# DATE, TIME, PLACE OF MEETING

The Calcasieu Parish School Board meeting was held at 3310 Broad Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Roberts, President. The prayer and pledge were led by Mr. Smith.

# **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called by Superintendent Bruchhaus and the following members were present: Mack Dellafosse, Glenda Gay, Annette Ballard, John Duhon, Russell Castille, Bliss Bujard, Alvin Smith, Damon Hardesty, Dean Roberts, Mark Young, Aaron Natali, Desmond Wallace, Eric Tarver, and Billy Breaux.

Absent: Fred Hardy

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BOND AND FINANCING ITEM

**A**. October 13, 2020

Mr. Dellafosse offered a motion to approve the Minutes of October 13, 2020. Mr. Tarver seconded the motion; the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**B**. Bond Resolution for Financing not to exceed \$100,000,000 for the purpose of financing damage repairs from Hurricanes Laura and Delta/Attorney Jay Delafield

On a motion by Mr. Dellafosse and a second by Mr. Breaux, the resolution passed on a unanimous vote. This item is available at the end of this document and was published in the Lake Charles American Press on November 27, 2020.

# **PRESENTATIONS**

**A.** Calcasieu 4-H Report/Carrie Lane, 4-H Extension Agent/Chloe Litteral, Sam Houston High School

# **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- 1. There is no Head Start report due to the storms and no information to report. Current reports should be available at our next board meeting.
- **2**. You received your population report in your packet, with the most current information as of October 31, 2020.

**3.** I would like to report our October 2020, sales tax numbers for our general fund which show

collections at \$773,915 or 6.3% above budget for the 4th month of the 2020-2021 school year.

• Collections are \$357,024 or 2.7% below collections for the same month last year.

• Collections after four months of 2020-2021 are \$2,722,982 or 5.5% below budget and

\$7,897,317 or 14.4% below the same period last year.

4. In your packet you should have found the annual questionnaire from our auditors. Please turn

that in before you leave tonight or if you need another copy we have some here and you can

complete before leaving.

5. School openings: DeQuincy High School, Vincent Settlement Elementary, CPAS East. Our

student count continues to increase and though the system shows 2500 short of last year, the

reality is different. Connected Classrooms had 8000 students on August 24 and 5135 on

November 6.

6. Architects are doing assessments:

• All due on November 13

Some small projects will be completed during the Christmas holidays

• All work has to be bid or quoted, even supply replacement.

TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Mr. Roberts read the following:

A. Approval of CPSB Head Start Program Grant

**Grant Title:** Calcasieu Parish School Board (CPSB) Head Start Program

**Grant Source:** Federal

**Grant Amount:** \$562,756.00

**School:** Beauregard Head Start

**Person Applying:** Michelle L. Joubert – Early Childhood Director

**Purpose:** The Head Start Program provides an integrated approach of early childhood care and education that includes comprehensive services to seventy-four (74) children ages 3 and 4. It is designed to focus on providing early literacy and mathematical skills necessary for children to become kindergarten ready. The program promotes school readiness by enhancing social and cognitive development of children by providing health, nutritional, social and other services. CPSB School Readiness Goals are aligned with the Head Start Childhood Development and Early Learning Framework and the Louisiana Birth to 5 Early Learning and Development Standards. Research-based assessment methods are being used to support teacher-child interactions and children's progress towards the school readiness goals. Head Start program also includes engaging parents, families and communities in their child's learning.

On a motion to approve by Mr. Dellafosse and a second by Mr. Hardesty, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**B**. Consideration of return to 5 days for grades 7-12

Blue Card to address the Board: Kelli Cooley

A motion was made by Mr. Tarver and seconded by Mr. Dellafosse. There was much discussion. Mr. Castille offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Wallace, to wait until after the first of the year to return to 5 days face to face. On a roll call vote, the substitute motion failed on a 10-4 vote.

