ST. TAMMANY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

M I N U T E S

October 9, 2014

The School Board of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, met in regular session on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at the C. J. Schoen Administrative Complex, 321 N. Theard Street, Covington, Louisiana, at seven (7:00) o’clock P.M., (Central Daylight Saving Time).

I. OPENING

A. Roll Call


There were absent: None.

B. Invocation

C. Pledge of Allegiance

President Heintz called on Mr. Loup for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Recognition of Visitors

President Heintz recognized Mr. Sam Fauntleroy of the Covington Rotary Club. Mr. Fauntleroy presented information to the Board about Rotarians and he talked about their role in the community and the many service projects supported by Rotary volunteers.

E. Special Recognitions

1. Symbolic Swearing-In Ceremony for Mr. Anthony Alfred

President Heintz called on Mr. David Pittman, General Counsel. Mr. Pittman conducted the Oath of Office and Swearing-In Ceremony of Mr. Anthony Alfred, School Board Member District 14.

Mr. Alfred thanked the Board, Superintendent Folse and his staff for the appointment as District 14 School Board Member.

2. Special Presentation Honoring Mr. Ray A. Alfred

Superintendent Folse said he had the honor to speak at the celebration of Mr. Ray Alfred’s life and he shared the following remarks from the day of celebration. “It is hard to say good bye to someone when they are taken from us quickly and without warning. While comfort is hard to find, we do know one thing that Mr. Ray did make a difference. He did make the world a better place.”

Superintendent Folse said Mr. Ray Alfred won a seat on the St. Tammany Parish School Board in 1990 and for 24 years he served the students and parents of District 14. He said in those six (6) terms Mr. Alfred never faced opposition, he had the longest tenure of any school board member, and he strived to be a champion of all students. Superintendent Folse said Mr. Alfred served as the 2010 Business Affairs Chairperson, he was on the LSBA Board, and was awarded National School Board Member Recognition for his strong commitment to public education.
Superintendent Folse said our School System’s motto is *Every Child, Every Day* and he said Mr. Ray firmly believed that was his job, and our job to make sure we met the needs of *Every Child, Every Day*. He said Mr. Alfred was very involved in his community, from his job at Stennis to Pumpkin Patch Daycare, to his family restaurant, he made it a point to help Slidell and St. Tammany Parish. Superintendent Folse said two (2) years ago when St. Tammany Parish Schools had the theme of Community Connections, Mr. Ray had already lived that theme for many years. He said Mr. Ray was connected to his church, his fraternity and to the Young Men’s Business Club.

Superintendent Folse said tonight we mourn the death of Mr. Ray Alfred, and the fact that he was taken from us too soon. He said we also continue to celebrate his life and the impact he had on the St. Tammany community and the children that he so proudly served for over 24 years. Superintendent Folse presented a plaque to Mrs. Karen Alfred. Superintendent Folse asked Mr. John Lamarque to read a resolution honoring Mr. Ray Alfred.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Lamarque, with a unanimous second:

WHEREAS, Almighty God called to his eternal rest our fellow board member, Ray A. Alfred; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alfred did faithfully serve St. Tammany Parish as the School Board Representative from District 14 for the past twenty four years; and

WHEREAS, his love of education and his dedication to serving all of the students in the St. Tammany Parish Public School System made him an outstanding board member; and

WHEREAS, as a lifelong resident of St. Tammany Parish and graduate of Slidell High School, Mr. Alfred served as the 2010 chair of the School Board Business Affairs/Administrative Committee As A Whole; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alfred was active in many community and civic organizations including serving as the Louisiana School Board Association District One Director, and was recognized by the National School Board Member Recognition Program for his strong commitment to public education; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devoted member of Hartzell Mt. Zion United Methodist Church and his fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alfred loved his school community and did so much for so many people in the Slidell area and in St. Tammany Parish over the years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the St. Tammany Parish School Board wish to express their deep appreciation for the many years of excellent service and leadership given by Mr. Ray A. Alfred.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by means of this resolution that the St. Tammany Parish School Board does express its heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Mrs. Karen Alfred, their children, and to all other members of the family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board, as a tribute to the memory of Mr. Ray A. Alfred.

President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public, and there were none.
All members present voted in the affirmative, and the resolution was declared adopted.

3. Teachers of the Year

Superintendent Folse recognized and honored the Teachers of the Year for St. Tammany Parish and he thanked Channel 13 for presenting videos on the outstanding teachers.

Elementary School Division
Ms. Valerie Cyprian, Madisonville Elementary School
Ms. Phyllis Stephens, Principal

Middle/Junior High School Division
Ms. Robin Day, Little Oak Middle School
Ms. Kimberly Vanderklis, Principal

High School Division
Ms. Cheryl Williams, Mandeville High School
Mr. Bruce Bundy, Principal

4. Principals of the Year

Superintendent Folse recognized and honored the Principals of the Year for St. Tammany Parish and he thanked Channel 13 for presenting videos on these outstanding principals.

