

Port Allen, Louisiana
September 21, 2005

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

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

The meeting was opened with the invocation by Reverend Charles Morgan. President Jason P. Manola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The next item was approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on August 17, 2005, and the EFID annual meeting held on August 17, 2005.

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

Be It Resolved, That the minutes of the regular board meeting held on August 17, 2005, and the minutes of the EFID annual meeting held on August 17, 2005, be approved as presented.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

The next item was educational presentations. Whereupon, the first presentation was introduction of the Teacher of the Year for elementary, middle, and high schools. Whereupon, Superintendent Corona announced that the following teachers had been selected as WBR Teacher of the Year and recognized the principal of their respective school to introduce the teachers:

Elementary	Ann Kleinpeter	Lukeville Upper Elementary School
Middle	Georgia Michalski	Port Allen Middle School
High	Sarah Gibson	Brusly High School

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 West Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby commend and congratulate Ann Kleinpeter, Georgia Michalski, and Sarah Gibson for the honor and distinction of being selected West Baton Rouge Teacher of the Year, and

Be It Further Resolved, That the members of the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board do hereby express their appreciation to these teachers for their dedication and interest in the education of their students.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

The next educational presentation was introduction of new teachers for 2005-06.

Dr. Walker left after the introduction of new teachers.

The next educational presentation was recognition of bus drivers that assisted in Hurricane Katrina evacuation. Whereupon, the following bus drivers were introduced and presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their service in assisting with the New Orleans evacuations after Hurricane Katrina:

Myra Alexander, Kathy Allen, Janet Amond, Rebecca Beard, Beverly Jeanette Blanchard, Gloria Brown, Ellen Crockett, Shelia Ellis, Mary Fowler, Mike Gros, Joyce Jones, Sue Keith, Clarence McClain, Cheryl Moses, Percy Pichon, Shelia Pichon, Michelle Ruffin, Vay Short, April Smith, Carolyn Stewart, Elissa Weber

The Chairman declared the floor open for public comment.

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

Be It Resolved, That the members of the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board do hereby commend and express their appreciation to the above mentioned bus drivers who assisted in the New Orleans evacuations after Hurricane Katrina.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

The next item was the Superintendent's Report.

- 1. Report on enrollment of new students as a result of Hurricane Katrina:
587 students approved for enrollment 439 students actually enrolled in schools as of 9/20/05**
- 2. Presentation by Mr. Ed Storey, Associate Superintendent for Information Systems and Educational Technology, relative to WBR/Louisiana Technical College Dual Enrollment Program with 44 students from BHS/PAHS in attendance.**
- 3. Update on LA4/Pre-K Programs at Brusly Elementary, Chamberlin Elementary, and Port Allen Elementary Schools**
- 4. Superintendent Corona expressed his appreciation to the Central Office Staff, Principals, Faculties & other school staff members, and Maintenance Department for their hard work and cooperation during Hurricane Katrina evacuation, etc.**

The Chairman declared the floor open for public comment.

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

Be It Resolved, That the board does hereby accept and approve Superintendent Corona's Report.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Mrs. Crochet, Mrs. Gauthreaux, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Chustz,
Mr. Maranto, Mr. Altazan, Mr. Manola

Nay: None

Absent And

Not Voting: Dr. Walker, Mr. LeBlanc

Present And

Not Voting: Mr. Pattan was not in the board room at the time of this vote.

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

8. Consideration of personnel matters.
9. Consideration of request for approval and adoption of the revised WBR Parish Professional Personnel Accountability Plan (Personnel and Finance Committee Report – 9/13/05)
10. Consideration of request for approval of the monthly expenditures and financial Reports (Personnel and Finance Committee Report – 9/13/05)
11. Consideration of request to accept the bids received for furnishing small equipment for Food Service and bids for limited bakery products (Personnel and Finance Committee Report – 9/13/05)
12. Consideration of request to accept the Superintendent's update (Personnel and Finance Committee Report – 9/13/05)
13. Consideration of request to accept and approve the premium summary quotes for providing the board's insurance coverage for the period beginning October 1, 2005-October 1, 2006, for the following costs: LARMA: \$118,044 (General Liability, Auto, Errors & Omissions Liability), AXIS Reinsurance Company: \$75,000 (Commercial Property), LWCC: \$234,044 (Workers' Compensation), CNA Commercial Insurance: \$5,990 (Boiler & Machinery) (Personnel & Finance Committee Report- 9/13/05)
14. Consideration of request for approval and adoption of the Consolidated Budget for 2005-06 and the public hearing on the Consolidated Budget held on 09/01/05
15. Consideration of request for adoption of a resolution to grant an automatic 60 day Extension to file sales tax returns for those parishes impacted by Hurricane Katrina/Roger Bergeron/Sales Tax Director

The Chairman declared the floor open for public comment.

Whereupon, Mr. Altazan requested that Consent Agenda item #13 be pulled and voted on as a separate item.

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

Be It Resolved, That the board consider and vote on Consent Agenda item #13 as a separate item, and

Be It Resolved, That the board does hereby approve and adopt Consent Agenda items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #14, and #15 as presented, and

Be It Resolved, That David Corona, Secretary-Treasurer, reported that a notice advertising the Public Hearing on the Consolidated Budget for 2005-06 had been advertised in the West Side Journal, the Official Journal of the Board, for one (1) week and that the Public Hearing had been conducted at 4:00 p.m., September 1, 2005. Mr. Corona reported that no individuals appeared at the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board Office for participation in the Public Hearing, and

Be It Resolved, That the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following Budget Adoption Instrument adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006:

Be It Further Resolved by the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board in regular session convened that:

SECTION 1: The Attached detailed estimate of Revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board, during the same period.

