member. Motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item #5 – Recognize the 2020-2021 Teachers of the Year (Jennifer Thomas).**

The 2020-2021 teachers of the year were recognized at the Committee meeting, Monday, February 7, 2022. The teacher was presented a plaque by their principal. Superintendent Frances Varnado then presented a plaque to the parish winners. The Board congratulated all teachers.

**2020-2021 Teachers of the Year**

**ELEMENTARY**

Dewanna Thomas	Enon Elementary	Shannon Fowler
Alyssa Pounds	Franklinton Primary	Keri Crowe
Kim Nelson	Franklinton Elementary	Rachel Sumrall
Tammy Bourgeois	Mt. Hermon Elementary	Ryan Skluzacek
Kallie Magee	Thomas Elementary	Lisa Magee
Ingrid Roberts	Wesley Ray Elementary	Angela Kennedy

## JR. HIGH

Kristi Crain	Franklinton Jr. High	Tiffany Smith
Rhonda Waskom	Mt. Hermon Jr. High	Ryan Skluzacek
Nicole Bowman	Pine Jr. High	Ramona Thomas
Tanula Owens	Varnado Jr. High	Jennifer Beninato

## HIGH SCHOOL

Toni Tageant	Franklinton High	Shane Smith/Renee Burris
Ashley Guy	Mt. Hermon High	Ryan Skluzacek
Cynthia Pope	Pine High	Ramona Thomas
John Warren	Varnado High	Jennifer Beninato

## PARISH WINNERS

Alyssa Pounds	Elementary Teacher of the Year
Nicole Bowman	Jr. High Teacher of the Year
John Warren	High School Teacher of the Year

### **Agenda Item #6 — Presentation on December 2021 financial statements (Lacy Burris).**

Lacy Burris, Director of Finance, presented the December 2021 financial statements for the following funds:

- General Fund
- School Lunch Fund
- Tax District #4 Bond Sinking Fund

### **Agenda Item #7 – Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the preventive maintenance contract renewal of Morgan Mechanical Service, LLC (Steve Knight).**

It was moved by Dan Slocum, seconded by Kendall McKenzie, that the Board approve a 2 year preventative maintenance contract renewal of Morgan Mechanical Service, LLC with a contract period March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2024 as follows:

SCHOOL	YEARONE		YEARTWO	
	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY
Enon Elementary School	\$ 319.32	\$ 3,831.85	\$ 328.90	\$ 3,946.81
Franklinton Elementary School	\$ 933.90	\$11,206.81	\$ 961.91	\$11,543.02
Franklinton High School	\$ 1,538.35	\$18,460.15	\$ 1,584.50	\$19,013.95
Mt. Hermon School	\$ 269.31	\$ 3,231.77	\$ 277.39	\$ 3,328.72
Pine High School	\$ 1,870.17	\$22,442.05	\$ 1,926.28	\$23,115.31
Thomas Jr. High School	\$ 456.20	\$ 5,474.37	\$ 469.88	\$ 5,638.60
Varnado High School	\$ 780.65	\$ 9,367.77	\$ 804.07	\$ 9,648.80
Wesley Ray Elementary School	\$ 343.10	\$ 4,117.24	\$ 353.40	\$ 4,240.76
Total	\$6,511.00	\$78,132.01	\$6,706.33	\$80,475.97

Motion carried unanimously

**Agenda Item #8 – Showcase Equipment Replacement Budget-Alan Morgan (Steve Knight).**

Alan Morgan and Jeremy Simon presented an equipment replacement plan for a sample of schools in the district and it was recommended that the Washington Parish School System budget for the equipment.

**Agenda Item #9 – Discuss and take appropriate action regarding bids received for telecommunication services and equipment for e-rate (Jimmy Thigpen).**

It was moved by Alan McCain, seconded by Robert Boone, that the Board approve the bids received for telecommunication services and equipment for e-rate as follows:

Erate 2022-2023					
AT&T					
Service	Bandwidth	Monthly cost	Total annual recurring cost	One-Time Charges	Total First Year
Switched Ethernet	10 Gigs	\$ 7,441.75	\$ 89,301.00	\$ -	\$ 89,301.00
Hunt Land Holdings					
Service	Bandwidth	Monthly cost	Total annual recurring cost	One-Time Charges	Total First Year
Switched Ethernet	10 Gigs	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 2,800,000.00	\$ 2,863,000.00
Recommend: AT&T 3-year contract with possible (2) 1-year extensions					

Motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item #10 – Consider a motion to adopt the 2022/2023 school calendar (Jennifer Thomas).**

It was moved by Kendall McKenzie, seconded by Dewitt Perry, that the Board adopt the 2022/2023 school calendar as follows:

**2022-23 WPSS Calendar-Option 2**

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- Aug 1-3 Staff Development
- Aug 4 Teacher Workday
- Aug 5 First Day for Students
- Sept 5 Labor Day
- Sept 6-7 VIRTUAL DAYS
- Oct 17-21 WPSS Fair
- Nov 7 VIRTUAL DAY
- Nov 8 Election Day

- Nov 21-25 Thanksgiving
- Dec 21-30 Christmas
- Jan 2-3 New Year's
- Jan 4-6 Staff Dev/PD
- Jan 9 Students Return
- Jan 16 MLK Day
- Feb 20-24 Mardi Gras
- Mar 13 Closed

- Mar 14-15 VIRTUAL DAYS
- April 7-14 Spring Holidays
- May 24 Last Day for Students
- May 25 Report Cards Mailed

**171 Days=64,980 Min**  
 (Minimum minutes: 63,720)  
**Emergency Days: 3 days**

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Agenda Item #11 – Personnel Report (Jennifer Thomas)**

### **PERSONNEL ADJUSTMENTS**

#### **SABBATICAL MEDICAL LEAVE**

1. Franklinton Primary School: Shannon Johnson, Music Teacher, Sabbatical Medical Leave effective the Spring Semester of the 2021/2022 school year only.