Elementary School Division
Mr. Gary Marlborough, Chahta-Ima Elementary School

Middle/Junior High School Division
Mr. Patrick Mackin, Slidell Junior High School

High School Division
Mr. Johnny Vitranou, Fontainebleau High School

Superintendent Folse also recognized Mr. Patrick Mackin as the Louisiana Middle/Junior High School Principal of the Year.

5. National School Lunch Week

Mrs. Cheryl Arabie, Assistant Superintendent, said this year “Get in the Game with School Lunch” would be the theme for the National School Lunch Week celebration. Mrs. Arabie said it was all about emphasizing the importance of balancing healthy eating and physical activities for kids.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Bellisario, with a unanimous second:

WHEREAS, the week of October 13-17, 2014 has been named National School Lunch Week; and

WHEREAS, “Get in the Game with School Lunch” is the theme for this year’s school lunch celebration; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program is dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation’s children and has served our country for more than 60 years through advanced practices and nutrition education; and

WHEREAS, the cafeteria staff across the St. Tammany Parish Public School System serve approximately 10,600 breakfasts and 25,390 lunches each day; and

WHEREAS, many parents, grandparents, School Board members, state and local officials will be visiting our schools during this special week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board publicly thanks the Student Nutrition Advisory Councils, Mrs. Pat Farris, Supervisor of School Food Services, and her staff, and the
School Food Service managers and technicians at each school for providing an excellent School Food Service program for our School System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board with copies being sent to each school’s principal, Student Nutrition Advisory Council and Cafeteria staff, and to Mrs. Farris and her staff as testimonial of this Board’s recognition of their outstanding endeavors.

President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public, and there were none.

All members present voted in the affirmative, and the resolution was declared adopted.

6. School Bus Owners/Operators and Bus Attendants Appreciation

Mr. Peter Jabbia, Assistant Superintendent, introduced the Transportation Center staff, Mrs. Cathy Aime, Director, Ms. Dawnell Buell, Assistant Director, and Lisa Lewis and Paul Bourque, Investigators. Mr. Jabbia said in our society there is a long list of unsung heroes who go unnoticed on a day to day basis, but the establishment of the School Bus Safety Week and the School Bus Operator and Attendant Appreciation Week allows those individuals who ensure the safe transportation of thousands of children to school and back each day will have more of a chance to receive the recognition they deserve. Mr. Jabbia said the St. Tammany Parish transportation employees have an incredibly difficult task that consists of driving large vehicles and managing their precious cargo, our students, and following safety precautions for an uneventful journey. He said these employees remain dedicated and diligent to their tasks.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Harrell, with a unanimous second:

WHEREAS, school buses cover approximately over 39,000 miles weekly in St. Tammany Parish transporting approximately 28,500 public and non public students and have an excellent safety record; and

WHEREAS, the position of School Bus Operator and School Bus Attendant requires tremendous responsibility, as they are required to safely maneuver through traffic, while maintaining order on the bus, and in the event of an emergency, are looked upon for leadership and guidance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, the State Department of Education, and the St. Tammany Parish School Board are dedicated to the promotion of safety for our precious cargo in the most efficient and economical manner; and

WHEREAS, primary factors for the excellent safety record of St. Tammany Parish buses can be attributed to dedicated school bus operators and school bus attendants who spend considerable time and energy in ongoing training to maintain skills and keep current knowledge of school bus laws and safety procedures through continuing education, as well as careful bus maintenance and thorough inspections; and

WHEREAS, school bus operators and school bus attendants are a critical part of the public education process by making our schools accessible to all students throughout St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the St. Tammany Parish School Board hereby acknowledge and applaud the everyday efforts of all school bus operators and school bus attendants in the School System and proclaim the week of October 20–24, 2014 as St. Tammany Parish School Bus Safety and School Bus Operator and School Bus Attendant Appreciation Week.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board, with a copy being sent to all schools within the School System to post as a sign of appreciation to all school bus operators and school bus attendants.

President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public, and there were none.

All members present voted in the affirmative, and the resolution was declared adopted.

7. Red Ribbon Week

Mrs. Cheryl Arabie, Assistant Superintendent, said Red Ribbon Week would be celebrated in St. Tammany Parish schools the week of October 27 through October 31. Mrs. Arabie said it was an ideal way for people in communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. Mrs. Arabie said studies have shown that young people who have learned to say no to drugs are less likely to be involved with crime, delinquency and other destructive behaviors. Mrs. Arabie said the purpose of the Red Ribbon Campaign was to present a unified and visible commitment toward the creation of a drug free America.

