

The Bienville Parish School Board met in regular session Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the Bienville Parish School Board, 1956 First Street, Arcadia, Louisiana, with the following members present: Ms. Sylvia Dupree, Mr. Mickey Hampton, Ms. Freddie Blow, Ms. Bonita Reliford, Mr. Donald Calloway, and Dr. Larry Knotts. Absent: Ms. Martha Grigg

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Larry Knotts, and the invocation was given by Ms. Bonita Reliford, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Superintendent William Wysinger.

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, approving the agenda posted November 30, 2018 for the December 6, 2018 regular meeting of the Bienville Parish School Board.

After an overview of District Performance Scores given by Miss Kamithia Penton, Director of Federal Programs, the following schools were recognized and presented a certificate by Superintendent William Wysinger for their recognition by the State Department of Education as a Top Gains School:

*Crawford Elementary School – represented by Principal Edwin Mason and Mrs. Laverne Wilson*  
*Gibbsland-Coleman High School – represented by Principal Samuel Andrews*  
*Ringgold Elementary School – represented by Principal Dottie Foster*  
*Saline High School – represented by Principal Scott Canady*

Motion by Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Ms. Bonita Reliford, passed, approving the minutes of the regular meeting on November 1, 2018 and the special meeting on November 7, 2018 as distributed.

Motion by Ms. Bonita Reliford, seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow, passed, adopting the following proposed policy revisions on public display from November 2, 2018 through December 5, 2018. The policy revisions are:

*File: IFBGA – Computer And Internet Use*  
*File: JCDAF – Bullying And Hazing*  
*File: JCDAF – Threats Of Terrorism Or Violence*

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton, passed, placing the following proposed policy revisions on public display from December 7, 2018 through January 9, 2019. The policy revisions are:

*File: GBK – Employee Discipline*  
*File: GBN – Dismissal Of Employees*  
*File: IFCB – Field Trips And Excursions*  
*File: IHAD – Parent Conferences*  
*File: JGCE – Child Abuse*  
*File: JR – Student Records*

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Mickey Hampton and seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow:

### **RESOLUTION**

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parishwide School District of the Parish of Bienville,

State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parishwide School District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parishwide School District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the special election.

SECTION 2. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Bienville, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Results. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Sylvia Dupree	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mickey Hampton	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Freddie Blow	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bonita Reliford	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Martha Grigg	_____	_____	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Larry Knotts	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Donald Calloway	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

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/s/ William Wysinger  
Secretary

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/s/ Larry Knotts  
President

PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISHWIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF BIENVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Bienville Parish School Board Office, 1956 First Street, Arcadia, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parishwide School District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "District"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, with the following members present:

Ms. Sylvia Dupree, Mr. Mickey Hampton, Ms. Freddie Blow, Ms. Bonita Reliford, Dr. Larry Knotts, and Mr. Donald Calloway;

There being absent: Ms. Martha Grigg;

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following propositions, to wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 2  
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall Parishwide School District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a seven and seventy-nine hundredths (7.79) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,804,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2019 and ending with the year 2028, for the purpose of giving additional aid for the operation of the public schools in said District, said millage to represent a eighteen hundredths of a mill (.18) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 7.61 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2018 pursuant to an election held on April 4, 2009?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 2  
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall Parishwide School District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a seven and seventy-nine hundredths (7.79) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,804,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2019 and ending with the year 2028, for giving additional support to the public schools in Bienville Parish, including, repair and upkeep of buildings and grounds, replacement and addition of equipment and operations and maintenance of public schools, the proceeds to be divided as follows:

- A. 1/2 for all public schools of the District as designated by the Bienville Parish School Board; and
- B. 1/2 to be pro-rated and expended in each taxing and attendance district based on average daily membership at the end of the first thirty (30) days of operation of the school session each year, said millage to represent a eighteen hundredths of a mill (.18) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 7.61 mills tax authorized

to be levied through the year 2018 pursuant to an election held on April 4, 2009?

There was found by said count and canvass that:

(i) there was a total of **2,885** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 1 and a total of **2,000** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 1, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **885** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 1 as hereinabove set forth; and

(ii) there was a total of **2,890** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 2 and a total of **1,991** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 2, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **899** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 2 as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that Proposition No. 1 and Proposition No. 2 as hereinabove set forth were duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the District on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Results by precinct are available from the Secretary of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website ([voterportal.sos.la.gov](http://voterportal.sos.la.gov)).

**Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Arcadia, Louisiana, on this, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

ATTEST:

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/s/ Larry Knotts

President

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/s/ William Wysinger

Secretary

**EXHIBIT "A"**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parishwide School District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on June 7, 2018, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 2

(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall Parishwide School District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a seven and seventy-nine hundredths (7.79) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,804,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2019 and ending with the year 2028, for the purpose of giving additional aid for the operation of the public schools in said District, said millage to represent a eighteen hundredths of a mill (.18) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 7.61 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2018 pursuant to an election held on April 4, 2009?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 2  
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall Parishwide School District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a seven and seventy-nine hundredths (7.79) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$2,804,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2019 and ending with the year 2028, for giving additional support to the public schools in Bienville Parish, including, repair and upkeep of buildings and grounds, replacement and addition of equipment and operations and maintenance of public schools, the proceeds to be divided as follows:

- A. 1/2 for all public schools of the District as designated by the Bienville Parish School Board; and
- B. 1/2 to be pro-rated and expended in each taxing and attendance district based on average daily membership at the end of the first thirty (30) days of operation of the school session each year,

said millage to represent a eighteen hundredths of a mill (.18) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 7.61 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2018 pursuant to an election held on April 4, 2009?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Bienville Parish, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and **NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Bienville Parish School Board Office, 1956 First Street, Arcadia, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Arcadia, Louisiana, on this, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

ATTEST:

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/s/ Larry Knotts  
President

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/s/ William Wysinger  
Secretary

#### PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned President of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of the Parishwide School District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "District"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that Proposition No. 1 and Proposition No. 2 submitted at the special election held in the District on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 were **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Arcadia, Louisiana, on this, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

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/s/ Larry Knotts  
President

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF BIENVILLE

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Parishwide School District of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana (the "District"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and *Procès Verbal* made by said Governing

Authority on December 6, 2018, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the District on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Arcadia, Louisiana, on this, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

/s/ William Wysinger

Secretary

Motion by Ms. Bonita Reliford, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, approving the following educational trips:

Ringgold High School, Students against Destructive Decisions  
2019 National Youth Leadership Forum  
Washington, DC – February 4 – 7, 2019

Ringgold High School, BPCCC Dual Enrollment  
College Study Tour  
Venice, Florence, and Rome, Italy – May 13 – 23, 2019

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton, passed, convening an executive session for agenda item #9 - to discuss strategy for pending litigation/arbitration pertaining to petition filed in the Second Judicial District Court, Bienville Parish, Job #2014-08 – All Weather Athletic Track at Gibsland-Coleman High School.

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Mickey Hampton, passed, reconvening the regular session of the Board.

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, accepting Superintendent William Wysinger's recommendation to discontinue the process of hiring an appraiser to get an estimate on the reconstruction of wall and completion of All Weather Athletic Track at Gibsland-Coleman High School and to begin the process of bidding out the job.

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

*/s/ William Wysinger*

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William Wysinger, Secretary  
Bienville Parish School Board

*/s/ Dr. Larry Knotts*

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Dr. Larry Knotts, President  
Bienville Parish School Board

**CERTIFICATE**

I, William Wysinger, 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, December 6, 2018.

*/s/ William Wysinger*

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William Wysinger, Secretary  
Bienville Parish School Board