<u>For:</u> Billy Breaux, Russell Castille, Glenda Gay, Desmond Wallace <u>Against</u>: Annette Ballard, Bliss Bujard, Mack Dellafosse, John Duhon, Damon Hardesty, Aaron Natali, Dean Roberts, Alvin smith, Eric Garver, Mark Young

The original motion passed on a roll call vote with a 13-0 vote; Mrs. Gay abstained.

<u>For:</u> Annette Ballard, Billy Breaux, Bliss Bujard, Russell Castille, Mack Dellafosse, John Duhon, Damon Hardesty, Aaron Natali, Dean Roberts, Alvin Smith, Eric Tarver, Desmond Wallace, Mark Young. No one voted <u>Against.</u>

C. Approval to begin negotiations for the purchase of land adjacent to Molo Middle School/Riverboat Funds

On a motion to approve by Mr. Dellafosse and a second by Mr. Wallace, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**D**. Approval of revised 2020-2021 School Calendar

#### Reporting Days

Students' First Day	3/24
Students' Last Day	5/27

## Holidays/In-services

#### **Nine Week Periods**

1st	10/23
2nd	1/15
3rd	3/25
4th	5/27

### State Testing\*\*

LEAP ELA/Math/Sci. (3-8)	TBA
EOC Fall CBT	TBA
EOC Spring CBT	TBA
ACT PBT	TBA
LEAP Connect/LAA	TBA

#### **Calendar Code**



#### REVISED—Laura/Delta 2020-21 District Calendar

# Calcasieu Parish School Board

Karl Bruchhaus, Superintendent

# 2020-21 District Calendar

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Blue cards to address the Board:

Kelli Cooley Kathleen Smith Vanessa DeVille Vicky Johnston, CAE Ashley Fletcher

Mr. Dellafosse offered a motion to approve the staff recommended calendar. Mr. Hardesty seconded the motion. Mr. Tarver offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Hardesty, to add 15 minutes after each school day and drop the morning added minutes. Also, take December 21 and 22 back as school days and not holidays.

Mr. Duhon offered a motion to amend the substitute motion, with a second by Mr. Dellafosse, to change the calendar to the following:

No added daily minutes
Students would attend until June 3<sup>rd</sup> and teachers would work until June 4<sup>th</sup>
Take December 21, 22, 23 as school days and not Christmas holidays
Take February 15 as a school day and not a Mardi Gras holiday
Take April 6 as a school day and not an Easter holiday

On a roll call vote for the amendment to the substitute motion, the motion carried on a 10-4 vote.

<u>For:</u> Annette Ballard, Billy Breaux, Bliss Bujard, Mack Dellafosse, John Duhon, Glenda Gay, Damon Hardesty, Alvin Smith, Eric Tarver, Desmond Wallace <u>Against:</u> Russell Castille, Aaron Natali, Dean Roberts, Mark Young

The vote carried 14-0 on the original motion, as amended.

# PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE

A. Repairs, supplies, and equipment associated with Hurricanes Laura and Delta/Project Funds

On a motion to approve by Mr. Hardesty and a second by Mr. Castille, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Roberts read the following:

**A**. Recommendation of Acceptance for the Project, "Ralph Wilson Phase 4 Additions," Griggs Mitchell & Associates, LLC., K&J Development of SWLA, LLC., Contractor, District 31 Bond

#### **Funds**

On a motion to approve by Mr. Young and a second by Mr. Bujard, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**B**. Change Order Number Two (2) for the Project, "Covered pavilions and restrooms, R.W. Vincent Elementary and Alonzo LeBlanc Middle School"; \$50 million allocation; Ellender Architects & Associates, LLC, Designer; K&J Development, LLC., Contractor; *Increase* of \$8,837.00.

On a motion to approve by Mr. Young and a second by Mr. Bujard, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

C. Recommendation of Acceptance for the Project, "Covered Pavilions & Restrooms, R.W. Vincent Elementary School and Alonzo LeBlanc Middle School," \$50 million allocation; Ellender Architects & Associates, LLC., K&J Development of SWLA, LLC., Contractor.