#### **TRANSFER**

1. Michelle Renee Turnage, Custodian, Enon Elementary School **TO** Custodian, Varnado High School effective February 3, 2022.

#### **CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

1. Central Office: Charlyn Hartzog, Grant Accountant II Payroll/Insurance **TO** Grant Accountant III effective January 31, 2022 (Replacing Melissa Mauer).
2. Wesley Ray Elementary School: Stacy Wilkes, Regular Teacher-Library Services **TO** Kindergarten Teacher effective Spring Semester 2021-2022 only (Replacing Bethany Cooper).

#### **RESIGNATION**

1. Mount Hermon School: Todd McDonald, Bus Operator, Resignation effective February 23, 2022.
2. Varnado High School: Tiffany Owens, Special Education Paraprofessional, Resignation effective January 31, 2022.
3. Wesley Ray Elementary School: Hailie Adams, Administrative Assistant, Resignation effective January 28, 2022.
4. Wesley Ray Elementary School: Bethany Cooper, Kindergarten Teacher, Resignation effective January 7, 2022.
5. Franklinton Elementary School: Shakira Miller, Regular Teacher, Resignation effective February 7, 2022.
6. Thomas Elementary School: Shanda Thomas, Special Education Paraprofessional, Resignation effective January 10, 2022.

## **EMPLOY**

1. Pine/Thomas School District: Calvin Wheat, Bus Operator, Employ effective January 31, 2022 (Replacing Leona Magee).
2. Varnado High School: Amber Marinovich, Regular Teacher, Employ effective February 7, 2022. (Replacing John Lindem).
3. Varnado High School: Amber Talley, Licensed Practical Nurse, Employ effective January 26, 2022. (Replacing Stephanie Rachel)
4. Franklinton Elementary School: Payton Stogner, Special Education Teacher, Employ effective February 21, 2022 and the remainder of the Spring Semester only. (Fill-In for Yvette Breaux).

### **Agenda Item #12 – Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Transportation Adjustments (Steve Knight).**

It was moved by Dewitt Perry, seconded by Alan McCain, that the Board adopt the Transportation Adjustments as follows:

#### **TRANSPORTATION ADJUSTMENTS**

Pine/Thomas School District:	Extend the route of Ashley Wheat 3 miles one way to pick up students on Willie Wilson Road. Effective date: December 1, 2021.
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Motion carried unanimously.

### **Agenda Item #13 - Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Varnado recognized Ms. Tricia Smith. Ms. Smith presented a banner from the Louisiana Special Olympics. The banner is to honor our commitment to unification and inclusion. Our schools have been named as Unified Champions. Unified Champion Schools are schools that welcome ALL people. A banner will be placed at Central Office and one will be taken to each school.

**Add to the Agenda:** It was moved by Alan McCain, seconded by Dewitt Perry that the Board discuss and take appropriate action regarding the sale of timber on the 16<sup>th</sup> section of land. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alan McCain, seconded by Dewitt Perry, that the Board enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Intergovernmental Agreement as follows:

# RESOLUTION

## TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT/INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress reserved and dedicated the Sixteenth Section in each township for the support of public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tangipahoa Parish School Board is proposing to sell timber located in the Sixteenth Section of Township 4 South, Range 9 East, which township is composed of approximately 92% of Tangipahoa Parish; 5% of St. Tammany Parish and 3% of Washington Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, Louisiana Attorney General Opinion 1996-188 declared that in the sale of timber on a Sixteenth Section that is located in multiple parishes, each parish must approve and conduct the sale.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington Parish School Board authorizes the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Intergovernmental Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish School Board and the St. Tammany Parish School Board wherein the Tangipahoa Parish School Board is authorized to act on behalf of the Washington Parish School Board to advertise for bids for the sale of timber, determine the highest responsible bidder and determine the terms and conditions of the timber sale of the Sixteenth Section land located in Tangipahoa, Washington and St. Tammany Parishes in Township 4 South, Range 9 East with the proceeds thereof, after deduction of actual expenses incurred, to be disbursed among the three parishes in equal portions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that further action will be required by the Washington Parish School board to authorize the Board President to execute the act of timber sale.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Agenda Item #14 - Personal Privileges – School Board Members**

Dr. Kendric Stewart, Director of Security Stanford University, spoke at tonight's meeting. Dr. Stewart addressed concerns of racial equality and recommended diversity and inclusion training for the staff of the Washington Parish School System.

### **Agenda Item #15 – Consider a motion to adjourn.**

It was moved by Frankie Crosby, seconded by Alan McCain, that the Board adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.



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John Wyble, President

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Frances Varnado, Secretary