

Franklinton, Louisiana
April 7, 2022
6:00 p.m.

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

Agenda Item #1 - Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President John Wyble.

Agenda Item #2 – Invocation

The invocation was given by Lesley McKinley.

Agenda Item #3 – Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4 – Recognize LSBA Art Winners (Tricia Smith).

Tricia Smith, Director of Student Support Services recognized Ms. Sheryl Holliday. Ms. Holliday then recognized the following LSBA parish art winners.

Dayana Owens	5 th Grade	Wesley Ray Elementary
Jase Cannon	8 th Grade	Franklinton Jr. High
McKenzie Fountain	11 th Grade	Mt. Hermon School

Agenda Item #5 - Awards Presentation – Students of the Year (Candace Stewart).

The Guidelines for Selection of Candidates were used to select the winners at the school and the parish level. The four categories for selection included the cumulative grade point average, a portfolio of supporting documents, writing samples, and an interview with the judges.

Candace Stewart recognized each student and their respective school principal presented them plaques from the Washington Parish School System:

SCHOOL	STUDENT OF THE YEAR	PRESENTER
Franklinton Jr. High	Braelyn Johnson	Tiffany Smith, Principal
Mt. Hermon Jr. High	Jaslyn Miller	Lee Bond, Principal
Pine Jr. High	Emily Wheat	Ramona Thomas, Principal
Varnado Jr. High	Desmond Weary	Stacy Bond, Asst. Principal
Franklinton High	Ethan Sharpe	Shane Smith, Principal
Mt. Hermon High	Alexis Magee	Lee Bond, Principal
Pine High	Emma Lyons	Ramona Thomas, Principal
Varnado High	Aston Smith	Stacy Bond, Asst. Principal

Superintendent Frances Varnado then recognized and presented plaques to the Washington Parish Jr. High School Student of the Year 2022, Braelyn Johnson and the Washington Parish High School Student of the Year 2022, Alexis Magee.

Agenda Item #6 – Consider a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 17, 2022, regular board meeting (John Wyble).

It was moved by Frankie Crosby, seconded by Dan Slocum that the Board adopt the minutes of the March 17, 2022, regular board meeting as presented to each member. Motion carried unanimously.

Add to the Agenda: It was moved by Frankie Crosby, seconded by Kendall McKenzie that the Board consider a motion to: a. Discontinue charging bus/owner operators for liability insurance and also refund them for bus insurance premiums paid for the 2021/2022 school year (this refund will total \$190.08 per bus owner/operator). These checks will be issued by the end of April. b. A one-time payment to bus owner operators equal to 50 cents per mile (based on one way mileage) for the miles driven in March, April and May to be paid at the end of April. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Bruce Brown, seconded by Lesley McKinley that the board approve to a. Discontinue charging bus/owner operators for liability insurance and also refund them for bus insurance premiums paid for the 2021/2022 school year (this refund will total \$190.08 per bus owner/operator). These checks will be issued by the end of April. b. A one-time payment to bus owner operators equal to 50 cents per mile (based on one way mileage) for the miles driven in March, April and May to be paid at the end of April. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 – Presentation on February 2022 financial statements (Lacy Burris).

Lacy Burris, Director of Finance, presented the February 2022 financial statements for the following funds:

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

Agenda Item #8 –Consider a motion to renew the contract of Norris Insurance Consultant (Lacy Burris).

It was moved by Lesley McKinley, seconded by Dewitt that the Board renew the contract of Norris Insurance Consultant for a one-year term commencing on April 26, 2022 for an annual fee of \$9000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 – Discuss and take appropriate action regarding bids received for roof repairs at Franklinton High School (Grant Gerald).

Franklinton High School Reroof Project No. 2141

*Replace all shingle roofing on buildings A-F, M, S-U

Advertised: 2/23/22, 3/2/22, 3/9/22 in Era-Leader & Central Auction House

PreBid Meeting: 3/10/22, 9:00 a.m.

Bid Opening: 3/23/22, 2:00 p.m.