Mrs. Arabie said the organization PRIDE Youth and Community Resources has been a huge driving force in promoting a healthy, drug-free development for our youth and families within our community for over 30 years. Mrs. Arabie said to accomplish this mission PRIDE provides leadership, family life-skills education, and prevention programs designed to reduce the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Mrs. Arabie said the Red Ribbon Week theme this year is, Love Yourself, Be Drug Free.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Seeley, with a unanimous second:

WHEREAS, The National Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in every community in America during “Red Ribbon Week” with students, teachers, and faculty and staff committing to healthy, drug-free lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish School Board is aware of the possible dangers associated with the abuse of alcohol and the use of illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish School Board believes that community-based organizations which help it achieve its commitment to students should be recognized; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish School Board agrees that well informed parents and caregivers are an integral part of a child’s education; and

WHEREAS, the School Board acknowledges the contributions made by the members of PRIDE, Youth and Community Resources, formerly known as AMPLIFY Resources, and expresses its gratitude for this organization’s long standing support of our students and our schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board does hereby proclaim the week of October 27 – October 31, 2014 to be “Red Ribbon Week” in all public schools in St. Tammany Parish.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board; and a copy of this resolution be sent to PRIDE, Youth and Community Resources; and that a copy of this resolution be posted at each St. Tammany Parish Public School as an indication of this Board’s declaration of “Red Ribbon Week” and its acknowledgment of the valuable contribution made by PRIDE, Youth and Community Resources and its members, both present and past.
President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public, and there were none.

All members present voted in the affirmative, and the resolution was declared adopted.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Five Minutes

Ms. Lee Barrios, retired teacher, addressed the Board in regard to the curriculum.

B. Three Minutes

The following people also addressed the Board in regard to the curriculum: Jenny Klein, Bill Bischoff, Jenee Donaldson, Christen Timmins, Danielle Fontenot, Donna Jones, Samantha Anderson, Sara Wood, Debbie Sachs, Marci Arroyo, Wendy Varnado, Anthony Nichols, Andrea D’Aquin, Jachen Kranz, Gina Azgur, Barry Dotson, Karen Champaign, Angela Alef, Donna Hebert and Jill Green.

Dennis Cousin addressed the Board in regard to the District 14 vacancy.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of minutes for the regular meeting held September 11, 2014.

It was moved by Mr. Womack, seconded by Mrs. Seeley, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held September 11, 2014.

President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of minutes for the special meeting held September 18, 2014.

It was moved by Mr. Jeter, seconded by Mrs. Mullett, to approve the minutes from the special meeting held September 18, 2014.

President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried with Mrs. Bellisario abstaining.

C. Approval of minutes for the special meeting held September 25, 2014.

It was moved by Mr. Dirmann, seconded by Mr. Loup, to approve the minutes from the special meeting held September 25, 2014.

President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public.

Ms. Donna Hebert, parent, asked about the timeline in the September 25 minutes.

Mr. Dirmann said he made the substitute motion at the September 25 meeting, “to give the Administration the opportunity to review the math curriculum and determine what elements of the Eureka math component can be either discarded or modified or whatever with either some other curriculum or go back or revert to our original math and report to us at our October meeting.” Mr. Dirmann said nothing referred to a timeline other than it was going to be at the October 2 meeting.

President Heintz asked Mr. Dirmann if he stood by the motion as written.

Mr. Dirmann replied absolutely.

Ms. Donna Hebert said it was Mr. Folse that talked about a timeline and that Mr. Folse told Mrs. Arabie to come back next week and give us a timeline.
President Heintz said Mr. Folse may make a comment on a motion, but he does not make the motion. She said Mr. Dirmann made the motion.

Mr. Dirmann said he thought that was part of a follow-up motion that was made by Mrs. Tipton where we were going to have small group meetings and then determine from that process the timeline.

President Heintz said no, that was on October 2.

Mrs. Bellisario said she reviewed all the meetings and all the comments. Mrs. Bellisario said she was the person that first brought up the word “timeline” and that she had suggested that the Board have a meeting the following week on October 2 and that the report would be brought back on that date. She said that was perhaps why Mr. Dirmann used the date October 2 rather than the word “timeline” in his motion.

President Heintz asked if there were any further questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried with Mrs. Seeley abstaining.

D. Approval of minutes for the special meeting held October 2, 2014.

It was moved by Mrs. Tipton, seconded by Mr. Loup, to approve the minutes from the special meeting held October 2, 2014.

President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried with Mr. Harrell and Mrs. Seeley abstaining.

E. Appropriate retirement resolutions for the following certificated personnel subsequent to September 11, 2014.

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Womack, seconded by Mr. Bettencourt:

WHEREAS, Susan B. Schwaner, Teacher, Bonne Ecole Elementary School, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Schwaner was an educator for twenty and twenty-six hundredths (20.26) years, all in St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. Schwaner for her many years of service.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board with a copy being sent to Mrs. Schwaner in appreciation for services rendered.

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WHEREAS, Donna D. Smith, Assistant Principal, Carolyn Park Middle School, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was an educator for thirty-three and four hundredths (33.04) years, twenty-five and four hundredths (25.04) years in St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. Smith for her many years of service.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board with a copy being sent to Mrs. Smith in appreciation for services rendered.

