

The Bienville Parish School Board met in special session Thursday, July 30, 2020 at the Bienville Parish School Board Annex, 1956 First Street, Arcadia, Louisiana, with the following members present: Mr. Mickey Hampton, Ms. Freddie Blow, Ms. Bonita Reliford, Ms. Martha Grigg, Mr. Donald Calloway, and Dr. Larry Knotts. Ms. Sharolyn Boston was absent.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Mickey Hampton, and the invocation was given by Mr. Donald Calloway, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Superintendent William Wysinger.

Motion by Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Ms. Freddie Blow, passed, approving the agenda posted July 27, 2020 for the July 30, 2020 special meeting of the Bienville Parish School Board.

Superintendent William Wysinger introduced a new board policy Covid-19 Public Health Emergency (*File: EBBI*) which is required by BESE to be adopted prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year. In order to meet the requirement by start date of the upcoming school year, a request was made by Superintendent Wysinger to waive *File: BD (School Board Policy)*, which requires a policy to be introduced at one meeting and officially adopted at the next meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Ms. Martha Grigg, passed unanimously, granting the waiver. After an overview, Superintendent Wysinger recommended the new policy be adopted. Motion was made by Dr. Larry Knotts, seconded by Ms. Bonita Reliford, passed, adopting the new policy: *File EBBI - Covid-19 Public Health Emergency*

Superintendent Wysinger updated the Board on Bienville Parish School District's 2020-2021 School Reopening Plan. All Bienville Parish Schools faculty and staff will report on August 3, 2020. Students will start school on August 17, 2020 in Phase II under a Hybrid Model which is a combination of Traditional and Virtual Models. Students will attend school using an AB/AB system of attendance to minimize class sizes and implement social distancing. The A group will attend class on Mondays and Wednesdays, completing online and/or paper assignments on Tuesday/Thursday. The B group will attend class on Tuesdays and Thursdays, completing online and/or paper assignments on Mondays and Wednesdays. Fridays will be a time of distance learning for all students. Take home meals will be provided for the days students are not on campus. Student schedules will be communicated to parents from the school site prior to the start date. Staff members will work from the school site all five (5) days during Phase II. During Phase II, all staff and students 3rd grade and up will be required to wear face masks. Students will remain in static groups to the highest extent possible. Hand washing will be emphasized every two hours and at other designated times during the day. Hand sanitizer stations will be available in all classrooms and common areas. Highly touched surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized frequently throughout the day. Social distancing will be enforced to the highest extent possible. Bus capacity will be held to a 50% maximum with social distancing to the highest extent possible and each student will have an assigned seat. Temperature checks will be conducted at entry points and anyone with a temperature of 100.4 will not be allowed to enter the buildings. A fully online option will be made available with a semester commitment for those parents who do not wish to send their students to school.

Motion by Ms. Bonita Reliford, seconded by Dr. Larry Knotts, passed, accepting the report given by Superintendent William Wysinger on school reopening plans for the 2020-2021 school year.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Donald Calloway, seconded by Ms. Martha Grigg, passed, 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 special meeting of the Board, July 30, 2020.

/s/ William Wysinger

William Wysinger, Secretary
Bienville Parish School Board