Contractor Confirmation: 3/24/22 by Chris Bankston

Contractor	Bid	Location
Pelican Roofing Co.	\$ 344,800.00	Broussard, LA
Coleman Roofing, LLC	\$ 363,000.00	Gonzales, LA
Roofing Solutions	\$ 369,650.00	Prairieville, LA
MA Wilson Construction & Consulting, LLC	\$ 371,000.00	Baton Rouge, LA
Roofs Restored	\$ 378,000.00	Hammond, LA
Ground Zero Roofing	\$ 403,180.26	Houma, LA
Dynamic Construction Group, LLC	\$ 408,299.40	Baton Rouge, LA
Wilco Construction	\$ 435,500.00	Picayune, MS
Vincent's Roofing	\$ 490,000.00	La Grange, TX
Rycars Construction, LLC	\$ 525,000.00	Kenner, LA
Industrial Roofing & Construction	\$ 580,100.00	Sterlington, LA
Structure Ace, LLC	\$ 628,998.40	(incorrect bidform, inadequate bid)

It was moved by Dewitt Perry, seconded by Kendall McKenzie that the Board approve the bid from Pelican Roofing Co. at a cost of \$344,800.00 for roof repair at Franklinton High School. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 – Discuss and take appropriate action regarding bids received for roof repairs at Franklinton High Mt. Hermon School (Grant Gerald).

Mt. Hermon School Reroof Project No. 2142A

*Replace all shingle roofing on buildings A-E, G, H, K & L

Advertised: 3/2/22, 3/9/22, 3/16/22 in Era-Leader & Central Auction House

PreBid Meeting: 3/17/22 9:00 a.m.

Bid Opening: 3/30/22, 2:00 p.m.

Contractor Confirmation: 3/31/22 by Chris Bankston

Contractor	Bid	Location
Roofs Restored	\$ 344,600.00	Hammond, LA
Ground Zero Roofing	\$ 359,330.27	Houma, LA
MA Wilson Construction & Consulting, LLC	\$ 361,000.00	Baton Rouge, LA
Coleman Roofing, LLC	\$ 405,000.00	Gonzales, LA
Roofing Solutions	\$ 486,000.00	Prairieville, LA
Soffstall Construction	\$ 550,864.00	Jennings, LA
Vincent's Roofing	\$ 700,000.00	La Grange, TX

It was moved by Dan Slocum, seconded by Kendall McKenzie that the Board approve the bid from Roofs Restored at a cost of \$344,600.00 for roof repair at Mt. Hermon School. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #11 – Consider a motion to approve revisions to the Student Code of Conduct Grades Pre-K – 5 for the 2022/2023 school year (Mike Ingram).

Proposed Changes for Code of Conduct 2022-2023 K-5

4-18 Possession of vape

- 1st offense 3 days ISS
- 2nd offense 6 days ISS
- 3rd offense 9 days ISS

It was moved by Robert Boone, seconded by Frankie Crosby that the Board approve the Student Code of Conduct Grades Pre-K – 5 for the 2022/2023 school year as presented with the following revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #12 – Consider a motion to approve revisions to the Student Code of Conduct Grades 6 – 12 for the 2022/2023 school year (Mike Ingram).

Proposed Changes for Code of Conduct 2022-2023
6-12

Male Students

- Plain dark khaki shorts should be in close proximity to the knee.

Female Students

- Junior high and high school students must wear shorts and skirts that are in close proximity to the knee.

4-20 Distribution/ Possession of several vapes will require a hearing.

- 1st offense 3 days virtual ISS
- 2nd offense 6 days virtual ISS
- 3rd offense 9 days virtual ISS

Junior High Fight

- 1st offense 3 days virtual ISS
- 2nd offense 6 days virtual ISS
- 3rd offense 9 days virtual ISS

High school fight

- 3rd offense 45 days alternative

It was moved by Dewitt Perry, seconded by Robert Boone that the Board approve the Student Code of Conduct Grades 6 - 12 for the 2022/2023 school year as presented with the following revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #13 – Consider a motion to move the June 13, 2022 Committee Meeting and the June 16, 2022 Board Meeting to June 6, 2022 and June 9, 2022 (Frances Varnado).

It was moved by Frankie Crosby, seconded by Kendall McKenzie that the Board approve to move the June 2022 Committee and Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #14 – Consider a motion to adopt revised Washington Parish School Board Policy File: JBCE-Public School Choice (Jennifer Thomas).