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WHEREAS, Jerry D. Sessions, Parishwide Assistant Principal, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sessions was an educator for thirty-seven and sixty hundredths (37.60) years, twenty-nine and twenty-seven hundredths (29.27) years in St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Sessions for his many years of service.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board with a copy being sent to Mr. Sessions in appreciation for services rendered.

President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public, and there were none.

All members present voted in the affirmative, and the resolutions were declared adopted.

F. Appropriate retirement resolutions for the following non-certificated personnel subsequent to September 11, 2014.

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Dirmann, seconded by Mr. Harrell:

WHEREAS, Brenda E. Nolen, Clerk Typist II, Central Office, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nolen worked for twenty-two and eighty-nine hundredths (22.89) years, all in St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Ms. Nolen for her many years of service.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board with a copy being sent to Ms. Nolen in appreciation for services rendered.

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WHEREAS, Barbara W. Kellar, School Secretary II, Mandeville High School, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kellar worked for thirteen and three hundredths (13.03) years, twelve and three hundredths (12.03) years in St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Ms. Kellar for her many years of service.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board with a copy being sent to Ms. Kellar in appreciation for services rendered.

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WHEREAS, Ricky J. Boudreaux, Custodian, Slidell Junior High School, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boudreaux worked for fourteen and eighty-eight hundredths (14.88) years, all in St. Tammany Parish.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Boudreaux for his many years of service.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board with a copy being sent to Mr. Boudreaux in appreciation for services rendered.

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WHEREAS, Diane Richardson, School Bus Driver, Transportation Center, retired from the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Richardson worked for thirty-two and seventy-two hundredths (32.72) years, all in St. Tammany Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to express its appreciation to Ms. Richardson for her many years of service.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board with a copy being sent to Ms. Richardson in appreciation for services rendered.

President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public, and there were none.

All members present voted in the affirmative, and the resolutions were declared adopted.

G. Approval of recommendations from the Committee As A Whole meeting for Human Resources/Education held October 2, 2014.

Mrs. Mullett, Chair of the Committee As A Whole for Human Resources/Education, brought the following recommendations to the Board from the meeting held October 2, 2014.

1. Recommends acceptance of Option #3 concerning math and the Guaranteed Curriculum.

It was moved by Mr. Lamarque, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to accept the recommendation.

President Heintz asked if there were any comments from the Board.

Mrs. Mullett said she goes to Baton Rouge and she fights for the teachers, the parents and the School System and she fights for funding. She said if it is not political, then she is wasting her time and her health and her sanity. Mrs. Mullett said this unfortunately is political and she was doing this for the School System.

Mrs. Mullett read the following statement: “As a School Board Member and a life-time resident of Louisiana I am insulted by John White and his self-serving interest in providing only one (1) Tier 1 Common Core aligned curriculum for the entire 65 public school system districts in Louisiana. One (1) option is not what is best for students, teachers or any school system. I am insulted that our teacher leaders had to attend the Department of Education workshop where there was only one (1) option, Eureka Math, and nothing else. To John White, to those in the Department of Education, and to BESE, I say shame on you for doing this to our students, shame on you for doing this to our teachers, and shame on you for doing this to the public. This Board unanimously passed a Resolution opposing Common Core State Standards. The poor implementation put upon our schools, they were forced upon us by the State. I am not blaming our curriculum specialists, they were forced on our district by the State; and, the assessments, the Board passed a Resolution opposing the assessments that are driving all of this mess. I want to make sure that all of us, including myself, remember where we stand on this Resolution.”
Mrs. Mullett said she had two (2) questions for Mrs. Arabie in regard to Option #3.

Mrs. Mullett said that Mrs. Arabie first stated that Eureka would continue to be integrated daily in our daily lessons, but in a little different way. Mrs. Mullett asked how Eureka would be integrated in Option #3 as in phasing out in a slightly different way.

Mrs. Arabie said with the curriculum, we have now completed nine (9) weeks of school. Mrs. Arabie said with the sequencing we have used from the Eureka Math, you are not going to be able to back it up because the sequencing has now been in place for nine (9) weeks. She said as far as the lessons go, the lessons are, as you heard from many of the teachers this evening, it is still make it their own. It is not a scripted curriculum in the lessons.

Mrs. Arabie said so where the Eureka will remain in the curriculum will be in the way of lessons with the sequencing of the concepts. She said the black-line masters will not be available through the Guaranteed Curriculum. She said we have had a folder in our curriculum that had black-line masters through Eureka. Mrs. Arabie said the plan was and still is and how we are working through that. She said we know that as each day goes on we have more time, and we were going to have some of our own homemade black-line masters. She said we already know that many of our teachers have been making their own. She said you will see some of those being added to the curriculum as we move forward.

