

PUBLIC NOTICE

New Iberia, Louisiana
November 20, 2024

The Iberia Parish School Board met in Regular Session at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 in the Iberia Parish School Board Room, at the Administrative Building, located at 1500 Jane Street, New Iberia, Louisiana.

SECTION A – CALL TO ORDER

1. ROLL CALL President, Brad M. Norris called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Gwen Williams to call the roll. Board Members Present: Mr. Brad M. Norris, President; Mrs. Nursey O. McNeal; Ms. Rachael Toups; Mr. Danny D. Segura; Mr. Dan L. LeBlanc, Sr.; Mr. Elvin “Dee” Pradia; Mr. Jesse J. McDonald; Mr. Raymond Q. Lewis; Ms. Debra A. Savoie; Mr. Michael W.S.L. Mayeux; Mr. Dana P. Dugas; Mrs. Suzette Charpentier and Mrs. Kathleen B. Rosamond Board Members Absent: Rev. Arthur L. Alexander

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE – Ms. Velma Broussard Fontenot – Was a Retired Custodian at New Iberia Freshman High School for more than 20 years. Mr. Edward Lee Gaddis Sr. – Was a Retired Custodian at Park Elementary School for 18 years.

3. PRAYER The Opening Prayer was given by Ms. Debra A. Savoie.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Mr. Dan L. Leblanc, Sr.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

The requirement regarding public comment for school board meetings is that a call for public comment must take place prior to each agenda item and vote by the board. If you wish to comment on an agenda item during this meeting, please proceed as follows: please fill out a card with your first and last name and the agenda item you wish to address. These requests to address the Board regarding an agenda item will be heard prior to each agenda item as it is taken up.

SECTION B – PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/REPORTS

1. Recognition of the 2025 Iberia Parish Principals & Assistant Principals of the Year (Ms. Neely Moore)

a. Ms. Jodi Romero – Elementary School Principal of the Year

b. Ms. Emily Dupre – Middle School Principal of the Year

c. Mr. David Broussard – High School Principal of the Year

d. Ms. Kathryn Annie Barras – Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year

e. Ms. Laine Judice – Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year

f. Ms. Kristi Romero – High School Assistant Principal of the Year

2. Group Health Plan Financial Performance Update (Mr. James Perez)

3. Monthly Sales Tax Report (Mr. Patrick Segura)

4. Tax Salary Supplement Report (Ms. Lauren Tinnin)

SECTION C – CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

1. Approve Minutes – Regular Meeting of the Iberia Parish School Board – November 6, 2024

2. Budget Revisions (Ms. Lauren Tinnin)

3. Financial Highlights (Ms. Lauren Tinnin)

4. Budget to Actual (Ms. Lauren Tinnin)

5. Physical Facilities Housekeeping Report (Mr. Harry Lopez)

President Norris called for a Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mr. Danny D. Segura moved, Mr. Dana P. Dugas seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was called as follows: Board Members Present:

FOR: Mr. Brad M. Norris, President; Mrs. Nursey O. McNeal; Ms. Rachael Toups; Mr. Danny D. Segura; Mr. Dan L. LeBlanc Sr.; Mr. Elvin “Dee” Pradia; Mr. Jesse J. McDonald; Mr. Raymond Q. Lewis; Ms. Debra A. Savoie; Mr. Michael W.S.L. Mayeux; Mr. Dana P. Dugas; Mrs. Suzette Charpentier and Mrs. Kathleen B. Rosamond

AGAINST: NONE

Board Members Absent: Rev. Arthur L. Alexander

The Motion passed and was adopted.

SECTION D – AGENDA ITEMS

1. CONSIDER REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN A CO-OPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH BOSSIER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF TECHNOLOGY RELATED DEVICES, PERIPHERALS-TECHNOLOGY CATALOG CONTRACT AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION (Mr. David Delahoussaye and Ms. Candice Myers) Mr. David Delahoussaye informed the Board that the staff is requesting approval to participate in a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Bossier Parish School Board for the procurement of technology related devices, peripherals, and supporting supplies, utilizing their existing RFP #21-12 – Technology Catalog Contract. Mr. Delahoussaye stated there were two vendors that were awarded contracts (CDW-G & SHI). The contracts were originally awarded on November 5, 2020 and both contracts are valid through November of 2025.

President Norris called for Public Comment, Hearing none.

