

THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT PARISH SCHOOL
BOARD OF THE PARISH OF GRANT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014.

The Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in its regular meeting place, the Grant Parish School Board Office, Colfax, Louisiana, in Regular Session, Tuesday June 10, 2014 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

There were present Mr. A. J. Lavespere, Mr. Eddie Baxley, Mr. Marvin DeLong, Mr. Terry Oliver, and Mr. A.D. Futrell.

Mrs. Karen Layton, Mr. Randy Browning and Mr. Buddy Pennison were absent.

Mrs. Sheila S. Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer was also present.

The Parish School Board of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, was duly convened by Honorable Eddie Baxley, President of the Grant Parish School Board, who then stated that the Grant Parish School Board was ready to transact any business which may come before the Board.

Motion by Mr. Lavespere, seconded by Mr. DeLong and unanimously approved the revised agenda.

Motion by Mr. Futrell, seconded by Mr. Oliver and unanimously approved the May 6, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

The following students were recognized as valedictorians and salutatorians:

Grant High:

Val: Kevin Bonner
Caleb Doyle
Taylor Freeman
Presely McClung
Taylor McCoy
Chelsea Paul
Marissa Slaughter
Karlee Springer
Katherine Wright

Sal: Rylan Sharbono

Montgomery High:

Val: Kara Teddlie
Tyler Scroggs

Sal: Logan Lambert

Georgetown High:

Co-Val: Morgan Bruce
Zachary Lasyone

Sal: Tanner Maxwell

The Board will recognize Lacey Winegeart at the July 2014 Board Meeting for 13 years of Perfect Attendance.

The Superintendent recognized Pamela Tracy for retiring after 35 years. The Superintendent and the Board were pleased with her hard work.

The Superintendent recognized the following personnel for their retirements who requested their plaques be placed in the mail: "Skip" Lavespere (Teacher @ Verda Elementary); Sharon Shelton (Teacher @ Grant High); Debroah Keathley (Teacher @ Pollock Elementary); Janelle Brumley (Secretary @ Montgomery High); Mona Sue Nugent (Bus Driver @ Colfax Elementary); Pat Cook (Teacher @ Pollock Elem.); Teresa Sauce (Counselor @ Georgetown High); and Carmen Gunter (Teacher @ Colfax Elementary).

Mrs. Carolyn Lincecum presented Mrs. Veronica Fralick a gift certificate in the amount of \$100.00 for perfect attendance during the month of April.

There was nothing on the Transportation and Maintenance Committee.

Motion by Mr. Futrell, for the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved for payment Application and Certificate (Application #5) to Phillip Mayo Construction, Inc. for the Montgomery/Cafeteria Phase II.

Motion by Mr. Futrell, for the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved Application and Certificate for Payment (Application #6) to Phillip Mayo Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$95,820.17 for work done at the Montgomery High School Kitchen/Cafeteria Phase II.

Motion by Mr. Futrell, seconded by Mr. Oliver and unanimously approved granting the Superintendent permission to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

Motion by Mr. Futrell, seconded by Mr. Lavespere and unanimously approved granting permission to contact Rex Lasyone for auction of a portable building at Georgetown High for which we did not receive bids.

Construction Updates:

Montgomery High – Mr. Tudor stated that the Superintendent had a Certificate of Substantial Completion. The job at Montgomery still has a few punch list items that need to be addressed. This is at the final completion time. We should be able to pay the retainage fee around mid July and completion around the first of August.

Grant Jr. High – Mr. Descant of M.D. Descant, Inc., spoke to the Board and Superintendent concerning the leaks at Grant Jr. High. Mr. Descant said his company will be replacing the ridge caps. He felt as though they were cut too short and to fix the leaking problem they will have to be longer. Mr. Descant said he is responsible for the problem and he will fix the problem at his own expense.

The Board Members received for approval at the July Board Meeting the 2014-2015 General Fund Operational Budget; the Preliminary Parish wide and District Budget; the Preliminary Lunch Fund Operational Budget; all other Operational Budgets; the 2014-2015 IDEA Consolidated Application and the 2014-2015 Preliminary Federal Programs NCLB Consolidated Application.

