

The Bienville Parish School Board met in regular session Thursday, January 10, 2019, 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, Ms. Martha Grigg, Mr. Donald Calloway, and Dr. Larry Knotts. All members were present.

Judge Glen Fallin administered the Oath of Office to the Bienville Parish School Board Members.

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

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow, passed, approving the agenda posted January 4, 2019 (as amended on January 9, 2019) for the January 10, 2019 regular meeting of the Bienville Parish School Board.

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

Elementary Division

Cynthia Mason – GCHS
Danielle Copeland - BHS
Mary Riley - CES
Brooke McCorkle - CHS
Jenna Hurt – RES
Kami Britt - SHS

Junior Division

Patsy Jackson – AHS
Johnathon Washington - GCHS
Larry Williams - SHS
Phyllis Scott - RHS
Kerri Layfield - CHS

Senior Division

Allyson Edwards - CHS
Michael Williams - RHS
Esonyo Roebuck - GCHS
Gertrude Roebuck - AHS
Ramona Williams - SHS

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

Elementary Division:
Mary Riley
(Crawford Elementary School)

Junior Division:
Johnathon Washington
(Gibbsland-Coleman High School)

Senior Division:
Gertrude Roebuck
(Arcadia High School)

Mrs. Bonita Hall representing the Bienville Parish Education Foundation program recognized and presented awards for \$250.00 to each Bienville Parish Teacher of the Year.

By motion of Board Member, Mickey Hampton, duly seconded by Board Member Donald Calloway, the following Resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Edward Mason, Jr. has submitted his resignation as Board Member, District One, Bienville Parish School Board, Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, and it has been accepted by the School Board;

WHEREAS, His resignation has caused a vacancy in office and pursuant to La. R.S. 18:602(B), the governing authority has until January 22, 2019 to make an appointment to fill this position until an election can be held; and

WHEREAS, The Bienville Parish School Board is given the authority and responsibility under the provisions of La. R.S. 18:602 to appoint a person to fill the vacancy who meets the qualifications of the office, and to call a special election to fill the vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the members of the Bienville Parish School Board, at a regular meeting duly convened, resolved that Sylvia Dupree be appointed to fill the position of Board Member, District One until a special election can be held to fill the vacancy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a special election be called and held with the special primary election date set for March 30, 2019 and the special general election date set for May 4, 2019 with qualifying dates set for January 30 through February 1, 2019.

The above Resolution was adopted by the following vote on this 10th day of January 2019.

YEAS: Mickey Hampton, Freddie Blow, Bonita Reliford, Martha Grigg, Larry Knotts, Donald Calloway
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: Sylvia Dupree

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
officially on this 10th day of January, 2019.

/s/ Freddie Blow
President

ATTEST:

/s/ William Wysinger
Superintendent
Secretary-Treasurer

Superintendent Wysinger 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 2019. Mr. Mickey Hampton nominated Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway. There being no further nominations, Ms. Freddie Blow was declared President for 2019 by a unanimous vote. At that point, Ms. Freddie Blow began to preside and conduct the meeting.

The next order of business was the election of a Vice-President to serve during 2019. Mr. Donald Calloway nominated Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Ms. Sylvia Dupree. There being no further nominations, Mr. Mickey Hampton was elected Vice-President for 2019 by a unanimous vote.

Superintendent William Wysinger presented a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Larry Knotts for his service as President of the Bienville Parish School Board for 2018.

Time, place and date for the regular meetings were discussed. Motion by Ms. Bonita Reliford, seconded by Dr. Larry Knotts, 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 7, 2019
March 7, 2190
April 4, 2019
May 2, 2019
June 6, 2019
July 11, 2019
August 1, 2019
September 5, 2019
October 3, 2019
November 7, 2019
December 5, 2019
January 9, 2019

Superintendent William Wysinger declared January as School Board Member Recognition Month and the following resolution was offered:

**RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
RECOGNITION MONTH JANUARY 2020**

Whereas, the education of Louisiana’s school-aged children is the foundation upon which the economic, social and intellectual capital of our state is built; and

Whereas, locally elected school boards play an important and vital role in a representative democracy, and decisions made by local boards of education directly influence instruction in Louisiana’s public schools; and

Whereas, these decisions affect the present and future lives of children, and also set direction to prepare all students to be competitive in a local, state, national, and global 21st century economy; and

Whereas, local school board members work with parents, businesses, education professionals, all elected officials and other community members to create the educational visions we want for our students; and

Whereas, this year’s theme – **SCHOOL BOARDS MATTER!** - reflects the relevance of local school board members as they advocate for public education with local, state, and federal leaders; and

Whereas, School Board Member Recognition Month provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the thousands of people in Louisiana who champion the mission of public education and school board members; now, therefore be it

Resolved, the Louisiana School Board Association recognizes the contributions of the state’s local school boards to the academic success of its public school students and expresses its sincerest recognition to the local school board members for their focus on the well-being and achievement of children throughout the state; and be it finally

Resolved, we the members of the Bienville Parish School Board declare January 2019 as School Board Member Recognition Month.

By motion of Board Member Sylvia Dupree, duly seconded by Board Member Martha Grigg, the above resolution was adopted by the following vote on this 10th day January 2019.

Yeas: 7, Nays: 0, Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

/s/ William Wysinger
Secretary

/s/ Freddie Blow
President

Motion by Dr. Larry Knotts, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, approving the minutes of the regular meeting on December 6, 2018 as distributed.

Motion by Ms. Sylvia Dupree, seconded by Ms. Bonita Reliford, passed, adopting the following proposed policy revisions on public display from December 7, 2018 through January 9, 2019:

- 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*

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, approving the request for alterations to Job #2018-04 – Athletic Improvements for Arcadia High School. (Change Order #1)

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Ms. Sylvia Dupree, passed, approving the following requests for use of school facilities:

Hoopla Mission Team, Co-ed Tournament
Castor High School Dixie League Fields, January 18, 2019 and February 9, 2019

Gibbsland Coleman Alumni, Fundraiser for Scholarships
Gibbsland Coleman High School Cafeteria, February 9, 2019

Slabtown, Beauty Pageant
Ringgold Elementary School Gymnasium, February 23, 2019

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Ms. Bonita Reliford, passed, approving the following request for an out of state educational trip:

Gibbsland Coleman High School
7th and 11th grade Social Studies Classes
Civil Rights Museum, Jackson Mississippi
January 18, 2019

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Ms. Bonita Reliford, adjourning the meeting.

/s/ William Wysinger

William Wysinger, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board

/s/ Freddie Blow

Freddie Blow, 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, January 10, 2019.

/s/ William Wysinger

William Wysinger, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board