For purposes of determining capacity, as determined by School Board staffing policy, any school which has an anticipated enrollment of greater than 80% of its optimal total student capacity in the grade in which the student seeks to enroll shall be deemed to have insufficient capacity to allow for a Louisiana Public School Choice enrollment. Any school that has portables or modular buildings shall be considered at capacity.

It was moved by Dewitt Perry, seconded by Frankie Crosby that the Board adopt revised Washington Parish School Board Policy File: JBCE-Public School Choice. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #15 – Personnel Report (Jennifer Thomas).

PERSONNEL ADJUSTMENTS

RETIREMENT RESIGNATION

1. Franklinton Elementary School: Cheryl Barber, Special Education Teacher, Retirement Resignation effective April 24, 2022.

RESIGNATION

1. Franklinton Primary School: Rickey Burkhalter, Custodian, Resignation effective April 11, 2022.
2. Franklinton High School: Humberto Futch, Spanish Teacher, Resignation effective March 17, 2022.

TRANSFER

1. Courtney Lindsey, Special Education Teacher, Franklinton Primary School **TO** Special Education Teacher, Franklinton Elementary School effective the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Sheree Magee, Paraprofessional, Franklinton High School **TO** Paraprofessional, Franklinton Jr High School effective the 2022-2023 school year.

EMPLOY

1. Franklinton Primary School: Jordan Stevens, Cafeteria Worker, Employ effective April 6, 2022 (Replacing McKesia Fortenberry).
2. Franklinton Primary School: Shiela Maroney, Cafeteria Manager, Employ effective March 24, 2022 (Fill-In for Jennifer Walle).
3. Franklinton High School: Stacey Brady, Cafeteria Worker, Employ effective March 22, 2022(Replacing Deborah Rogers).
4. Wesley Ray Elementary: Victoria Spikes, Administrative Assistant, Employ effective March 29, 2022 (Replacing Hailie Adams).

Agenda Item #16 – Consider a motion to adopt Transportation Adjustments (Steve Knight).

It was moved by Kendall McKenzie, seconded by Robert Boone that the Board adopt the Transportation Adjustments as follows:

TRANSPORTATION ADJUSTMENTS

Pine/Thomas: Extend the route of Meco Kelly 6 miles one way to pick up student on Henry Crain Road. Effective date: March 4, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #17 – Consider recommendations on adoption of revised proposed salary schedules effective the 2022-2023 school year (John Wyble).

It was moved by Kendall McKenzie, seconded by Dewitt Perry that the Board adopt Option B Salary Schedule effective the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously. Copies of the salary schedules are available at the School Board Office.

Agenda Item #18 – Consider a motion to increase the approved one-time supplement for all employees to be paid in May (John Wyble).

It was moved by Robert Boone, seconded by Kendall McKenzie that the Board table agenda item #18. Motion carried unanimously.

Add to the Agenda: It was moved by Frankie Crosby, seconded by Kendall McKenzie that the Board discuss and take appropriate action regarding the purchase of school buses.

Roll call vote as follows:

Dan Slocum	-	For
John Wyble	-	Against
Bruce Brown	-	For
Kendall McKenzie	-	For
Robert Boone	-	For
Dewitt Perry	-	For
Alan McCain	-	Absent
Frankie Crosby	-	For
Lesley McKinley	-	For

It was moved by Frankie Crosby, seconded by Dewitt Perry that the Board approve the purchase of four 2023 Thomas Build C2 71 passenger buses for the Louisiana State Contract price

of \$99,852.81 each from Kent-Mitchell Bus Sales and enter into a master installment purchase agreement with Mercedes-Benz Financial services, LLC for 10 years at 4.57% fixed rate with payment due on 4/30/2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #19 - Superintendent's Report

Pine play-Friday April 8, 2022
Pine Academic Signing day 4/20/2022 10:00 am
Franklinton Academic Signing Day 4/22/2022 1:00 am
Graduation Dates

Agenda Item #20 - Personal Privileges – School Board Members

The Board congratulated the Students of the Year and LSBA Art winners.

Agenda Item #21 - Consider a motion to adjourn.

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

John Wyble, President

Frances Varnado, Secretary