Motion by Mr. Futrell, seconded by Mr. Delong and unanimously approved Colfax Banking Company and Bank of Montgomery as fiscal agents for the Grant Parish School board, with Colfax Banking Company as the official depository.

Motion by Mr. Lavespere, seconded by Mr. Oliver and unanimously approved the following handbooks received at the May 2014 Board Meeting. Grant Jr. High Faculty Handbook, South Grant Elementary Student and Teacher Handbooks; and Pollock Elementary Student and Faculty Handbooks.

Motion by Mr. Futrell, seconded by Mr. Lavespere to accept the Property and Boiler & Machinery Insurance quotes from Brown & Brown Insurance Company received at the May 2014 Board Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Lavespere, seconded by Mr. Oliver and unanimously approved adopting 2 resolutions one authorizing the participation in the matter entitled St. John the Baptist Board, et al v. State of Louisiana, et al, No.622, 693, sec 24 on the docket of the 19th Judicial District Court for the parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, and a resolution in the matter regarding employment of special counsel, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:263.

RESOLUTION OF THE GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 17:81(E) provides that each school board “shall exercise proper vigilance in securing for the schools of the district all funds destined for the support of the schools, including the state funds apportioned thereto, and all other funds”; and

WHEREAS, Article 8, Section 13(B) of the Louisiana Constitution provides, in part, that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall annually develop and adopt a formula to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program of education in all public elementary and secondary schools and the Legislature shall annually appropriate funds sufficient to fully fund the current costs to the State of such a program; and

WHEREAS, Article 8, Section 13(B) also provides that “the last formula adopted by the board or its successor, and approved by the legislature shall be used for the determination of the cost of the minimum foundation program and for the allocation of funds appropriated” “whenever the legislature fails to approve the formula most recently adopted by the board”; and

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2012-13, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education adopted a minimum foundation program formula and submitted that formula to the Legislature for approval pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 99 of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature approved SCR 99 of 2012 and such approval was challenged in legal proceedings instituted by the Louisiana School Boards Association and others; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Supreme Court ultimately held that SCR 99 was unconstitutional and null and void because, in part, it was not properly approved by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the ruling of the Louisiana Supreme Court declaring the 2012-13 MFP to be null and void required that the 2011-12 MFP be used for the determination of the cost of the minimum foundation program in 2012-13; and

WHEREAS, the 2011-12 MFP approved by the Legislature included a 2.75% growth factor for fiscal year 2012-13; and

WHEREAS, the State did not fund the 2.75% growth factor for fiscal year 2012-13 as constitutionally mandated; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has learned that a class action lawsuit entitled *St. John the Baptist Parish School Board, et al v. State of Louisiana, et al*; No. 622,693, Sec. 24 on the docket of the 19th Judicial District Court for the Parish of West Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, has been filed alleging that public school systems across the State of Louisiana were not provided with the proper funding for the 2012-13 fiscal year under the MFP; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana School Boards Association supports the efforts of public school systems to receive the state funding to which they are lawfully entitled and has encouraged all public city and parish school boards in the State of Louisiana to participate in the lawsuit captioned above in an effort to obtain such funding; and

WHEREAS, Robert L. Hammonds of the law firm of Hammonds, Sills, Adkins & Guice, LLP, Randy Cangelosi of the law firm of Kean Miller, LLP, and Brian F. Blackwell and Charles L. Patin, Jr. of the law firm of Blackwell & Associates have special expertise in the issues presented in this litigation and have agreed to represent this School Board in the aforesaid suit and have agreed to do so on a contingency fee basis (subject to the approval by the Louisiana Attorney General) so that no fees or expenses are owed by this School Board unless and until a recovery is made on its behalf;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED, by the Grant Parish School Board in regular session duly convened that:

Section I. The Grant Parish School Board authorizes participation as a plaintiff in the matter entitled *St. John the Baptist Parish School Board, et al v. State of Louisiana, et al*, No. 622,693, Sec. 24 on the docket of the 19th Judicial District Court for the Parish of West Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

Section II. This School Board employs Robert L. Hammonds, Randy Cangelosi, Brian F. Blackwell and Charles L. Patin, Jr. as Special Counsel to handle such litigation on its behalf.

