

The Bienville Parish School Board met in regular session Thursday, January 11, 2018, at the Bienville Parish School Board Office, 1956 First Street, Arcadia, Louisiana, with the following members present: Mr. Edward Mason, Jr., Mr. Mickey Hampton, Ms. Freddie Blow, Ms. Bonita Reliford, Ms. Martha Grigg, Mr. Donald Calloway, and Dr. Larry Knotts. All members were present.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Edward Mason, Jr., and the invocation was given by Ms. Freddie Blow, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Superintendent William Britt.

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Ms. Bonita Reliford, passed, approving the agenda posted January 5, 2018 (as amended on January 10, 2018) for the January 11, 2018 regular meeting of the Bienville Parish School Board.

Ms. Angela Taylor gave a brief overview of the Student of the Year program. School level winners were introduced, and then certificates were presented by Superintendent Britt to:

Elementary Division

Brianna Alexander – GCHS

Joseph Salvaterra – CES

Anthony Toms – SHS

Anna Myers - CHS

Faith Clifton - RES

Junior Division

Mikayla Pousson – AHS

Trinitee Scott – GCHS

Jaxton Bell – SHS

Destany Woods – RHS

Tayah Fockler - CHS

Senior Division

Brittney Lea – CHS

Nicolas Noel – RHS

Jarrion Hampton – AHS

Xaivion Haulcy – GCHS

Wesley Graham – SHS

Unable to attend: Brianna Alexander, Anna Myers, Mikayla Pousson, Tayah Fockler, and Wesley Graham.

Bienville Parish Students of the Year were recognized and honored with plaques presented by Superintendent William Britt.

Elementary Division:

Anna Myers
(Castor High School)

Junior Division:

Destany Woods
(Ringgold High School)

Senior Division:

Brittney Lea
(Castor High School)

Mayor of Castor, Vickie Pickett, representing the Bienville Parish Education Foundation program recognized and presented awards for \$75.00 to each Bienville Parish Student of the Year.

Superintendent Britt announced this was the first meeting of the year and would be a re-organizational meeting. The floor was opened for nominations for President to serve during 2018. Mr. Donald Calloway nominated Dr. Larry Knotts, seconded by Ms. Martha Grigg. There being no further nominations, Dr. Larry Knotts was declared President for 2018 by a unanimous vote. At that point, Dr. Larry Knotts began to preside and conduct the meeting.

A plaque of appreciation was presented to Mr. Edward Mason, Jr., for his service as President of the Bienville Parish School Board for 2017.

The next order of business was the election of a Vice-President to serve during 2018. Ms. Bonita Reliford nominated Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway. There being no further nominations, Mr. Mickey Hampton was elected Vice-President for 2018 by a unanimous vote.

Time, place and date for the regular meetings were discussed. Motion by Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow, passed, placing the regular meeting of the Board at the Bienville Parish School Board Office, 1956 First Street, Arcadia, Louisiana, at 6:00 p.m. to be held on the following dates:

February 1, 2018
March 8, 2018
April 5, 2018
May 3, 2018
June 7, 2018
July 12, 2018
August 2, 2018
September 6, 2018
October 4, 2018
November 1, 2018
December 6, 2018
January 10, 2019

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow, passed, approving the minutes of the regular meeting on December 7, 2017 as distributed.

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Ms. Bonita Reliford, passed, adopting the proposed policy revisions on public display from December 8, 2017 through January 10, 2018.

File: EB – Buildings and Grounds Management
File: GAMA – Employee Tobacco Use
File: IFCB – Field Trips and Excursions
File: JCDA – Student Smoking/Use of Tobacco

Motion by Mr. Edward Mason, seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow, passed, placing the following proposed policy revisions on public display from January 12, 2018 through January 31, 2018. The proposed policy revisions are:

File: DFN – Sale of Buildings and Land
File: ECA – Authorized Use of Equipment
File: GBC – Recruitment
File: GBRIB – Sick Leave
File: EE – Child Nutrition Program Management
File: IDCJ – Supplemental Educational Services (deletion)
File: IDDH – English Learner Program
File: IFD – Parent and Family Engagement
File: IFDA – Parental Rights/Student Rights of Privacy
File: JR - Student Records

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, to receive a report of the financial and compliance audit of the Bienville Parish School System for the period July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 from LaPorte CPAs & Business Advisors.

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Mr. Edward Mason, Jr., passed, to defer agenda item #9 - Consider a resolution authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, of School District Number One (1) of Bienville Parish, Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Edward Mason, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton:

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for the appointment of Raymond James & Associates, Inc., as Bond Underwriter for the General Obligation School Bonds to be issued by School District Number One (1) of Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, School District Number One (1) of Bienville Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), is authorized to issue \$22,000,000 of General Obligation School Bonds (the "Bonds") pursuant to an election held in the District on October 14, 2017, and the applicable provisions of Louisiana law; and

WHEREAS, the Parish School Board now wishes to appoint a Bond Underwriter to assist in the sale of the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the District, that: SECTION 1. Raymond James & Associates, Inc., of New Orleans, Louisiana, is hereby appointed as Bond Underwriter in connection with the sale of a total of \$22,000,000 of General Obligation School Bonds of the District, the Bonds anticipated to be sold in two series. Compensation will be paid the Bond Underwriter from the proceeds of the Bonds and will be contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds as no compensation shall be due to the Bond Underwriter on any series of Bonds unless such series is sold and delivered.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Edward Mason, Jr.	X	_____	_____	_____
Mickey Hampton	X	_____	_____	_____
Freddie Blow	X	_____	_____	_____
Bonita Reliford	X	_____	_____	_____
Martha Grigg	X	_____	_____	_____
Larry Knotts	X	_____	_____	_____
Donald Calloway	X	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 11th day of January, 2018.

/s/ William Britt
Secretary

/s/ Larry Knotts
President

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow, passed, approving the following request for use of school facilities:

4-H Shooting Sports, Safety Meeting
Castor High School Cafeteria – January 18, 2018

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton, passed, convening an executive session for agenda item #13-prospective litigation/arbitration regarding Job #2014-08 (All Weather Athletic Track at Gibsland-Coleman High School).

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow, passed, reconvening the regular session of the Board.

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Mr. Edward Mason, Jr., passed, to receive the Superintendent's report regarding the status of Job #2014-08 – All Weather Athletic Track at Gibsland-Coleman High School.

Motion by Ms. Bonita Reliford to reconsider the action taken on agenda item #3 (selection of Vice-President for 2018), seconded by Ms. Martha Grigg (motion to reconsider is not debatable or amendable and requires a 2/3 vote). The motion to reconsider received a unanimous vote.

Mr. Mickey Hampton nominated Ms. Freddie Blow as Vice-President, seconded by Ms. Bonita Reliford. There being no further nominations, Ms. Freddie Blow was elected Vice-President for 2018 by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Edward Mason, Jr., seconded by Ms. Bonita Reliford, passed, adjourning the meeting.

/s/ William Britt

William Britt, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board

/s/ Dr. Larry Knotts

Dr. Larry Knotts, President
Bienville Parish School Board

CERTIFICATE

I, William Britt, Secretary of Bienville Parish School Board, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings of the regular meeting of the Board, January 11, 2018.

/s/ William Britt

William Britt, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board