Mrs. Arabie said it is important to note that within our curriculum, as you heard, make it my own discretion, what is needed for my students, I have to evaluate; teachers have always had a right to find other resources that would work with their students. She said we will not be printing Eureka black-line masters at the district level. Mrs. Arabie said they won’t be getting the books we provided for in the first grading period, and we are not going to have them electronically in the Guaranteed Curriculum. She said teachers may still access those and there are many ways they can access them. Mrs. Arabie said it will still be at the option of the teacher.

Mrs. Arabie said the goal with Option #3 would be for us to continue adding as we go along some of the homemade masters from teachers that give us items that work and then to move forward with textbook adoption. Mrs. Arabie said once the new textbook is selected, February timeframe with the new textbooks ordered, that would be what we would include in our Guaranteed Curriculum. Mrs. Arabie said the end of May would be the total moving out of Eureka Math.

Mrs. Mullett said Mrs. Arabie had stated that some of the high school teachers, specifically Algebra and Geometry, were free to use Eureka at their discretion and to use other resources besides Eureka in those classes. Mrs. Mullett asked if she heard that correct.

Mrs. Arabie replied yes. Mrs. Arabie said it is important to note when you get into the curriculum and you have better than a basic understanding, one thing with the Common Core Standards there has been some shifts for some of the concepts. She said some of what may have been in the ninth grade is now expected to be completed in the eighth grade. Mrs. Arabie said teachers always have the discretion, the teachers find the gap. We never said if the student didn’t have the concept that was being presented that you just stand up there and teach with no one being able to understand what you were teaching.

Mrs. Mullett noted that Mrs. Arabie said the timeline would be ongoing with the projected ending date to be at the end of the year. Mrs. Mullett said with the motion she would like to be more specific on the date of ending the Eureka in the curriculum. She said she would like for it to be more specific instead of projected to end, with phasing out of Eureka by the end of this school year 2014-2015. Mrs. Mullett said she would like that to be stated in the motion as a friendly amendment.

A friendly amendment to the motion was offered by Mrs. Mullett, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to add the words, with the phasing out of Eureka Math by the end of this school year, 2014-2015.
President Heintz asked Mr. Lamarque if he was agreeable to the friendly amendment and Mr. Lamarque replied yes and said he thought the Board had discussed this at the last meeting.

President Heintz said the motion as amended states: \textit{Recommends acceptance of Option \#3 concerning math and the Guaranteed Curriculum with the phasing out of Eureka Math by end of the school year 2014-2015.}

Mrs. Seeley asked Mrs. Arabie what percentage of the Eureka Math component is being taught right now through our Math curriculum.

Mrs. Arabie said that would look very different from classroom to classroom because it is at the teacher’s discretion. Mrs. Arabie said she had been in many classrooms over the last couple of weeks and it looked different. She said one classroom might have a lot of the black-line masters and another classroom might not have any black-line masters. Mrs. Arabie said it is available for the teachers to use accordingly for their students. Mrs. Arabie said the teachers are the instructional leaders in their classrooms and the Guaranteed Curriculum is there as a resource. Mrs. Arabie said, yes there is lots of Eureka Math especially in the way of black-line masters that have been available for teachers to use. Mrs. Arabie said as a teacher herself for 17 years, she may have looked at some of those black-line masters, but she would have made them her own. She said having the technology available today, it is much easier to do than when you were doing them with pencil and paper as it was in the past.

Mrs. Seeley said complaints were really strong this time last year when we were mandated to do Common Core State Standards that drive our curriculum. She said the reason she asked the question was that teachers normally, in the past, were able to have their lesson plans for a whole year. She said she knew this as a fact because she had friends that were teachers. Mrs. Seeley said the teachers would have their lesson plans for a whole year and unfortunately with being mandated to have the Common Core State Standards driven curriculum the teachers were given the information right before they had to teach it. Mrs. Seeley asked, what would be the problem with going back to our previous curriculum.

Mrs. Arabie said the grade level expectations which were the standards in the past, the curriculum was aligned to the grade level expectations. She said as simple as it might seem that you could just take the new standards, put them into the framework, and leave the lessons there, it doesn’t work that way. Mrs. Arabie said a simple example is some of the concepts have moved from grade to grade and some of the concepts have a deeper understanding that needs to be in the classroom.

Mrs. Seeley responded to the statement about lesson plans being made for the year. Mrs. Arabie said she would have grave concerns if any teacher had their lesson plans made for the year. Mrs. Arabie said even in 1980 when she was teaching, lessons plans were geared on how the students were developing each and every day.

Mrs. Seeley thanked Mrs. Arabie for the explanation and said however, she did know of teachers that did.

Mrs. Seeley said she had a concern about the way, in our previous meeting, we asked to remove the Eureka Math component out of our curriculum. She said there was a substitute motion and that instead of it being an amendment it was claimed or deemed as a substitute motion that didn’t even include the Eureka Math component. She said that disturbed her because as a past president of a local district and a state level organization, they did things a little differently. Mrs. Seeley said when there was a substitute motion, it included the part of the previous motion which was the topic and this did not and that motion concerned her.