Section III. Any and all attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in said litigation be contingent upon the recovery of amounts constituting the annual growth adjustment for Fiscal Year 2012-13, not to exceed ten (10%) percent.

Section IV. This School Board ratifies and confirms the execution of the Contingent Fee Agreement and Power of Attorney engaging the services of the foregoing attorneys by the President of this School Board.

Section V. This School Board has been duly advised that the law firm of Kean Miller, LLP, and the law firm of Blackwell & Associates of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, has in the past represented, and may in the future represent, school employees in matters in which this School Board is an adverse party. This School Board recognizes that such representation may present said law firms with an actual and/or potential conflict of interest. As an inducement to said law firms to undertake its representation on the terms set forth in this Resolution, this School Board irrevocably waives any past, present, or future actual and/or potential conflicts of interest generated by representation of this School Board in said litigation.

Section VI. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana.

Section VII. Subject to approval of this Resolution by the Attorney General, this employment shall be effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY: Mr. Spvespere

RESOLUTION SECONDED BY: Mr. Oliver

The vote, in open meeting on the within resolution was as follows:

YEAS:

(5) Spvespere, Oliver, Bailey, DeLong & Futrell

NAYS:

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ABSENT:

(3) Layton, Brauning & Pennington

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Grant Parish School Board in regular session duly convened on June 10, 2014, 2014 and that same has not been rescinded or repealed.

Colfax, Louisiana, this 10 day of June, 2014.

Sheila S. Jackson
SECRETARY
GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Eddie Bailey
PRESIDENT
GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

**MATTER PERTAINING TO ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING
EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA
REVISED STATUTE 42:263.**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Grant Parish School Board adopt the following resolution agreeing to institute litigation to recover the annual growth adjustment of 2.75 percent required to be applied to the state and local base per pupil amount in the Minimum Foundation Program funding formula for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, during each fiscal year between Fiscal Year 2009-10 and Fiscal Year 2011-12, the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education adopted and the Louisiana legislature approved a Minimum Foundation Program funding formula that provides that an annual growth adjustment of 2.75% shall automatically be applied to the state and local base per pupil amount in the event that the Resolution adopting that formula remains in effect in a subsequent fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, one of the Minimum Foundation Program funding formulas adopted by the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and approved by the Louisiana legislature between Fiscal Year 2009-10 and Fiscal Year 2011-12 remains in effect for Fiscal Year 2013-14 by virtue of the Louisiana Legislature's failure to approve a Minimum Foundation Program funding formula for Fiscal Year 2013-14, and

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish School Board has been negatively impacted by there being no growth in the state and local base per pupil amount in the Minimum Foundation Program funding formula for several prior years, and

WHEREAS, the application of one of the Minimum Foundation Program funding formulas adopted by the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and approved by the Louisiana legislature between Fiscal Year 2009-10 and Fiscal Year 2011-12 will result in a growth of 2.75 percent in the state and local base per pupil amount in the Minimum Foundation Program funding formula for Fiscal Year 2013-14, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:81(E)(1), school boards are mandated to exercise proper vigilance in securing for their schools all funds destined for the support of said schools, and

WHEREAS, the funds comprising the annual growth adjustment are funds destined for the support of the schools in this school system, and

WHEREAS, each and every public school system operating public elementary and secondary schools within the State of Louisiana is similarly situated,

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish School Board, its Superintendent of Schools, and its staff are in need of special counsel with experience, training, and expertise in school law issues to institute litigation to recover any and all funds destined for the support of the public schools in Grant Parish, and

WHEREAS, through its representation of various school boards in the State of Louisiana, the law firm of Hammonds, Sills, Adkins & Guice, LLP of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, has special experience, training, and expertise in those issues of school law relevant to the proposed litigation, and

