

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENSAS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

St. Joseph, Louisiana
July 9, 2020

The Tensas Parish School Board met in a regular meeting at the Tensas Parish Materials Center, St. Joseph, Louisiana at 6:00 p.m., July 9, 2020, with President John Turner presiding and the following members present with a quorum:

Ms. Morgan Carter, Mr. George Matthews, Mrs. Mary Nell Rushing, Mr. Esaw Turner,
and Mrs. Annice Miller
Absent: Mrs. Jennifer Burnside

President Turner called the meeting to order and asked that all stand for the invocation. Mr. Esaw Turner led the invocation followed by Superintendent Nelson leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board recognized Brenda Hill as Tensas Parish Bus Driver of the Year.

On motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Turner, the board voted to approve minutes from regular meeting held June 11, 2020. Motion passed.

On motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Turner, the board voted to accept Colby Cephus' bid for lot adjacent to Newellton Elementary School in the amount of \$4,500. Motion passed.

On motion by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Rushing, the board voted to accept JJ Merchants' bids for two John Deere lawn mowers in the amount of \$1,281.77 and \$1,283.77. Motion passed.

On motion by Mrs. Rushing, seconded by Mrs. Miller, the board approved Child Nutrition Service's request to advertise bids for Equipment Repair and Service, Refrigeration, and Produce. Motion passed.

On motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Turner, the board approved revising the school calendar for 2020-21 to start school on 08/17/20, rather than 08/10/20. Motion passed.

On motion by Mrs. Rushing, seconded by Mr. Matthews, the board approved revising 2019-20 school system budget. Motion passed.

On motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Rushing, the board received May financial statement and budget to actual update. Motion passed.

Superintendent Nelson then made the following announcements:

- Please review the return to school document in your handouts from the American Academy of Pediatrics on Covid-19.
- We had a call today to line up an online virtual program for students this fall.
- Please review materials for Back to School plans.
- Dr. Nelson announced that he will be on vacation next week. No FYI will be sent home. He will be able to be reached by email or text.
- We currently have over 20 employees participating in our virtual PD program and over 30 students in our Early Start home-based learning program.
- We received notice that we will receive money from the governor's budget for devices and internet accessibility.

- Superintendent's Report: July 9, 2020

Personnel:

Resignations:

Ramona Washington, Teacher
Tensas High School, Effective 06/30/2020

Constance Clayton, Teacher
Tensas High School, Effective 06/30/2020

Newman, Jerrica, Teacher
Tensas High School, Effective 06/30/20

McDonald, Jennifer, Teacher
Tensas High School, Effective 06/30/20

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

/s/ John Turner
John Turner, President

/s/ Paul Nelson
Paul Nelson, Superintendent