Mrs. Seeley said as far as the options, people had contacted her about the reason why she had abstained from the options. Mrs. Seeley said she felt like there was not enough discussion and she said she didn’t remember the Board asking for options. Mrs. Seeley said she heard people discussing it, but it wasn’t a part of what was supposed to happen. She said it was a timeline and a timeline only.
Mrs. Seeley said she was hearing complaints from teachers, students and parents and they are fearful of coming here. Mrs. Seeley said there are many parishes that are having the same complaints with huge amounts of people attending town meetings with 800 people alone attending one of the meetings.

Mrs. Seeley said she is looking at not only what is going on in our individual districts and across our Parish, it is what is happening on the outside of our parish. She said we have been known to be leaders. Mrs. Seeley said she was in a forum about a year ago regarding the Common Core curriculum and there were two (2) state senators from Mississippi. Mrs. Seeley said they are watching our parish, they use us as examples and they refer to us as leaders.

Mrs. Seeley said we are hearing from a lot of the public saying they are not happy with what is happening with the Eureka Math in particular. Mrs. Seeley said she stands firm in believing that we, the Board Members, should totally have the Eureka Math component removed out of our curriculum and we need to be specific with what we ask for. Mrs. Seeley said she could not support any of the options because she felt they were weak in their own ways. Mrs. Seeley said she would certainly support a timeline, but as far as Option 1, 2 or 3 she would not support any of them. Mrs. Seeley said she hoped the Board would consider some of what she had to say. She said she did believe beyond a shadow of a doubt that someday the entire state would be totally out of this and she said that also needed to be taken under consideration.

President Heintz said the motion had been amended this evening with the phasing out of Eureka Math by the end of this school year 2014-2015.

Mr. Womack said he did not see anything vague or ambiguous about the motion and about the plan of the Administration. He said essentially there are two (2) elements, they are saying it is major with a school system this size, and as far as timeline are concerns they are saying the end of this year Eureka is being phased out.

Mr. Dirmann said he was confused when Mrs. Seeley was talking about the substitute motion and he did not know what meeting Mrs. Seeley was talking about. He asked if it was the meeting on September 25 or the meeting on October 2.

Mr. Dirmann said Mrs. Seeley’s motion was to remove Common Core from the System, and in looking at the minutes, Mrs. Seeley withdrew her motion.

President Heintz addressed Mr. Dirmann and said the minutes of the meeting were approved. Mr. Dirmann said Mrs. Seeley had abstained on the minutes and said Mrs. Seeley could have at least voted no if that was what she wanted to do.

President Heintz said we are now addressing the motion as amended that is on the floor and asked if there were any other comments from Board Members.

President Heintz said the motion on the floor is Recommends acceptance of Option #3 concerning math and the Guaranteed Curriculum with the phasing out of Eureka Math by end of the school year 2014-2015.

Mr. Hennegan addressed Mrs. Arabie and said one (1) of the complaints you hear with Common Core is that the standards are not really that challenging and it really only prepares kids for mediocre college. Mr. Hennegan asked Mrs. Arabie what percentage of the students take Algebra in the 8th grade right now. Mrs. Arabie replied 20-25 percent and said that is a rough number. Mr. Hennegan asked what percentage of the students take AP Calculus in their senior year. Mrs. Arabie replied 10%. Mr. Hennegan asked Mrs. Arabie if the plan was to raise that number because his thought was that we were aiming low as a Parish. Mr. Hennegan said we should be aiming higher than the Common Core Standards and putting a curriculum together that would clearly improve what our children are doing.

Mrs. Arabie said the plan is always to provide the best curriculum for our students and to push the students so that they have the Advanced Placement classes. She said our numbers
have increased in Advanced Placement and our numbers are off the chart in dual enrollment and we will continue to strive for that.

Mr. Hennegan said he hoped that the curriculum we have still favors that.

Mrs. Arabie said when we walk the halls we are already hearing and seeing what fourth and fifth grade students are doing, and I guarantee you they are going to hit the ground running when they get into sixth, seventh and eighth grade. Mrs. Arabie said it is the initial preparation for the students and the problem solving, the higher order thinking, and more than one (1) way to answer a problem. Mrs. Arabie said they will be very well prepared for Advanced Placement.

Mr. Hennegan said an unfortunate thing is if this curriculum would have been piloted some place and we had test results then we could come before the parents of this parish and say look, we are going to move to this curriculum because here are the results; this group or district has piloted this program and look at the results. Mr. Hennegan said we are really moving ahead on blind faith.

Mrs. Arabie said 100% of confidence is in the instructional leaders in the classroom. She said they are making the choices, we are giving them the curriculum and they are the ones who are going to make it work. Mrs. Arabie said Mr. Lamarque made a profound statement last week “just because Eureka Math failed in New York, we didn’t know who those instructional people were in front of those students.” Mrs. Arabie said in St. Tammany Parish we have the best teachers and they are doing what they need to do for that curriculum to provide the very best for our students.