WHEREAS, through its representation of the Louisiana Association of Educators and others in the constitutional litigation as well as its representation of various school employees throughout the State of Louisiana, the law firm of Blackwell & Associates of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, has special experience, training, and expertise in those issues of school law relevant to the proposed litigation, now

THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED, by the Grant Parish School Board in special session duly convened that it directs its special counsel, Hammonds, Sills, Adkins & Guice, LLP and Blackwell & Associates, hired for this specific purpose to immediately institute such litigation as may in special counsel's opinion be deemed necessary and appropriate to recover the annual growth adjustment of 2.75 percent required to be applied to the state and local base per pupil amount in the Minimum Foundation Program funding formula for Fiscal Year 2013-14 as a result of the application of one of the Minimum Foundation Program funding formulas adopted by the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and approved by the Louisiana legislature between Fiscal Year 2009-10 and Fiscal Year 2011-12 on behalf of the Grant Parish School Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grant Parish School Board has been duly advised that the law firm of Blackwell & Associates of Baton Rouge, Louisiana has in the past, and may, in the future, represent school employees in matters in which the Grant Parish School Board is an adverse party. The Grant Parish School Board recognizes that such representation may present said law firm with an actual and/or potential conflict of interest. As an inducement to said law firm to undertake its representation on the terms set forth in this Resolution, the Grant Parish School Board irrevocably waives any and all such past, present and future actual and/or potential conflicts of interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grant Parish School Board specifically authorizes special counsel to name it as a party plaintiff and/or intervenor to said lawsuit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to approval of this Resolution by the Attorney General, this employment shall be effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in said litigation be contingent upon the recovery of amounts constituting the annual growth adjustment for Fiscal Year 2013-14, not to exceed ten (10%) percent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Grant Parish School Board is hereby authorized and empowered to execute the Contingent Fee Agreement and Power of Attorney engaging the services of Hammonds, Sills, Adkins & Guice, LLP and Blackwell & Associates.

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY: Mr. Laveopere

RESOLUTION SECONDED BY: Mr. Oliver

The vote, in open meeting on the within resolution was as follows:

YEAS:

(5) Laveopere, Oliver, Bailey, Dedong & Futrell

NAYS:

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ABSENT:

(3) Layton, Brauning & Pennington

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Grant Parish School Board in regular session duly convened on June 10, 2014, 2014 and that same has not been rescinded or repealed.

Colfax, Louisiana, this 10 day of June, 2014.

Sheila Jackson
SECRETARY
GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Eddie Bailey
PRESIDENT
GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

CONTINGENT FEE AGREEMENT AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

The **GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD** ("Client") hereby employs and retains **HAMMONDS, SILLS, ADKINS & GUICE, LLP** and **BLACKWELL & ASSOCIATES** (herein referred to as "Attorneys") to represent Client as set forth in this Agreement.

1. SCOPE OF REPRESENTATION

Client hereby engages Attorneys to investigate, evaluate and prosecute all of Client's available claims for recovery of the 2.75% annual growth adjustment in the Minimum Foundation Program for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 as a result of the Louisiana Legislature's failure to approve a Minimum Foundation Program funding formula for Fiscal Year 2013-14 (hereinafter referred to as "the Claims"). Client acknowledges that Client has engaged Attorneys for the sole purposes expressly stated in this Agreement and none other. Client understands Attorneys are not making any representations of any kind to perform any legal services that are not expressly stated in this Agreement.

2. AUTHORITY OF THE ATTORNEYS

Client authorizes Attorneys to take all steps that Attorneys, in the exercise of their professional judgment, deem necessary and proper regarding the investigation, filing, and handling of the Claims, including filing the Claims, hiring certified public accountants, expert witnesses, negotiating a settlement, and, if necessary, filing a lawsuit or other action. Client authorizes and empowers Attorneys to investigate, institute, and prosecute a claim for the recovery of any and all monies arising out of the Claims, and to prosecute the Claims to resolution by a settlement or judgment.

