

July 9, 2024

DATE, TIME, PLACE OF MEETING
The Calcasieu Parish Budget Hearing Meeting was held at 3310 Broad Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. These notices were posted:

2024-2025 BUDGET HEARING 4:30 p.m.
Notices Posted: June 21, 2024, June 25, 2024, June 26, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
A public meeting will be held as follows:
Date: July 9, 2024
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Place of Meeting: 3310 Broad Street
Lake Charles, LA 70615
There being no questions, the Budget Hearing adjourned at 4:31 p.m. and the regular CPSC meeting was held immediately following, with the meeting called to order by Eric Tarver, President. The prayer and pledge were led by Tony O'Banion.

ROLL CALL
The roll was called by CFO Wilfred Bourne, and the following members were present:
Mrs. Hardy-McReynolds, Mrs. Fontenot, Mr. Pichon, Mr. Roberts, Dr. Washington, Mr. Tarver, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. O'Banion, Mrs. Ayo, Mr. Castille, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Baumgarten, and Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Natali and Mrs. Gay arrived after the roll was called.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
On a motion to approve by Mrs. Fontenot and a second by Mr. O'Banion, the Minutes of June 11, June 25, and July 8, 2024, were approved on a unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A. CPSC-12623-/Kyle Beasley, Attorney
On a motion by Mr. Hardesty and a second by Mr. Castille, the Board adjourned into Executive Session at 4:34 p.m. on a unanimous vote.

TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION
A. CPSC-12623-/Kyle Beasley, Attorney
The Board resumed Regular Session at 4:39 p.m. on motions by Mr. Castille and Dr. Washington.
On a motion to approve the settlement of CPSC-12623 by Mr. Hardesty and seconded by Mr. Baumgarten, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION
(Items A-E are available for viewing at the end of this document and as a portion of the archived Minutes at www.cpsb.org/Minutes)
Mr. Tarver read the following:
A. Adoption of 2024 Millages
On a motion to approve the resolution adopting the 2024 tax millages by Mr. Castille and a second by Mr. Hardesty, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.
B. Adoption of 2024-2025 Budgets
1. General Fund
2. Special Revenue Funds
On a motion to approve by Mr. Hardesty and a second by Mrs. Fontenot, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.
C. Adoption of 2024-2025 Salary Schedules
On a motion to approve by Mr. Hardesty and a second by Mrs. Hardy-McReynolds, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.
D. Approval of Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
On a motion to approve by Mr. Castille and a second by Dr. Washington, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.
E. Approval of Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, on December 7, 2024, authorizing renewal of a special tax of 3.50 mills to provide additional support for maintenance and operation of the public schools in Calcasieu Parish; renewal of a special sales and use tax of one-half of one percent (½ of 1%) for a period of ten years beginning July 1, 2025, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the parish; and renewal of a special sales and use tax of one-half of one percent (½ of 1%) for a period of ten years beginning October 1, 2025, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the parish; and making application to the state bond commission in connection therewith.
On a motion to approve by Mr. Castille and a second by Dr. Washington, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

INTERVIEWS FOR SUPERINTENDENT POSITION (Including Executive Session at 30 minutes and Open Session at 55 minutes each)
A. Tony McCardle
The Board adjourned into Executive Session on a unanimous vote at 4:42 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Wallace and a second by Mr. Castille. The Board resumed Regular Session at 5:13 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Washington and a second by Mr. Wallace.
B. Dr. Jason VanMetre
The Board adjourned into Executive Session on a unanimous vote at 6:02 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Pichon and a second by Dr. Washington. The Board resumed Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Breaux and a second by Mrs. Hardy-McReynolds.

VOTING
Round 1:
Max Calderera – Shawn Baumgarten, Damon Hardesty = 2
Owen Clanton – Eric Tarver = 1
Dr. Stanton Lawrence – Glenda Gay = 1
Tony McCardle – Karen Hardy-McReynolds, Aaron Natali, Tony O'Banion, Patrick Pichon, Desmond Wallace, Betty Washington = 6
Dr. Jason VanMetre – Phyllis Ayo, Billy Breaux, Russell Castille, Mary Fontenot, Dean Roberts = 5
Tie Break Round: Owen Clanton and Dr. Stanton Lawrence:
Owen Clanton- Phyllis Ayo, Shawn Baumgarten, Billy Breaux, Russell Castille, Mary Fontenot, Damon Hardesty, Aaron Natali, Tony O'Banion, Patrick Pichon, Dean Roberts, Eric Tarver = 11
Dr. Stanton Lawrence – Glenda Gay, Karen Hardy-McReynolds, Desmond Wallace, Betty Washington = 4
Dr. Stanton Lawrence was eliminated in Round 1.
Round 2:
Max Calderera -Shawn Baumgarten, Damon Hardesty = 2
Owen Clanton – Eric Tarver = 1
Tony McCardle - Glenda Gay, Karen Hardy-McReynolds, Aaron Natali, Tony O'Banion, Patrick Pichon, Desmond Wallace, Betty Washington = 7
Dr. Jason VanMetre – Phyllis Ayo, Billy Breaux, Russell Castille, Mary Fontenot, Dean Roberts = 5
Owen Clanton was eliminated in Round 2.
Round 3:
Max Calderera – Shawn Baumgarten, Damon Hardesty = 2
Tony McCardle – Glenda Gay, Karen Hardy-McReynolds, Aaron Natali, Tony O'Banion, Patrick Pichon, Desmond Wallace, Betty Washington = 7
Dr. Jason VanMetre – Phyllis Ayo, Billy Breaux, Russell Castille, Mary Fontenot, Dean Roberts, Eric Tarver = 6
Max Calderera was eliminated in Round 3.
Round 4:
Tony McCardle – Glenda Gay, Karen Hardy-McReynolds, Aaron Natali, Tony O'Banion, Patrick Pichon, Desmond Wallace, Betty Washington = 7
Dr. Jason VanMetre – Phyllis Ayo, Shawn Baumgarten, Billy Breaux, Russell Castille, Mary Fontenot, Damon Hardesty, Dean Roberts, Eric Tarver = 8
Tony McCardle was eliminated in Round 4.
Dr. Jason VanMetre was chosen as CPSC Superintendent.

SCHEDULE COMMITTEES
Special Called Board Meeting/July 11, 2024/5:00 p.m.
Budget Committee/September 24, 2024/5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN MEETING
Mr. Breaux recognized members of the audience:
State Representative Phil Tarver
BESSE Member Kevin Berken
Former Board Member John Duhon
On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Breaux and a second by Mr. Natali, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on a unanimous vote.

Eric Tarver, President
Jason VanMetre, Secretary

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