

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Session

The Richland Parish School Board met at its offices in Rayville, Louisiana, on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance;
Item 1

Agenda Members present: Rev. Eugene Young, Jr., Mr. Joe Chapman
Item 2 Dr. Georgia Ineichen, Mr. Chris Pruitt, Ms. Marie Lewis,
Mr. Billy Calvert, Mr. James Hough, Mr. Moses Wilkins
Members absent: Mr. Kevin Eppinette

Agenda Mr. Chapman moved, seconded by Mr. Wilkins to approve the March 1, 2019, regular
Item 3 session minutes before publishing in the Official Journal;

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Eppinette

Agenda Rev. Young moved, seconded by Dr. Ineichen to approve the agenda; with the addition of
Item 4 Item 7 – Consider request for extension of lease contract for 16th Section property located at
W6516T16MR5E to Lannie Philley/Delta Land & Farm Management Company, Inc. for
five additional years in the amount of \$25,500.00 per year;

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Eppinette

Agenda Mr. Wilkins moved, seconded by Rev. Young to Table Agenda Item 5 until May 14, 2019
Item 5 recognizing the Delhi High School Powerlifting Team as 2019 LHSAA Division V State
Champions;

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Eppinette

Agenda The Board recognized the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Voice of Democracy, Patriot's
Item 6 Pen, and Americanism Award Winners;

Agenda Mr. Hough moved, seconded by Mr. Pruitt to approve request for extension of lease contract
Item 7 16th Section property located at W6516T16NR5E to Lannie Philley/Delta Land & Farm
Management Company, Inc. for five additional years in the amount of \$25,500.00 per year;

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Eppinette

Agenda The Board received report on Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) Grant;
Item 8

Agenda Item 9 Dr. Ineichen moved, seconded by Rev. Young to approve revisions to the 2018-2019 Richland Parish School Board School Calendar the year ended June 30, 2018 as follows:

**RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2018-2019**

Option #1

August 8, 2018 - School Opens – All personnel report-WEDNESDAY
 August 13, 2018 – First day for Students – MONDAY
 May 10, 2019-Last Day for Seniors-FRIDAY
 May 16, 2019- ½ Day for Students –THURSDAY
 May 17, 2019 – ½ Day for Students and Last Day for Students – FRIDAY
 May 20, 2019- Staff Development/End of School Year
 # of Instructional Minutes to place in schedule: 388 or more

NON-STUDENT DAYS:

August 8-10, 2018- Staff Development/All employees	3 days
September 4, 2018-Staff Development/All employees	1 day
September 24, 2018– Parent Teacher Conference Day	1 day
February 1, 2019– Staff Development/All employees	1 day
Feb. 19, 2019-Parent Teacher Conferences & Testing training	1 day
May 20, 2019 – Staff Development/End of School Year/All employees	<u>1 day</u>
	8 days

HOLIDAYS – NON-TEACHING DAYS: (30)

September 3	Labor Day
October 5-9	Fall Break
November 6	Election Day
November 12	Veteran’s Day Observed
November 19-23	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 21-Jan. 4	Christmas/New Year’s Holidays (noon dismissal Dec. 21)
January 21	Martin L. King Holiday
February 18	Presidents’ Day
March 25-March 29	Spring Break
April 19-22	Easter Holidays

GRADE LEVEL	ASSESSMENT	DELIVERY METHOD	TEST DATE(s)
3-4	LEAP, ELA, Math, Soc. St	PBT	April 29-May 3
3-8	LEAP, ELA, Math, Soc. St	CBT	Apr. 1- May 3 (window)
HS	EOC	CBT	Apr 15-May 17 (window)
HS	ACT	PBT	March 12

MARKING PERIOD ENDS

September 20, 2018
 November 5, 2018
 January 7, 2019
 February 15, 2019
 April 9, 2019
 May 17, 2019

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DATES

September 24, 2018 (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
 November 8, 2018
 January 9, 2019
 February 19, 2019 (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
 April 11, 2019
 May 17, 2019

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Eppinette

Agenda Mr. Hough moved, seconded by Dr. Ineichen to approve the 2019-2020
 Item 10 School Calendar and 12 Month Calendar as follows:

**RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
 SCHOOL CALENDAR OPTION 2 – 2019-2020**

August 12, 2019 - School Opens – All personnel report-MONDAY

August 14, 2019 – First day for Students – WEDNESDAY

May 8, 2020-Last Day for Seniors-FRIDAY

May 22, 2020- Last Day for Students –FRIDAY

May 26, 2020 – Regular School Year Ends – FRIDAY

of Instructional Minutes to place in schedule: 388 or more

NON-STUDENT DAYS:

August 12-13, 2019- Staff Development/All employees	2 days
September 3, 2019-Staff Development/All employees	1 day
September 30, 2019– Parent Teacher Conference Day	1 day
January 31, 2020– Staff Development/All employees	1 day
Feb. 24, 2020-Parent Teacher Conferences & Testing training	1 day
May 26, 2020 – Staff Development/End of School Year/All employees	<u>1 day</u>
	7 days

HOLIDAYS – NON-TEACHING DAYS: (29)