Mr. Bettencourt said he thought Mrs. Mullett recommended an amendment and it was seconded. He said we should vote on the amendment or is it just added to the motion.

President Heintz said she asked if it was a substitute motion and Mrs. Mullett responded it was a friendly amendment to Mr. Lamarque’s motion. President Heintz said she asked for clarification and Mrs. Mullett said yes. President Heintz said she then asked permission from Mr. Lamarque and he said yes and then Mr. Jeter who had seconded it gave his approval.

Mr. Bettencourt said last week Superintendent Folse said Eureka Math is not for St. Tammany and so the question is, when does it disappear?

President Heintz said the friendly amendment to Mr. Lamarque’s motion is that it will be the phasing out of Eureka Math by the end of the school year 2014-2015.

President Heintz addressed Mrs. Arabie and said there will still be a folder that has Eureka Math in it as a teacher resource, correct?

Mrs. Arabie replied, the black-line masters will be gone from the Guaranteed Curriculum.

President Heintz said if a teacher chose to use Eureka Math at their own discretion it would be up to them.

Mrs. Arabie said that is correct. She said it is always up to the teacher even though the black-line masters won’t be in our teacher resource folder, and we are not going to be copying them at Graphic Arts and sending them to the schools as we did before. Mrs. Arabie said that had already stopped in the last two to three weeks. Mrs. Arabie said as teachers collaborate and get together, we know the teachers Google. She said we know what is provided at the State Department on their website and there is a possibility that a teacher, a school or a group may choose to use some of the black-line masters.

President Heintz said if they see a methodology that they would like to implement on a certain concept they have the ability because they are making it their own.

Mrs. Arabie said that is correct.
Mr. Bettencourt said that did not answer his question. Mr. Bettencourt addressed Mrs. Arabie and said, in your professional opinion as a curriculum specialist and in the best interest of our children, our students, is that the fastest timeline that we can get out and get away from Eureka Math?

Mrs. Arabie replied absolutely. Mrs. Arabie said the kids have been in school for nine (9) weeks and teachers have prepared for the next units for the next week or the following week. She said that making that kind of shift would be very detrimental to the students in the classroom.

Mr. Bettencourt said but as we speak some of them may have already made the shift or will if this motion passes and if they don’t want to use Eureka Math, they don’t have to and there are other resources, right?

Mrs. Arabie said that has always been the case.

Mr. Bettencourt said he wants our teachers to be able to do what they do best and that is just teach, and he wanted them to have whatever resources we can provide. He said he thought our teachers could engage their students as long as it was not Engage New York. Mr. Bettencourt said he could only find two (2) states that were using Eureka and Engage New York. He said there are other high performing school systems that have found many other resources that align with the State Standards. He said he thought St. Tammany could do the same thing and that would be our curriculum specialist job to find those standards that fit St. Tammany as we go forward. Mr. Bettencourt said if anyone would like to talk about this more, he would have a meeting next Tuesday at Lake Harbor Middle School at 7:00 p.m.

President Heintz addressed Mrs. Arabie and asked her if she had done any research on what math is being used in other high performing districts in Louisiana.

Mrs. Arabie said in the top ten (10) performing districts in Louisiana, eight (8) of them are using Eureka Math only for grades K-5. She said in addition to those eight (8) we find there is a difference from the 6th to 12th and many of them have gone to a Pearson adoption in the way of math. Mrs. Arabie said eight (8) of the ten (10) are using Eureka Math and five (5) of those eight (8) used Eureka Math last year and they are in the second year of implementation. Mrs. Arabie said that includes Zachary, W. Feliciana, Ascension, all of those top performing districts. Mrs. Arabie said also, without all of the districts giving us the information, we found that 34 of the school districts of the 46 who did reply are using Eureka Math in the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Dirmann addressed Mrs. Arabie and said we just finished up the nine (9) weeks with this week being our test week. He asked how long it would take us to see any kind of results from those tests so we can actually review the data.

Mrs. Arabie said in remembering our assessments are aligned to our curriculum, it is not like a standardized test. Mrs. Arabie said she believed teachers who are doing well instructionally and their assessments are aligned to their instruction that the assessments should be pretty good with the teachers. Mrs. Arabie said she had not looked at grades yet, and she said they would not be in until tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Dirmann asked Mrs. Arabie if she was saying that the assessments should be good or the scores should be good. Mr. Dirmann said he would like to know how the kids performed on the assessment and he asked when the information would be available.

Mrs. Arabie asked Mr. Dirmann if he was talking about unit tests.

Mr. Dirmann said at the end of the nine (9) weeks what will be used as an indicator.

Mrs. Arabie said that is done at each school and that is when the teachers look at it for success and the principals are looking at it for success.
Mr. Dirmann said that is what we need to look at as to whether or not this is really benefitting us and at what grade level it is benefitting us. Mr. Dirmann said he heard the teachers talk about it and we understand that this is a progressive curriculum with Eureka where it starts in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and if we have already had it in place for three (3) years then those kids are doing well. Mr. Dirmann said then we have these big gaps where all of a sudden it is thrown on everyone and they had not had any of it. Mr. Dirmann said that is where all this confusion comes from.