On a motion to approve by Mr. Young and a second by Mr. Bujard, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

**D**. Recommendation of Acceptance for the Project, "Renovations to Westlake High School Baseball Field"; King Architects, Inc., Architect; Geosurfaces, Inc., Contractor, with Contractor agreement to repair hurricane damages; District 23 Bond Funds.

On a motion to approve by Mr. Young and a second by Mr. Bujard, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

# **CONDOLENCES**

Mr. Wallace asked for a letter of condolence to Latonia Frank at the loss of her father and a letter of condolence to the family of Mrs. Maudry Alfred.

Mrs. Gay and Mr. Dellafosse asked for a letter of condolence to the family of Mrs. Maudry Alfred.

Mr. Dellafosse wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Castille offered condolences to Mr. Bujard at the loss of his mother. Mr. Castille congratulated local volleyball teams.

Mrs. Ballard congratulated Mr. Bent and Mr. Bourne regarding their recent audit award.

# **ADJOURN MEETING**

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Hardesty and a second by Mr. Young, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. on a unanimous vote.

President Secretary
Dean Roberts Karl Bruchhaus

Lake Charles, Louisiana November 10, 2020

The Calcasieu Parish School Board, State of Louisiana, governing authority of the public school system of the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, met in regular public session at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at the regular meeting place of said Calcasieu Parish School Board, 3310 Broad Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, pursuant to the provisions of written notice given to each and every member thereof and duly posted in the manner required by law.

President, Dean Roberts, called the meeting to order and on roll call, the following members were present:

Annette Ballard, Billy Breaux, Bliss Bujard, Russell Castille, Mack Dellafosse, John Duhon, Glenda Gay, Damon Hardesty, Aaron Natali, Dean Roberts, Alvin Smith, Eric Tarver, Desmond Wallace, Mark Young

ABSENT: Fredman Hardy

The following resolution was thereupon introduced, and pursuant to a motion made by Mr. Dellafosse and seconded by Billy Breaux, was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS: Annette Ballard, Billy Breaux, Bliss Bujard, Russell Castille, Mack

Dellafosse, John Duhon, Glenda Gay, Damon Hardesty, Aaron Natali, Dean Roberts, Alvin Smith, Eric Tarver, Desmond Wallace, Mark Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Fredman Hardy

NOT

VOTING: None

**RESOLUTION** 

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA ("BOARD") TO PROCEED WITH A FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING REPAIR, DAMAGE DEMOLITION, RECONSTRUCTION. AND RENOVATION, RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES PREVIOUSLY CAUSED BY HURRICANES LAURA AND DELTA, INCLUDING ALL FURNISHINGS, FIXTURES AND FACILITIES INCIDENTAL OR NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; EMPLOYING BOND COUNSEL AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FORM AND EXECUTION OF THE BOND IN CONNECTION WITH PURCHASE **AGREEMENT** ISSUANCE, **SALE** AND **DELIVERY** THE OF BONDS; AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA LOCAL **GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES** AND COMMUNITY **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND** THE LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION: PAYING COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF THE DEBT, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

**WHEREAS**, as a direct result of unprecedented damage and destruction visited and inflicted upon the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana by Hurricanes Laura and Delta, seventy-five (75) of the seventy-five (75) public school facilities (the "Facilities") of the Calcasieu Parish School Board (the "Board") sustained damage, to varying degrees, the Board must borrow funds for the purpose of financing damage demolition, repair, reconstruction, renovation, restoration and improvement of its Facilities, in an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED MILLION AND NO/100 (\$100,000,000) DOLLARS (the "Project");

**WHEREAS,** it is presently estimated the actual costs of damage demolition, repair, reconstruction, renovation, restoration and improvement of school Facilities owned and operated by the Board may total or exceed TWO HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION AND NO/100 (\$250,000,000) DOLLARS;

**WHEREAS,** it is presently anticipated the proceeds of insurance policies maintained by the Board for its Facilities will total FORTY MILLION AND NO/100 (\$40,000,000) DOLLARS;