SECTION 2: The attached estimate of Expenditures by Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as a Budget of Expenditures for the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board, during the same period.

SECTION 3: The adoption of this Operating Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION 4: Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2005-06 budget.

SECTION 5: Budgetary amendments require the approval of the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

Passed and adopted at Port Allen, Louisiana, on this the 21st day of September, 2005.

Jason P. Manola
President

David Corona
Secretary-Treasurer

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**Aye: Mrs. Crochet, Mrs. Gauthreaux, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Chustz,
 Mr. Maranto, Mr. Altazan, Mr. Manola**

Nay: None

**Absent And
 Not Voting: Dr. Walker, Mr. LeBlanc**

**Present And
 Not Voting: Mr. Pattan was not in the board room at the time of this vote.**

The Chairman declared the floor open for public comment.

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

Whereas neither the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code of 2003 nor West Baton Rouge Parish Sales Tax ordinances provide for the granting of extensions to file sales tax returns, and in consideration of hundreds of businesses that are required to file said returns with this parish who have been affected by hurricane Katrina, it is hereby resolved:

That the Parish Revenue Director is authorized to grant automatic sixty (60) day extensions to file parish sales tax returns due September 1 and October 1, 2005, for registered businesses in the following parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany.

Be It Further Resolved, That businesses required to file with this parish that are located in any of the sixteen other parishes declared federal disaster areas may also request in writing an extension of time to file, not to exceed sixty (60) days from the due date of those periods.

Such authorization also permits the Director to suspend the imposition of delinquent interest and penalties for late filing in so far as the delinquency is attributed to solely to the inability of the business to meet its filing responsibility because of consequences arising from the storm.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Mrs. Crochet, Mrs. Gauthreaux, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Chustz, Mr. Maranto, Mr. Altazan, Mr. Manola
Nay:	None
Absent And Not Voting:	Dr. Walker, Mr. LeBlanc
Present And Not Voting:	Mr. Pattan was not in the board room at the time of this vote.

The next item was consideration of Consent Agenda Item #13.

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

Be It Resolved, That the board does hereby approve and adopt Consent Agenda Item #13.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Mrs. Crochet, Mrs. Gauthreaux, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Chustz, Mr. Maranto, Mr. Altazan, Mr. Manola
Nay:	None
Absent And Not Voting:	Dr. Walker, Mr. LeBlanc
Present And Not Voting:	Mr. Altazan (Mr. Altazan stated that he was abstaining from voting because he works for one of the companies.)
Present And Not Voting:	Mr. Pattan was not in the board room at the time of this vote.

The next item was the public hearing for adoption of millage rates for 2005.

The Chairman declared the floor open for public comment.

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

Be It Resolved, That the board conduct a public hearing for adoption of millage rates for 2005.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent And

Not Voting: Dr. Walker, Mr. LeBlanc

Whereupon, David Corona, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, conducted a public hearing at this time. No individuals appeared at the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board Office for participation in said public hearing.

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

Be It Resolved, That the following millages are hereby levied on the 2005 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Parish of West Baton Rouge School district #3:

	<u>Millage</u>
School Taxes – Constitutional Tax	4.39 Mills
School Taxes - Special Tax	15.00 Mills
School Taxes – Bond & Interest	8.50 Mills

Be It Further Resolved, That the proper administrative officials of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2005, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the District, according to law, and that the tax herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all the property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

Be It Further Resolved, the foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Cynthia M. Crochet, Cecile G. Gauthreaux, Charles Morgan,
Paul C. Pattan, Sr., G. Alden Chustz, Jr., Michael A. Maranto,
C. A. Altazan, Jr., Jason P. Manola

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Dr. Atley D. Walker, Sr., Ronald P. LeBlanc

David Corona
Secretary-Treasurer

The next item was the annual evaluation of the Superintendent.

The Chairman declared the floor open for public comment.

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

Be It Resolved, That the board declare itself in Executive Session, with the approval of David Corona, Superintendent, for the annual evaluation of the Superintendent.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent And

Not Voting: Dr. Walker, Mr. LeBlanc

Upon termination of the Executive Session, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Maranto and seconded by Mr. Pattan:

Be It Resolved, That the board does hereby declare itself in open session.

Whereupon, President Manola reported that the overall evaluation of Superintendent David Corona was very positive. The Superintendent has done an excellent job in regards to fiscal management of the system. Mr. Corona has done an excellent job of bringing all school board members together. He has done this through honesty, integrity, and making sure that all board members were equally informed on all issues. He has great leadership ability and tireless work ethic. He has significant accomplishments over the past year such as: (a) an excellent job in balancing the budget, (b) an excellent job on the transportation issue and again by being honest with people, has made the transition to First Student as painless as possible for all concerned, (c) whenever there are problems, he has taken ownership as all good leaders do, (d) whenever there are successes, he has attributed to others. He has also made himself very visible in the classroom and also in the community.

Mr. Morgan left the meeting upon conclusion of the Superintendent's overall evaluation report presented by President Manola.

The next item was announcement of the October 11, 2005 committee meeting date.

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

Be It Resolved, That the meeting be adjourned.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent And

Not Voting: Dr. Walker, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Morgan

David Corona
Secretary Treasurer

Jason P. Manola
President