

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENSAS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

St. Joseph, Louisiana  
October 9, 2018

The Tensas Parish School Board met in a regular meeting at the Tensas Parish Materials Center, St. Joseph, Louisiana, at 6:00 p.m., October, 9, 2018, with President Sidney McLemore presiding and the following members present with a quorum:

Mr. John Turner, Mr. Esaw Turner, Mrs. Annice Miller, and Mr. James Kelly  
Absent: Mrs. Jennifer Burnside & Mr. Steve Vinson,

President McLemore called the meeting to order and asked that all stand for the invocation. Mr. James Kelly led the invocation. Superintendent Paul E. Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion by Mrs. Annice Miller, seconded by Mr. James Kelly, the Board approved the minutes from the regular board meeting held September 11, 2018. Motion passed.

On motion by Mr. James Kelly, seconded by Mr. Esaw Turner, the Board received July and August financial statements as presented by Ms. Eryn Arrington.

On motion by Mr. James Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Annice Miller, the Board approved the adoption of a resolution ordering and calling a Millage Continuation Election on Saturday, December 8, 2018, for Parishwide School District No. 3 of the Parish of Tensas, State of Louisiana.

Roll call vote as follows: Yes: James Kelly, Sidney McLemore, Esaw Turner, Annice Miller, John Turner; No: None; Absent: Jennifer Burnside & Steve Vinson. Motion passed.

On motion by Mr. John Turner, seconded by Mrs. Annice Miller, the Board approved the second reading of the following policy revisions:

FILE: EBBB	-	SCHOOL AND STUDENT SAFETY
Cf: EBBC, JCDAF		
FILE: EBBC	-	EMERGENCY/CRISIS MANAGEMENT
Cf: EBB, EBBB		

Motion passed.

On motion by Mr. John Turner, seconded by Mr. James Kelly, the Board approved the first reading of the following policy revisions:

FILE: IFBGA	-	COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE
Cf: EBBB, EFA		
Cf: JCDAF, JCDAG		
FILE: JCDAF	-	BULLYING AND HAZING
Cf: EBBB, IFBGA, JAA		
Cf: JCD, JCDA, JCEA		
FILE: JCDAG	-	THREATS OF TERRORISM OR VIOLENCE
Cf: EBBB, EBBC, IFBGA		
Cf: JCD, JCDAF		
FILE: JCEA	-	STUDENT SEXUAL HARASSMENT
Cf: GAEAB, JCDAF, JGCE		

Motion passed.

On motion by Mr. James Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Annice Miller, the Board voted to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation, Pat Joffrion v. Paul E. Nelson #24203, Parish of Tensas, State of Louisiana under L.R.S. 42:17 (A) (2). Motion passed.

On motion by Mr. James Kelly, seconded by Mr. John Turner, the Board voted to return to their regular meeting. Motion passed.

Superintendent Nelson made the following announcements:

Schools will dismiss at 12:30 on Friday, October 12, 2018 for homecoming at THS. The parade will be at 2 p.m. and line up will start at 1 p.m.

Friday-Tuesday, October 19-23 will be Fall Break for students. October 23 will be staff development day.

Since June of 2016, the school board has cut over 25% of the general staff positions in an effort to save money and keep the budget in line while at the same time bringing in over \$1 million dollars in grant money. That is a million dollars for a school system with less than a \$6 million general fund budget. These monies have been used for teacher training, curriculum updates, technology, and other uses to benefit the students and staff.

Superintendent Nelson stated that he had heard comments about the amount of money spent per student in Tensas Parish. He reminded the Board that a school teacher's salary and benefits costs the same whether they are teaching 15 or 25 students. For example, if the teacher costs \$45,000 and there are 15 students then that per student number is \$3,000. If there are 25 students the per student number drops to \$1,800. These types of costs and expenses will be replicated in everything that we do or purchase.

The scoreboard at THS will need to be replaced. We will use the portable scoreboard for the next two home games. We will begin working on a plan in the spring for a replacement.

There being no further business before the Board, on the motion offered by Mr. John Turner, seconded by Mrs. Annice Miller, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Sidney McLemore  
Sidney McLemore, President

/s/ Paul E. Nelson  
Paul E. Nelson, Superintendent