3. ATTORNEYS' FEES

Client understands the Attorneys' fees will be calculated based on the gross amount of any and all monies obtained after the date Client signs this Agreement relating to the Claims (the

"Recovery"). Except as provided in paragraph 9, if there is no Recovery, Client owes Attorneys no attorney's fees. In consideration of the services to be rendered to Client by Attorneys, Client hereby assigns, grants and conveys to Attorneys the following:

10% of any Recovery.

4. ADVANCED EXPENSES

Client understands that Attorneys will advance expenses, which, in the professional judgment of Attorneys, are reasonably necessary for the prosecution of the Claims. Client understands that, if there is a Recovery, advanced expenses will be deducted from Client's share of the Recovery. Except as provided in paragraph 9, if there is no Recovery, Client is not obligated to reimburse advanced expenses. Attorneys agree that the term "expenses" and/or "advanced expenses" means amounts actually paid and/or incurred by Attorneys in the prosecution of the Claims, such as accounting fees, filing fees, overnight mail, and expert witness fees. Attorneys agree to not include long distance calls, fax fees, or any expense that is part of Attorneys' usual overhead as an advanced expense.

5. ASSOCIATE COUNSEL

Client understands Attorneys are law firms with several lawyers and support staff working on Client's Claims. The Attorneys' fee split disclosed in this paragraph does not affect or increase the Attorneys' fees described in Section 3. Attorneys have assumed joint responsibility for prosecution of Client's Claims. Client agrees that the Attorneys' Fee split is as follows: (i) Hammonds, Sils, Adkins & Guice, LLP shall receive one-half and (ii) Blackwell & Associates shall receive one-half.

6. DISBURSEMENTS OF PROCEEDS

Client understands that any Recovery shall

be deposited in Attorneys' trust account. Attorneys shall disburse proceeds within ten business days of Attorneys receiving any Recovery. At the time of disbursement Attorneys shall provide Client with a detailed closing statement reflecting the amount of Attorneys' Fees and advanced expenses.

7. SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY

No settlement of the cause of action shall be made without Client's full knowledge and approval. Client has sole and exclusive authority to accept or reject any final settlement amount. Client agrees to carefully review and consider Attorneys' recommendation as to whether to accept or reject any final settlement offer. Client agrees to not make a settlement (or offer of settlement) without the prior consent of the Attorneys. Client hereby designates and appoints Attorneys as Client's sole negotiator in any such settlement dialogue or discussion.

8. NO GUARANTEE OF RECOVERY

Client acknowledges that Attorneys have made no representation, guarantee or assurance of any kind regarding the likelihood of recovering on the Claims. Attorneys have not represented that Client will recover any damages, compensation or other funds. Client acknowledges the possibility exists that there will be no Recovery on the Claims.

9. TERMINATION

i. Client's Termination. If Client elects to terminate Attorneys' engagement prior to the full conclusion of the Attorneys' prosecution of the Claims, Client understands and agrees Attorneys have and are entitled to file a first lien for the percentage(s) indicated in Section 3 (the "Attorneys' Fee Lien"). Client agrees it shall pay this Attorneys' Fee Lien upon Client's, Client's assignee or successor, or any successor attorney's receipt of any Recovery obtained relating to Client's Claims.

ii. Attorneys' Termination. If

Attorneys determine, in their sole professional judgment, to terminate this engagement Client shall not be obligated to pay Attorneys' fees or advanced expenses.

iii. Written Notification Required. Client and Attorneys mutually agree that cancellation and/or termination of this Agreement must be: (i) in writing; (ii) addressed to the other party at the address indicated on the signature page of this Agreement; and (iii) sent via the USPS or overnight carrier by the party seeking to terminate the Agreement.

10. DISPOSITION OF FILE

Any materials compiled by Attorneys regarding this engagement (the "File") will remain in Attorneys' possession upon the conclusion of the engagement. Client expressly authorizes Attorneys to store the File at an offsite location. Attorneys will cooperate fully in furnishing a copy of the File to any successor attorney Client may engage. Client agrees to submit a written request to obtain any information or materials from the File; Attorneys agree to comply if the request is made within **two (2) years** after the conclusion of the representation. Absent such request, Client acknowledges Attorneys may dispose of the File without any further action or approval by Client.

11. CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS

Client represents it has made sufficient investigation to determine this Agreement is fair, reasonable, and the result of an arm's length negotiation with the Attorneys. Client represents it has revoked all prior agreements, if any, with other attorneys or claims processors of any kind with respect to the Claims. Client represents it has not assigned, sold or transferred any interest in the Claims other than through this Agreement. Client represents it has, before signing this Agreement, received and read it in full and that Attorneys have answered all of Client's questions regarding this Agreement. Client represents that the individual

signing this Agreement on behalf of Client has Client's full authority to bind Client.

12. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Agreement shall for any reason be found unenforceable, Client agrees that all other portions shall remain enforceable.

Client agrees that this Agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understandings, written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the subject matter within. Further, no modification of this Agreement will be effective unless written and signed by Client and Attorneys.

13. NON-SOLICITATION

Client acknowledges that Attorneys (including any individual or entity working on behalf of Attorneys) did not solicit Client.

14. CLIENT COMMUNICATION.

Attorneys agree to keep Client reasonably informed about the status of the engagement. Client agrees that Attorneys may use e-mail, newsletters, phone calls, faxes, or other forms of communication for this purpose. Client agrees to keep Attorneys updated with Client's contact information contained on the signature page of this Agreement.

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**WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT
AND AGREE TO ITS TERMS.**

CLIENT SIGNATURES:

GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

By: 
Its President

Post Office Box 208
Colfax, LA 71417
Telephone: (318) 627-3274

ATTORNEY SIGNATURES:

HAMMONDS, SILLS, ADKINS & GUICE, LLP

By: _____
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Suite 600
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Telephone: (225) 387-0999

BLACKWELL & ASSOCIATES

By: _____
Brian F. Blackwell, Owner

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Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Telephone: (225) 769-2462

Motion by Mr. Oliver, seconded by Mr. Futrell and unanimously approved the Evaluation and Assessment of School Personnel.

Motion by Mr. Futrell, seconded by Mr. DeLong and unanimously approved the Interagency Agreement between the Grant Parish School Board and Christus St. Francis Cabrini Hospital for School Based Health Centers.

Motion by Mr. Lavespere, seconded by Mr. DeLong and unanimously approved granting the Superintendent permission for approval to sign any and all documents for the Rapides Foundation to include a resolution for the "Effective Schools" Grant.

The Board Members received several documents for approval at the July 1, 2014 Board Meeting: 2014-2015 Grant Parish Student & Parent Handbook; 2014-2015 Georgetown Student and Faculty Handbooks, 2014-2015 Grant High Student and Parent and the Faculty Handbook; 2014-2015 Montgomery High Student and Parent Handbook and Faculty Handbook and the 2014-2015 Verda Elementary Student & Parent and Faculty Handbook. The 2014-2015 Proposed Pupil Progression Plan; the proposed 2014-2015 Athletic Parish Policy; and the 2014-2017 Louisiana Technology Plan were also received.

Motion by Mr. Lavespere, seconded by Mr. Oliver and unanimously approved the intergovernmental Agreement between the Grant Parish School Board and Vermillion Parish School Board.

Appendix d

DISTRICT COOPERATIVE OF LOUISIANA

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN:

THE Grant Parish SCHOOL BOARD

and

THE VERMILION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

I.

This agreement is entered into between THE Grant Parish SCHOOL BOARD (hereinafter "District") and THE VERMILION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD (hereinafter "VPSB"), represented herein by their Superintendents as evidenced by the resolutions previously adopted and attached hereto as exhibits.

II.

LSA-R.S 33:1321 ("The Local Services Law"), et seq., authorizes the execution of agreements between political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana for the acquisition and improvement of any public project.

III.

The VPSB has authorized its staff to establish and operate the District Cooperative of Louisiana ("DCL"). DCL aims to provide both academic and social growth in the critical areas that best promotes the whole student. The belief that districts can come together and share resources is the key to successful students.