September 2	Labor Day
October 14-15	Fall Break
November 11	Veteran’s Day Observed
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 20-Jan. 3	Christmas/New Year’s Holidays (noon dismissal Dec. 20)
January 20	Martin L. King Holiday
February 17	Presidents’ Day
March 23-March 27	Spring Break
April 10-13	Easter Holidays
May 25	Memorial Day

GRADE LEVEL	ASSESSMENT	DELIVERY METHOD	TEST DATE(s)
3-4	LEAP, ELA, Math, Soc. St	PBT	April 27-May 1
3-8	LEAP, ELA, Math, Soc. St	CBT	March 30- May 1 (window)
HS	EOC	CBT	Apr 20-May 15 (window)
HS	ACT	PBT	March 17

MARKING PERIOD ENDS

September 25, 2019
 November 7, 2019
 January 8, 2020
 February 21, 2020
 April 9, 2020
 May 22, 2020

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DATES

September 30, 2019 (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
 November 12, 2019
 January 10, 2020
 February 24, 2020 (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
 April 15, 2020
 May 22, 2020

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Eppinette

Agenda Item 11 The Board received notice and read aloud that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish School Board Office, 411 Foster Street, Rayville, Louisiana, the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held within School District No. 1 of the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds;

VOTE: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Eppinette

Agenda Item 12 The following resolution was offered by Rev. Eugene Young and seconded by Mr. Calvert:

RESOLUTION

A resolution declaring the intention of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana, that certain expenditures made in connection with capital school projects be reimbursed with the proceeds of tax-exempt borrowings; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), acting as the governing authority of School District No. 1 of the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana (the "District") is proposing to undertake various projects (collectively, the "Project") which consist of improvements to school facilities and other capital expenditures for school purposes; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Project is anticipated to be funded by tax-exempt obligations of the District (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the School Board may make certain expenditures in connection with the Project prior to the proceeds being available from the Bonds;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of School District No. 1 of the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Official Intent. Prior to the delivery of the Bonds, the Issuer anticipates that it may pay a portion of the costs of the Project from the General Fund. The Project consists of improvements to school facilities and other capital expenditures for school purposes and paying the costs incurred in connection with the issuance of Bonds therefor. Upon the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer reasonably expects to reimburse any such expenditures of other available funds from a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds. Any such allocation of proceeds of the Bonds for reimbursement will be with respect to capital expenditures (as defined in Reg. 1.150-1(b)) and will be made upon the delivery of the Bonds and not later than eighteen months after the later of (i) the date such expenditure was paid or (ii) the date on which the Project was placed in service, but in no event more than three years after the expenditure was paid. This Section is intended to be a declaration of official intent within the meaning of Reg. 1.150-2.

SECTION 2. Employment of Bond Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel

with respect to the issuance and sale of said Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work in connection with the issuance of general obligation bonds and based on the amount of said Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. The Business Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of Bond Counsel appended hereto. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Business Manager is hereby empowered and directed to provide for payment of the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated without further approval of this Governing Authority*****

SECTION 3. Employment of Municipal Advisor. The Issuer hereby retains Argent Advisors, Inc., of Ruston, Louisiana, Registered Municipal Advisors, to act as its Municipal Advisor ("MA") pursuant to the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the rules promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Issuer hereby acknowledges that it is represented by the MA and will rely upon the advice of the MA with respect to the Bonds. The fee to be paid the MA shall be payable solely from the proceeds of the Bonds when and if issued, and the amount thereof shall be subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission. The Superintendent and/or Business Manager is hereby authorized and directed, in their discretion, to execute any contract the MA may require with respect to the engagement.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

<u>MEMBERS:</u>	<u>YEAS:</u>	<u>NAYS:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>	<u>ABSTAINING:</u>
Billy Calvert	√			
Eugene Young Jr.	√			
Moses Wilkins		√		
James Hough		√		
Georgia Ineichen	√			
Marie Lewis	√			
Joe Chapman	√			
Kevin Eppinette			√	
Chris Pruitt	√			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, 9th day of April, 2019.

/s/ Sheldon Jones
Secretary

/s/ Marie Lewis
President

Agenda Dr. Ineichen moved, seconded Mr. Hough the adoption of resolution in support of
Item 13 Minimum Foundation Program proposed by the Board of Secondary and Elementary
Education;

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Eppinette

Agenda Mr. Hough moved, seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve a Sabbatical Leave
Item 14 Request;

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Eppinette

Agenda The Board received the monthly financial reports:
Item 15 a) School Lunch
b) Sales Tax Monthly Receipts
c) Financial – General Fund

Agenda The Board received information on upcoming school district events;
Item 16

Agenda The Board received a report from The Youth Initiative of Louisiana, Inc.;;
Item 17

Agenda Dr. Ineichen moved, seconded by Mr. Calvert to approve the Superintendent’s written
Item 18 recommendation of termination;

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Eppinette

Agenda Dr. Ineichen moved, seconded by Mr. Chapman approving the Board entering into
Item 19 executive session concerning pending litigation at 7:42PM;

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Eppinette

Dr. Ineichen moved, seconded by Mr. Pruitt to reconvene from executive session at 8:23PM;

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Eppinette

Agenda Dr. Hough moved, seconded by Rev. Young to adjourn the meeting
Item 20

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Eppinette

SHELDON JONES, SECRETARY
RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MARIE LEWIS, PRESIDENT
RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD