

The Bienville Parish School Board met in regular session Thursday, May 2, 2019, at the Bienville Parish School Board Annex, 1956 First Street, Arcadia, Louisiana, with the following members present: Ms. Sharolyn Boston, Mr. Mickey Hampton, Ms. Bonita Reliford, Ms. Martha Grigg, Dr. Larry Knotts, Mr. Donald Calloway, and Ms. Freddie Blow.

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

Motion by Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Ms. Martha Grigg, passed, approving the agenda posted April 26, 2019 (as amended on April 30, 2019) for the May 2, 2019 regular meeting of the Bienville Parish School Board.

After a brief overview by Mrs. Angela Taylor, State Literary Rally winners were recognized and certificates were presented by Superintendent Wysinger to the following students:

Castor High School

Memphis Dalme – Physical Science – 1st Place

Christian Conley – Intro to BCA – 2nd Place

Blaine Warren – Government – 2nd Place

Kenzie Crawford – English II – 4th Place

Ringgold High School

Sabien Walter – AgriScience – 1st Place

Lyanla Adams – Economics – 2nd Place

Shynia Chase – Nutrition & Food – 3rd Place

Saline High School

Kylie Bates – Nutrition & Food – 1st Place

Noelle Warren – Psychology (Dual Enrollment) – 3rd Place

Jaxton Bell – Physical Science – 3rd Place

Unable to attend: Lyanla Adams, Kylie Bates, Jaxton Bell, Noelle Warren

On behalf of the Bienville Parish Education Foundation, Ms. Bonita Hall of Castor, also recognized and presented awards for \$50.00 to the State Literary Rally Winners.

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Dr. Larry Knotts, passed, approving the minutes of the regular meeting on April 4, 2019 as distributed.

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Dr. Larry Knotts, passed, approving the minutes of the special meeting on April 16, 2019 as distributed.

Motion by Dr. Larry Knotts, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, accepting certification from the Louisiana School Boards Association's Certified Board Member Program and Distinguished School Board Member Program. Bienville Parish School Board Members were recognized and certificates were presented by Superintendent Wysinger to the following:

LSBA Certified Board Member

Mickey Hampton – District 2

Bonita Reliford – District 4

Martha Grigg – District 5

Distinguished Board Member
Mickey Hampton – District 2
Freddie Blow – District 3
Bonita Reliford – District 4
Martha Grigg – District 5
Donald Calloway – District 7

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

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT BESE’S RECOMMENDED INCREASE IN THE
2019-2020 MINIMUM FOUNDATON PROGRAM (MFP)**

WHEREAS, the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) establishes the state funding component of the K12 public education system in Louisiana and the Legislature is required to fully fund the formula;

WHEREAS, there was no increase in the base per pupil for the school years of 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14;

WHEREAS, in the 2014 Regular Session the MFP base per pupil increased from \$3,855 to \$3,961 for the 2014-15 school year;

WHEREAS, had the MFP base per pupil been increased each year by the anticipated 2.75%, the 2019-20 MFP would be \$5,056;

WHEREAS, BESE has unanimously recommended a 1.375% increase in the base per pupil of 2019-20, raising the base per pupil from \$3961 to \$4,015;

WHEREAS, BESE’s recommendation also includes additional funding in Level 3 of the MFP dedicated to an increase in compensation for teachers and support workers in the amount of \$1,000 and \$500, respectively;

WHEREAS, the Bienville Parish School Board has been absorbing ever-increasing operational costs, from health insurance, to technology, to security of students, to curriculum to align with new state standards, and increasing demands of the state accountability system, without increased state funding;

WHEREAS, BESE’s unanimously recommended MFP will benefit local school districts in every parish, as well as every public charter school in the state;

WHEREAS, the Bienville Parish School Board finds that BESE’s recommended MFP, which divides the increased funding between a dedicated teacher and support worker pay raise and an increase in per pupil funding, will help meet the ever-increasing costs of providing a public education to each child that presents at the doors of our schools;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bienville Parish School Board, supports the unanimously approved MFP adopted by BESE to increase the MFP Level 1 per pupil by 1.375% and to provide funding for a dedicated teacher and support worker pay raise in Level 3 of the MFP;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bienville Parish School Board, urges the Legislature to approve SCR 3, authored by Sen. Dan Morrish and/or HCR 1 authored by Rep. Nancy Landry, adopting the MFP that was unanimously approved by BESE for the 2019-20 school year;

FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bienville Parish School Board directs the Superintendent to forward a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Bienville Parish Legislative delegation, to Sen. Dan Morrish, Rep. Nancy Landry, and to Governor John Bel Edwards.

The above Resolution was adopted by the following vote on this 2nd day of May, 2019.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand officially on this 2nd day of May,
2019.

/s/ Freddie Blow
President

ATTEST:

/s/ William Wysinger
Superintendent
Secretary - Treasurer

By motion of Board Member, Bonita Reliford, duly seconded by Board Member, Martha Grigg,
the following Resolution was offered:

**BIENVILLE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE HB 57
SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS, the Article VII, Section 3 of the Louisiana Constitution provides that local sales and use taxes are to be collected by a single collector in each parish;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 3 also provides for the use of a parish commission or one of the local political subdivisions to serve as the single parish collector of local sales and use taxes;

WHEREAS, the authority to “collect” local sales and use taxes has been determined by the Courts to include the authority to administer the collection, including making decisions as to when to audit persons or businesses thought to be unlawfully evading taxation or, in some cases, collecting sales taxes on transactions and failing to fully remit them to the local collector;

WHEREAS, School Boards serve as the single parish collector of local sales and use taxes in over thirty (30) parishes;

WHEREAS, pre-filed in the 2019 Regular Session is HB 57, which proposes to amend the LA Constitution to allow the Legislature to repeal the authority of local governments to control the collection of local sales taxes and place that authority with the State, a concept often referred to as State Central Collection;

WHEREAS, State Central Collection would have the State taking possession of local tax revenues, withholding an administrative fee, then disbursing the balance down to the School Board or other local taxing authority;

WHEREAS, State Central Collection poses too great a risk that local education tax dollars will not be promptly disbursed or that the administrative fee withheld by the State may become a means of resolving State fiscal issues;

WHEREAS, repealing or diminishing the Constitutional authority for local collection of local sales and use taxes will impair the ability of those local collectors to perform the necessary function of auditing vendors to ensure compliance with the legal obligation to collect and remit local sales taxes;

WHEREAS, given the vital role that the proper, effective, and efficient collection of local sales and use taxes plays in the operation of school districts and the education of children, the Louisiana School Boards Association has always fought any efforts to repeal, reduce or constrain the authority of the local collector to collect local sales and use taxes, regardless of who has offered the proposal;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bienville Parish School Board, by action of its duly elected governing authority, does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Legislature, and in particular the Legislative Delegation of Bienville Parish to oppose HB 57 and any other Legislative effort to reject any proposal to repeal or impair local sales and use taxes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bienville Parish School Board, by action of its duly elected governing authority, does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Legislature, and in particular the Legislative Delegation of Bienville Parish to reject any proposal that repeals, reduces or constrains the authority of the local collector to collect local sales and use taxes;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to each member of the Legislative Delegation of Bienville Parish, and the Governor of the State of Louisiana.

The above Resolution was adopted by the following vote on this 2nd day of May, 2019.

YEAS: Sharolyn Boston, Mickey Hampton, Bonita Reliford, Martha Grigg, Larry Knotts,
Donald Calloway, Freddie Blow

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand officially on this 2nd day of May,
2019.

/s/ Freddie Blow
President

ATTEST:

/s/ William Wysinger
Superintendent
Secretary - Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Mickey Hampton, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, approving the following request for use of school facilities:

Gibbsland Coleman Alumni Association, Scholarship Fundraiser//Church Service
Gibbsland Coleman High School Multipurpose Room, July 5 -7, 2019

Ringgold Alumni, Elementary End of Year Dance
Ringgold School Complex Cafeteria & Multipurpose Room, May 10, 2019

Saline Watermelon Festival Committee, Pageant & Area Wide Church Service
Saline High School Gymnasium, July 8 – 16, 2019

Motion by Ms. Bonita Reliford, seconded by Ms. Sharolyn Boston, passed, approving the following requests for out of state educational trips:

Arcadia High School, National Beta Conference
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – June 18 – 22, 2019

Castor High School, National FBLA Conference
San Antonio, Texas – June 27, 2019 – July 3, 2019

Castor High School, National FCCLA Conference
Anaheim, California – June 29, 2019 – July 5, 2019

Ringgold High School, National FBLA Conference
San Antonio, Texas – June 27, 2019 – July 3, 2019

Saline High School, National FBLA Conference
San Antonio, Texas – July 27, 2019 – July 3, 2019

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

/s/ Ms. Freddie Blow

William Wysinger, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board

Ms. Freddie Blow, President
Bienville Parish School Board

C E R T I F I C A T E

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, May 2, 2019.

/s/ William Wysinger

William Wysinger, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board