

The Bienville Parish School Board met in regular session Thursday, January 9, 2020, at the Bienville Parish School Board Annex, 1956 First Street, Arcadia, Louisiana, with the following members present: Ms. Sharolyn Boston, 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, Ms. Freddie Blow, and the invocation was given by Mr. Donald Calloway, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Superintendent William Wysinger.

Motion by Ms. Martha Grigg, seconded by Dr. Larry Knotts, passed, approving the agenda posted December 20, 2019 for the January 9, 2020 regular meeting of the Bienville Parish School Board.

Superintendent Wysinger announced this was the first meeting of the new year and it would be a re-organizational meeting. The floor was opened for nominations for President to serve during 2020. Mr. Donald Calloway nominated Mr. Mickey Hampton. Ms. Bonita Reliford asked for nominations to cease for President. There being no further nominations, Mr. Mickey Hampton was declared President for 2020 by a unanimous vote. At that point, Mr. Mickey Hampton began to preside and conduct the meeting.

Superintendent Wysinger presented a plaque of appreciation to Ms. Freddie Blow for her service as President of the Bienville Parish School Board for 2019.

The next order of business was the election of a Vice-President to serve during 2020. Ms. Sharolyn Boston nominated Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Ms. Bonita Reliford. There being no further nominations, Mr. Donald Calloway was elected Vice-President for 2020 by a unanimous vote.

Time, date, and place for the regular meetings were discussed. Motion by Dr. Larry Knotts, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, 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 6, 2020
March 5, 2020
April 2, 2020
May 7, 2020
June 4, 2020
July 2, 2020
August 6, 2020
September 3, 2020
October 1, 2020
November 5, 2020
December 3, 2020
January 7, 2021

Motion by Ms. Freddie Blow, seconded by Mr. Donald Calloway, passed, approving the minutes of the regular meeting on December 5, 2019 as distributed.

Ms. Angela Taylor gave a brief overview on the Outstanding School Support Employee of the Year Program. School level winners were recognized and presented a certificate by Superintendent Wysinger:

Elementary Division

Shromette Gipson-Monroe - CES
Shirley Jackson – BHS
Angela Blackmon – GCHS
Megan Branch – SHS
Kathy Quick – CHS
Tessa Watts – RES

Junior High Division

Loria Johnson – AHS
Jacqueline Vernon – GCHS
Ora Malone – SHS
Julie Slack - CHS
Robert Reliford – RHS

High School Division

Lauren Lowring – CHS
Byta Weathers – RHS
Jermini Malone – SHS
Rosie Wright - GCHS
Kathy Satcher – AHS

Unable to attend: Robert Reliford, Byta Weathers, Kathy Satcher

Bienville Parish Outstanding School Support Employees of the Year were recognized and honored with plaques presented by Superintendent William Wysinger.

Elementary Division
Shromette Gipson-Monroe
(Crawford Elementary School)

Junior High Division
Julie Slack
(Castor High School)

High School Division
Rosie Wright
(Gibbsland Coleman High School)

Mrs. Bonita Hall representing the Bienville Parish Education Foundation program recognized and presented awards for \$100.00 to each Bienville Parish Outstanding School Support Employee of the Year.

Ms. Angela Taylor gave a brief overview on the Teacher of the Year program. School level winners were recognized and presented a certificate by Superintendent Wysinger:

Elementary Division

Barbara Thomas - GCHS
Jennifer Youngblood - BHS
Alycia Jackson - CES
Beth Marsalis - CHS

Kaitlin Doss – RES
Hannah Robinson - SHS

Junior Division

Yolanda Hampton – AHS
Anna Mills - Talbert - GCHS
Alicia Lathan - SHS
Sherri Wiggins - RHS
Jennifer Bare - CHS

High School Division

Miranda Smith - CHS
Jenna Bolin - RHS
Arlisia Miles - GCHS
Brittney Royal - AHS
David Hough – SHS

Unable to attend: Jennifer Youngblood, Beth Marsalis, Kaitlin Doss, Anna Mills-Talbert, Sherri Wiggins

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

Elementary Division:
Alycia Jackson
(Crawford Elementary School)

Junior High Division:
Alicia Lathan
(Saline High School)

High School Division:
Jenna Bolin
(Ringgold 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.

Superintendent Wysinger recognized and presented certificates of continuing education credits, as required by *Act 705* to each Bienville Parish School Board Member for 2019:

Ms. Sharolyn Boston – 15.25 Hours
Mr. Mickey Hampton – 23.50 Hours
Ms. Freddie Blow – 14.50 Hours
Ms. Bonita Reliford – 26.25 Hours
Ms. Martha Grigg – 17.75 Hours
Dr. Larry Knotts – 15.50 Hours
Mr. Donald Calloway – 21.25 Hours

Motion by Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Dr. Larry Knotts, passed, approving certification of continuing education credits for each Bienville Parish School Board Member for 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! Launching the Next Generation** - 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 2020 as School Board Member Recognition Month

By motion of Board Member Ms. Bonita Reliford, duly seconded by Board Member Ms. Martha Grigg, the above resolution was adopted by unanimous vote on this 9th day January 2020.

/s/ William Wysinger
Secretary

/s/ Mickey Hampton
President

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

Ringgold High School (SADD)
National Youth Leadership Forum hosted by CADCA
National Harbor, Maryland
February 2, 2020 – February 7, 2020

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

/s/ William Wysinger

William Wysinger, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board

/s/ Mickey Hampton

Mickey Hampton, 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 9, 2020.

/s/ William Wysinger

William Wysinger, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board