DCL is designed to maximize the potential of student learning while allowing members to retain complete control of the outcomes that are individualizes to their needs. DCL's ever-revolving

assets will benefit the students of Louisiana and give its educational stakeholders vast resources and educational opportunities.

IV.

The goal of DCL is to combine efforts from both districts and community to promote academic and social success for the students of Louisiana and to maximize student achievement by exhausting all possible resources.

V.

The District Cooperative will:

- Provide a way of utilizing multi-district approaches in capturing student success (innovation in classrooms)
- Seek discounted costs for volume leasing/purchasing
- Challenge notions and assumptions to formulate strategic reform ideas (utilize policies as a lever of change)
- Stay abreast of national trends on curriculum and cognitive methodology advancement
- Leverage resources to plan against capacity deficits

VI.

Each district will:

- Participate (and/or host) DCL ongoing informational sessions around policy updates and strategic initiatives
- Provide access to district stakeholders to problem-solve educational quandaries
- Contribute pertinent educational updates on a regular basis to be included within the newsletter and website
- Provide feedback and input on current programs/initiatives being conducted within your given district.
- Assist in defraying the costs of DCL overhead and operation by contributing an annual payment, due on the effective date of this agreement (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015), to the VPSB in accordance with the schedule set forth below:

Tiered Structure annual recurring contribution:

- Less than 1000 students: \$1,000 dollars;
 - 1000-5000 students: \$1,500 dollars; and
 - Over 5000 students: \$2,000 dollars.
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VII.

The term "contract year" shall mean one calendar year from the effective date of this agreement or any renewal thereof. This agreement shall continue from year to year unless cancelled, in writing, by either party, effective at the conclusion of the current contract year. Notice of such cancellation shall be given not less than thirty (30) days prior to the end of the contract year.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at June 10, 2014,
Grand Parish, Louisiana, on this 10 day of June, 2014.

WITNESSES:
Epta Kuyton
Shyela Simmons

THE Grand PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
By: Sheila Jackson
Superintendent

Melinda Graves Lashley
NOTARY PUBLIC
Melinda Graves Lashley #90050

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at _____,
_____ Parish, Louisiana, on this _____ day of _____, 2014.

WITNESSES:

THE VERMILION PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
By: _____
Jerome Puyau
Superintendent

NOTARY PUBLIC

Attorney Charles Hardee gave an update on litigation concerning the Montgomery High kitchen/cafeteria project..

The Superintendent gave the Board members copies of the 12 month employee calendar.

2014 – 2015 Grant Parish School Board 12 Month Employee Calendar

July 2014

Summer Schedule Monday – Thursday – 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Office closed on Friday
Monday, July 7, 2014 Independence Day Holiday

August 2014

Office closed Friday, August 1, 2104 (ends summer schedule)
Return to regular work hours Monday, August 4, 2014
No Holidays

September 2014

Monday, September 1, 2104 Labor Day Holiday

October 2014

October 2 and 3, 2014 Fall Break

November 2014

Friday, November 7, 2014 Pecan Festival Holiday
Tuesday, November 11, 2014 Veteran's Day Holiday
Tuesday – Friday, November 25 – 28, 2014 Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2014

Monday – Wednesday, December 22 – 31, 2014 Christmas Holiday

January 2015

Thursday, January 1, 2015 New Year's Holiday
Monday, January 19, 2015 ML King Holiday

February 2015

Monday and Tuesday, February 16 and 17, 2015 Winter Break/Mardi Gras

March 2015

No Holidays

April 2015

Friday – Thursday, April 3 – 9, 2015 Easter Holiday

May 2015

Monday, May 25, 2015 Memorial Day Holiday
Summer Schedule Monday – Friday, May 18 – 29, 2015 7:30 am to 4:30 pm closed on Friday

June 2015

Summer Schedule Monday – Friday – 7:30 am – 4:30 pm closed on Friday
No Holidays

Motion by Mr. Futrell, seconded by Mr. DeLong and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

s/Eddie Baxley
Eddie Baxley
President
Grant Parish School Board

ATTEST:

Sheila S. Jackson
Secretary-Treasurer
Grant Parish School Board