President Norris called for a Motion. Mr. Jesse J. McDonald moved, Mr. Dan L. LeBlanc, Sr. seconded the motion to participate in a cooperative purchasing agreement with Bossier Parish School Board for the procurement of technology related devices, peripherals and supporting supplies, utilizing their existing RFP #21-12 - Technology Catalog Contract as presented by Mr. David Delahoussaye and Ms. Candice Myers.

President Norris called for Board Discussion, Hearing none. A roll call vote was called as follows: Board Members Present: **FOR:** Mr. Brad M. Norris, President; Mrs. Nursey O. McNeal; Ms. Rachael Toups; Mr. Danny D. Segura; Mr. Dan L. LeBlanc Sr.; Mr. Elvin “Dee” Pradia; Mr. Jesse J. McDonald; Mr. Raymond Q. Lewis; Ms. Debra A. Savoie; Mr. Michael W.S.L. Mayeux; Mr. Dana P. Dugas; Mrs. Suzette Charpentier and Mrs. Kathleen B. Rosamond

AGAINST: NONE

Board Members Absent: Rev. Arthur L. Alexander

The Motion passed and was adopted.

2. CONSIDER A RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD BID #1161 – DELCAMBRE HIGH SCHOOL NEW GYM AC REPLACEMENT AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION (Mr. Harry Lopez)

Mr. Harry Lopez informed the Board that on November 13, 2024 at 2:00 PM bids for bid number 1161 – Delcambre High School New Gym AC Replacement were received and opened. Mr. Lopez stated there were two bidders. The lowest responsible bid was submitted by Air Plus LLC in the amount of \$368,000.00 base bid. The project did exceed the budget amount of \$275,000.00 by \$93,000.00. The overage can be mostly attributed to the changing of the roof under the three (3) AC units that will be replaced. Mr. Lopez stated we have the appropriate fund balance to handle the overage. Mr. Lopez stated is recommending that we award the bid to Air Plus LLC. President Norris called for Public Comment, Hearing none.

President Norris called for a Motion. Mr. Danny D. Segura moved, Ms. Rachael Toups seconded the motion to award Bid #1161 – Delcambre High School New Gym AC replacement as presented by Mr. Harry Lopez. President Norris called for Board Discussion. Board Discussion as Follows: Mr. Elvin “Dee” Pradia inquired how long will it take to change out the roof under the air conditioning unit. Mr. Lopez responded it is projected to take four to six days per unit depending on the weather. Hearing no further discussion, roll call vote was called as follows: Board Members Present: **FOR:** Mr. Brad M. Norris, President; Mrs. Nursey O. McNeal; Ms. Rachael Toups; Mr. Danny D. Segura; Mr. Dan L. LeBlanc Sr.; Mr. Elvin “Dee” Pradia; Mr. Jesse J. McDonald; Mr. Raymond Q. Lewis; Ms. Debra A. Savoie; Mr. Michael W.S.L. Mayeux; Mr. Dana P. Dugas; Mrs. Suzette Charpentier and Mrs. Kathleen B. Rosamond

AGAINST: NONE

Board Members Absent: Rev. Arthur L. Alexander

The Motion passed and was adopted.

3. CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF POLICIES THAT REQUIRE REVISION BASED ON LEGISLATION AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION (Mr. Wayne Landry)

Mr. Wayne Landry informed the Board that these policies require revision based on 2024 legislation. Mr. Landry stated these are the last bunch of policies for this year's session. Mr. Landry informed the Board that he will be coming back to the Board with some of the District's policies that need revising (with the help of Ms. Neely Moore and Mr. Gannon Dooley). President Norris called for Public Comment. President Norris called for a Motion. Mr. Dana P. Dugas moved, Mr. Elvin “Dee” Pradia seconded the motion to adopt policies that require revision based on legislation as presented by Mr. Wayne Landry. The policies to be adopted are as follows:

A. BCBB – Notification of School Board Meeting

B. BCBJ – Broadcasting and Taping of School Board Meetings

C. BCBDA – Consent Agenda

D. CBD – Employment of Superintendent

E. FEA – Architectural and Engineering Services

F. GAK – Personnel Records

G. GAMK – Use of Pronouns and Given Names

H. GBC – Recruitment

I. IDBA – Sex Education

J. IDDF – Education of Students With Exceptionalities

K. JGC – Student Health Services

President Norris called for Board Discussion, Hearing none. A roll call vote was called as follows: Board Members Present: **FOR:** Mr. Brad M. Norris, President; Mrs. Nursey O. McNeal; Ms. Rachael Toups; Mr. Danny D. Segura; Mr. Dan L. LeBlanc Sr.; Mr. Elvin “Dee” Pradia; Mr. Jesse J. McDonald; Mr. Raymond Q. Lewis; Ms. Debra A. Savoie; Mr. Michael W.S.L. Mayeux; Mr. Dana P. Dugas; Mrs. Suzette Charpentier and Mrs. Kathleen B. Rosamond

AGAINST: NONE

Board Members Absent: Rev. Arthur L. Alexander

The Motion passed and was adopted.

SECTION F – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heath Hulin informed the Board that the State released the 2023-2024 school performance scores. He stated Ms. Allison O'Donnell will share a brief summary of that information with the Board. Ms. Allison O'Donnell informed the Board that our school performance scores and district performance scores were released this morning. Our District maintained a “B” status. Delcambre Elementary maintained their “A” status. The District had ten schools that earned top gains, an “A” in growth and did not have any intervention labels: Center Street Elementary, Coteau Elementary, New Iberia Senior High, Park Elementary, Delcambre Elementary, St. Charles Elementary, Daspit Elementary, Jefferson Island Road Elementary, Magnolia Elementary and Caneview Elementary. Caneview Elementary was recognized as an Opportunity Honoree for performing in the 90 th percentile or above for students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students or English learners, with no urgent intervention required labels for student groups and/or discipline. Iberia Parish School District ranked 35 of the 71 districts and Iberia Parish School District outperformed Louisiana in multiple subgroups (African American students, Hispanic students, economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities). Iberia Parish School District outperformed the State in Mastery and above scores in ELA by 4 points and in Math by 5 points. Ms. O'Donnell stated that all of our Pre-K sites are now high proficient or excellent (they are in the top two tiers). The District has three excellent sites: Center Street Elementary, Delcambre Elementary School and Caneview Elementary School. Mr. Hulin informed the Board that the Superintendent's Association has been following the special Legislative Session and House Bill Five. Mr. Hulin explained some of the details regarding the bill. Mr. Hulin stated there is an additional bill, the sales tax bill, that is currently causing friction in the session. Mr. Hulin stated he is unsure at this time how the bill will affect the District because the changes have not been solidified. Mr. Hulin stated we have teams that are still in the play-offs and Ms. Moore will provide the information. Ms. Neely Moore informed the Board that Jeanette High School will be hosting Grand Lake High School in Division IV, Loreauville High School will be traveling to Erath High School in Division III, and Westgate High School will be traveling to Airline High School in Division I. Westgate High School will be dismissed at 12:24 PM on Friday. Due to travel time three hours for the game. Ms. Moore wished Jeanette High, Loreauville High and Westgate High good luck. Mr. Hulin stated the December 4, 2024 and December 18, 2024 board meetings will be consolidated into one meeting which will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. Lastly, Mr. Hulin reminded the Board that schools will be closed next week for Thanksgiving and the offices will be open on Monday and Tuesday. And the offices will close Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. Mr. Raymond Lewis informed the Board that New Iberia Teen Court is made up of Iberia Parish School students. Mr. Lewis stated there are currently thirty-seven students. Catholic High School and Highland Baptist have also sent students to participate in New Iberia Teen Court. Mr. Lewis thanked every one for supporting GPAL's effort with Teen Court.

SECTION G – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Dan L. LeBlanc, Sr. moved, Mr. Elvin “Dee” Pradia seconded, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Iberia Parish School Board. A roll call vote was called as follows: Board Members Present: **FOR:** Mr. Brad M. Norris, President; Mrs. Nursey O. McNeal; Ms. Rachael Toups; Mr. Danny D. Segura; Mr. Dan L. LeBlanc Sr.; Mr. Elvin “Dee” Pradia; Mr. Jesse J. McDonald; Mr. Raymond Q. Lewis; Ms. Debra A. Savoie; Mr. Dana P. Dugas; Mrs. Suzette Charpentier and Mrs. Kathleen B. Rosamond

AGAINST: NONE

Board Members Absent: Rev. Arthur L. Alexander

The Motion passed. The regular meeting of the Iberia Parish School Board adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Brad M. Norris, President

Heath Hulin, Secretary/Treasurer

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