WHEREAS, the Board has previously become a participating political subdivision and member of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority"), which is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (the "State")

established for public purposes pursuant to Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:4548.1 through 4548.16, inclusive) (the "Authority Act");

**WHEREAS,** in order to finance projects by the State's political subdivisions of public infrastructure and public works of all types, the Authority is authorized to issue bonds and notes and loan the proceeds thereof to political subdivisions who become members of the Authority for such purposes, under the authority of the Authority Act, and other constitutional and statutory authority;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to proceed with a financing through the Authority in an amount of not to exceed ONE HUNDRED MILLION AND NO/100 (\$100,000,000) DOLLARS in order to fund the costs of the Project, in a manner and structure to be determined by subsequent resolution or ordinance;

WHEREAS, it is the expectation of the Board that significant portions of the costs of the Project will be funded through a grant/reimbursement process through the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), but the FEMA grant/reimbursement process is known to be both lengthy and requiring prior expenditure of the Board's funds prior to application for reimbursement;

**WHEREAS**, it is also the expectation of the Board that a portion of the costs of the Project will be funded through Community Development Block Grants as well as donations and miscellaneous grants;

**WHEREAS,** the Board desires to authorize filing of an application with the Authority requesting that the Authority grant approval for issuance of revenue bonds to be issued on behalf of the Board (the "Bonds"), issuance of which are expressly authorized by the provisions of the Authority Act;

WHEREAS, United States Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations") require that an issuer of tax exempt bonds evidence "official intent" towards issuance of the Bonds within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") and the Regulations promulgated thereunder before reimbursing the Board for any prior or subsequent expenditures in connection with the Project from the proceeds of the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Code and Regulations promulgated thereunder for such reimbursement to be deemed an expenditure of Bond proceeds,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Calcasieu Parish School Board, State of Louisiana, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The statements of fact expressly contained within the preamble to this Resolution have been specifically reviewed by the members of the Board and are found to be factually true and correct and are made resolutions of the Board.

**SECTION 2.** The Board is authorized to proceed with a financing through the Authority in an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED MILLION AND NO/100 (\$100,000,000) DOLLARS, to be represented by the Authority's Bonds to provide funds to finance the Project. The Authority's Bonds authorized herein may be issued in a single or multiple series on a taxable and/or tax-exempt basis, to mature not later than twenty (20) years from their date of issuance, and bear interest at a fixed or variable rate or rates not to exceed five (5%) percent per annum.

The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned by the Authority to the Board pursuant to a loan or other financing agreement (the "Loan Agreement"). The Board will make payments under the Loan Agreement from its receipt of lawfully available funds, including, but not limited to, its insurance proceeds, grant funds received from FEMA, and other funds available to the Board for such purposes, including Community Development Block Grants as well as donations and miscellaneous grants (collectively, "Lawfully Available Funds").

A certified copy of this Resolution and such other documents and certificates, as may be required by the Authority, shall be submitted to the Authority, for issuance of the Bonds under the provisions of the Authority Act.

**SECTION 3.** The structure, terms and conditions of any such borrowing by the Board shall be determined by subsequent resolution or ordinance of the Board, provided, however, that the term of said borrowing shall not exceed twenty (20) years from the date of each issuance of Bonds which shall bear interest at a fixed or variable rate or rates of interest not to exceed five (5%) percent per annum, to be issued in one or more series, and shall be secured by and payable solely from Lawfully Available Funds.

**SECTION 4.** Prior to issuance of the Bonds, the Board anticipates that it may pay a portion of the costs of the Project from other available funds, including insurance proceeds. Upon issuance of the Bonds, the Board reasonably expects to reimburse said expenditures from the proceeds of the Bonds. Any such allocation of the proceeds of the Bonds for reimbursement will be made with respect to the capital expenditures (as defined in Treasury Regulation 1.150-1 (h) and will be made upon the delivery of the Bonds and not later than eighteen (18) months after the date of (i) the date such expenditure was made or (ii) the date improvements were placed in service. This resolution is intended to be a declaration of intent to reimburse in accordance with the provisions of the Treasury Regulation 1.150-2.

**SECTION 5.** The Board hereby finds and determines that a real necessity exists for employment of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly Joseph A. Delafield, A Professional Corporation ("Bond Counsel") of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby employed (such employment to be by the Authority) to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to such officials of the Board and the Authority for adoption all proceedings incidental to, and shall counsel and advise the Board and the Authority on issuance and sale of, the Bonds by the Authority. The fee of Bond Counsel is contingent upon issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, and shall be in accordance with

the Attorney General's then current Bond Counsel Fee Schedule and other guidelines, as negotiated, for comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work in the issuance of revenue bonds applied to the actual aggregate principal amount issued, sold, delivered and paid for at the time such Bonds are delivered, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with issuance of the Bonds, said fee to be subject to the Attorney General's written approval of said employment and fee to be paid with Bonds proceeds.

**SECTION 6.** The Board hereby authorizes and directs its Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary, and such other officials of the Board to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

SECTION 7. Upon sale of the Bonds, the Superintendent and other officials of the Board, as Executive Officers, are each authorized, empowered and directed to execute on behalf of the Board, the Bond Purchase Agreement, by and between the Authority, the Board and the Placement Agent (as hereinafter defined), the Loan Agreement and any other certificates, documents or instruments in such form as may be approved by Bond Counsel to the Board. The Superintendent, and other officials of the Board, be and they are further authorized, empowered, and directed to execute on behalf of the Board, at or about the time of execution of the Bond Purchase Agreement, the Loan Agreement and any other certificates, documents or instruments deemed necessary by Bond Counsel to the Board, in order to effectuate issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds.

**SECTION 8.** If any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared to be severable.

**SECTION 9.** The selection of Government Consultants, Inc., as municipal advisor (the "Municipal Advisor") in connection with issuance and sale of the Bonds, is hereby approved and authorized. The compensation of the Municipal Advisor shall be payable from proceeds of the Bonds and shall be subject to the approval of the Board and the Louisiana State Bond Commission.

**SECTION 10.** By virtue of the Board's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves

that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance

with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of

Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.," adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s)

and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said

Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 11. Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (the

"Underwriter" or "Placement Agent"), is hereby employed as the Underwriter and/or Placement Agent to

effect a sale of the Bonds or a direct placement of the Bonds, compensation to be subsequently approved

by the Board and to be paid from proceeds of the Bonds and contingent upon issuance of the Bonds;

provided, no compensation shall be due to the Placement Agent unless the Bonds are issued and delivered

and all costs must be reasonable and approved by the Board and the Authority.

**SECTION 12.** The Board shall incur no financial liability for issuance of the Bonds, other

than the non-refundable application fee with the Louisiana State Bond Commission, until such time as

issuance of the Bonds has been approved by the Louisiana State Bond Commission and a bond resolution

or ordinance has been duly approved and adopted by the Board.

**SECTION 13.** A copy of this Resolution shall be published immediately after its adoption

in one (1) issue of the Board's official journal. For a period of thirty (30) days from the date of such

publication, any person in interest shall have the right to contest the legality of this Resolution and of the

Bonds to be issued pursuant hereto and the provisions hereof securing the Bonds. After the expiration of

said thirty (30) days, no one shall have any right to contest the validity of the Bonds or the provisions of

this Resolution, and the Bonds shall be conclusively presumed to be legal and no court shall thereafter have

the authority to inquire into such matters.

**SECTION 14.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby

repealed.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

/s/ Dean Roberts
DEAN ROBERTS, President

Calcasieu Parish School Board

ATTEST:

/s/ Karl Bruchhaus KARL BRUCHHAUS, Secretary Calcasieu Parish School Board

(Other business not pertinent to the present excerpt may be found of record in the official minute book.)