

Port Allen, Louisiana
November 15, 2006

A regular meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board was held this date with the following membership:

Present: Jason P. Manola, President, Cecile G. Gauthreaux, Dr. Atley D. Walker, Sr., Ronald P. LeBlanc, Paul C. Pattan, Sr., G. Alden Chustz, Jr., Michael A. Maranto, C. A. Altazan, Jr.
Absent: Cynthia M. Crochet, Charles Morgan

The meeting was opened with the invocation by Dr. Atley D. Walker, Sr. Natalie Walker, Brusly Elementary School student, and Ebony Allen, Lukeville Upper Elementary School student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The next item was approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on October 18, 2006.

Whereupon, the following resolution was offered by Dr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Chustz:

Be It Resolved, That the minutes of the regular board meeting held on October 18, 2006, be approved as presented.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Mrs. Gauthreaux, Dr. Walker, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Pattan, Mr. Chustz, Mr. Maranto, Mr. Altazan, Mr. Manola
Nay: None
Absent And Not Voting: Mrs. Crochet, Mr. Morgan

The next item was educational presentations. Whereupon, the first presentation was introduction of the members of the West Baton Rouge All-Parish Choir and their Director, Ms. Claudette Purnell. Ms. Purnell introduced Mr. Jim Barnett, keyboard accompanist. The Choir's performance was a patriotic musical presentation in honor of Veteran's Day.

Whereupon, Superintendent Corona and the members of the board thanked Mrs. Purnell, the choir members, and Mr. Barnett for the excellent musical presentation.

The next educational presentation was introduction of Stacey Chiasson, Dow Community Relations Manager, and Joy Hobbins, Hands-On-Science Program Coordinator. Whereupon, Mrs. Chiasson presented a check in the amount of \$15,000 from Dow Chemical Company/Louisiana Operations, to be used for the Hands-on-Science Program.

The Chairman declared the floor open for public comment.

Whereupon, the following resolution was offered by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mrs. Gauthreaux:

Be It Resolved, That the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby express its appreciation to Dow Chemical Company/Louisiana Operations, for the \$15,000 contribution presented this date to fund the Hands-On-Science Program, and

Be It Further Resolved, That the board does hereby express its appreciation to Dow Chemical Company/Louisiana Operations, for their monetary contributions and interest in the education of the students of West Baton Rouge Parish.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**Aye: Mrs. Gauthreaux, Dr. Walker, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Pattan, Mr. Chustz,
Mr. Maranto, Mr. Altazan, Mr. Manola**

Nay: None

Absent And

Not Voting: Mrs. Crochet, Mr. Morgan

Dr. Walker left at 5:45 p.m. after the above vote.

The next item was the Superintendent's report.

- 1. Judy Boyce, Youth Services Librarian, WBR Library, gave a slide presentation relative to the on-line tutorial program for students in grades 4-12 which is free for students with a current WBR library card. The program will be available from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. weekly. This program will be launched at 4:30 p.m. on December 1, 2006, along with the dedication of the Reading Gazebo located adjacent to the WBR Library. The money to fund the on-line tutorial program for one year was provided by Wal Mart.**
- 2. Presented an update on the inspection report relative to the condition of the foundation of the stadium at Port Allen Middle School.**

The Chairman declared the floor open for public comment.

Whereupon, President Manola thanked Mrs. Boyce on behalf of the board for these programs and the other grants that she has been awarded for the students of West Baton Rouge.

The next item was presentation of the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- 8. Consideration of personnel matters.**

9. Consideration of request for approval to adopt the following distribution of incentive pay to employees whose schools met and/or surpassed School Performance Growth Target Scores and met Subgroup Performance Goals: (Personnel & Finance Committee Report 11/07/06)
- (a) That the board provide school-based administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, librarians, and other instructional personnel, with incentive pay based on meeting/and or surpassing school performance growth target scores and meeting sub-group performance goals: \$250 each/ \$300 each additional star schools.
 - (b) That the board pay the incentive pay to eligible retired personnel from the schools that met their performance scores.
 - (c) That the incentive pay be funded from the EFID Fund and General Fund as appropriate.
10. Consideration of request for approval to adopt the following: (Personnel & Finance Committee Report 11/07/06)
- (a) That the board approve a mid-year monetary supplemental check in the amount of \$400 to be paid in December to all employees.
 - (b) Supplements will be pro-rated according to the percentage of the year actually employed. To receive the Parish Supplement, personnel must be employed on December 1, 2006.
 - (c) That the mid-year monetary salary supplement be funded from the EFID Fund and General Fund as appropriate.
11. Consideration of request by Superintendent Corona to approve and adopt the 2007-08 school calendar. (Personnel and Finance Committee Report 11/07/06)

The Chairman declared the floor open for public comment.

Whereupon, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Maranto and seconded by Mr. Pattan:

Be It Resolved, That the board does hereby approve and adopt Consent Agenda items #8, #9, #10, and #11 as presented.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Mrs. Gauthreaux, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Pattan, Mr. Chustz, Mr. Maranto,
Mr. Altazan, Mr. Manola
Nay: None
Absent And
Not Voting: Mrs. Crochet, Dr. Walker, Mr. Morgan

The next item was end of consent agenda item #12: Consideration of monthly expenditures and financial reports by Adele English, Supervisor of Business Services.

The Chairman declared the floor open for public comment.

Whereupon, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Maranto and seconded by Mrs. Gauthreaux:

Be It Resolved, That the board does hereby approve and adopt the monthly expenditures and financial reports as presented by Adele English, Supervisor of Business Services.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Mrs. Gauthreaux, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Pattan, Mr. Chustz, Mr. Maranto, Mr. Altazan, Mr. Manola

Nay: None

Absent And

Not Voting: Mrs. Crochet, Dr. Walker, Mr. Morgan

The next item was announcement of the December 12, 2006, committee meeting date.

There being no further business to come before the board, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Maranto and seconded by Mr. Pattan:

Be It Resolved, That the meeting be adjourned.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Mrs. Gauthreaux, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Pattan, Mr. Chustz, Mr. Maranto, Mr. Altazan, Mr. Manola

Nay: None

Absent And

Not Voting: Mrs. Crochet, Dr. Walker, Mr. Morgan

David Corona
Secretary-Treasurer

Jason P. Manola
President