Mr. Dirmann said he understood there would be some give and take through the process and not everyone would be happy, whether it was the teachers or the parents. He said we need to do what is best for our children and for our School System and our parents. Mr. Dirmann said we are all stakeholders in this and we are all in this together.

Mr. Dirmann said we all need to be on the same page and we need to understand what the numbers indicate. Mr. Dirmann said as we move forward through this process we need to see what works and what doesn’t work and we need to talk to our representatives again. Mr. Dirmann said we need to develop a total plan between now and the end of the school year, as well as, what we are going to do during the next legislative session which is coming up in March.

President Heintz reminded Board Members to speak to the motion.

Mrs. Seeley addressed Mrs. Arabie and said what would be the problem with removing the Eureka Math component by the first of the year.

Mrs. Arabie said when the curriculum was set we took the projected number of days that were needed for a particular school year. She said, so let’s say for fourth grade, we looked at all of those units and concepts that the students should have completed at the end of the fourth grade year. Mrs. Arabie said if those days came out to be 192 days, we only have 175 instructional days. She said we looked at each of those units and those concepts and put them into clusters for completion.

Mrs. Arabie said, still the teacher has discretion, they may complete some units and some concepts faster, or they may move a little bit slower in other areas. Mrs. Arabie said in January you are half way done with those concepts. She said if you were to throw Eureka Math out and come up with another text, we already know Scott Foreman does not address many of the standards that are in with the Common Core Standards. Mrs. Arabie said it is just being with curriculum, being in education, changing something at mid stream, and it is not what is going to be best for the kids.

Mrs. Seeley said, to do this by the end of the year are you planning on phasing it out as you had mentioned. She said what also bothers her is that when we state that we want the Eureka Math component removed, that means removed. Mrs. Seeley said it doesn’t mean that the teachers have that option to use this, and she said this is the way this is supposed to be.

Mrs. Seeley said Mr. Dirmann mentioned that she had made the Common Core motion. Mrs. Seeley said she withdrew the Common Core motion and she said on page 10 of the minutes it says that she asked the Board to consider removing the Eureka Math component from the curriculum. Mrs. Seeley said that was voted on and the process was still bothering her. Mrs. Seeley said then Mr. Dirmann offered a motion and it seemed the motion should have been amended to include removing the Eureka Math component from the curriculum. She said this is why she was having trouble with this, because instead of it being a substitute motion, it doesn’t say anything about the Eureka Math component being removed from Mr. Dirmann’s motion.

President Heintz addressed Mrs. Seeley and said we have approved the minutes and we were here at the meeting.

Mrs. Seeley said she did not approve the minutes.
President Heintz said yes you did not vote to approve the minutes, you abstained from the vote, but the Board as a whole approved the minutes. President Heintz said it is passed, the minutes have been approved. President Heintz said Mr. Pittman was at the meeting and if she had done anything incorrectly he would have pointed it out to me that I did not follow the proper procedures.

Mrs. Seeley said she had a right to her opinion on this and I just spoke it. Thank you.

President Heintz called on Mr. Harrell and Mr. Harrell called for the Question.

President Heintz said Mr. Harrell has called for the Question. President Heintz said she did have to hear comments from the public.

Mr. Alfred said he had been dwelling on two (2) words since last Thursday, Common Core and Eureka. Mr. Alfred said he went back and listened to previous discussion and it educated him. Mr. Alfred said he thought about his father who probably had maybe a fifth grade education, and his children were all educated, some with college degrees. Mr. Alfred said one (1) thing that stood out and he thought it was applicable to this situation. He said he remembered his father saying, “don’t quit your job before you have found another.” Mr. Alfred said he thought it was absolutely clear that one year would give us time, the Administration and the specialists, to work on this particular issue. He said the motion specifically says we are going to get rid of it, and one year will give them the time to work this issue out.

President Heintz asked if there were any comments from the public.

The following people commented on the motion: Lee Barrios, Sara Wood, Kenta Paretti, Amber Nussbaum, Debbie Sachs, Donna Hebert, Christine Timmins, Katie Boyd, Andrea Jeansonne, Karen Champagne, Angela Alef and Susan Coffey.

President Heintz asked if there were any further comments from Board Members, and there were none.

President Heintz called for a vote on the motion as amended: Recommends acceptance of Option #3 concerning math and the Guaranteed Curriculum with the phasing out of Eureka Math by end of the school year 2014-2015.

The motion as amended passed, with Mrs. Seeley and Mr. Bettencourt voting nay.

2. Recommends conducting small group discussions with principals, teachers, curriculum specialists and board members in order to obtain a broader view of the pros and cons of Common Core State Standards, implementation, methodology and the curriculum.

It was moved by Mrs. Tipton, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to accept the recommendation.

President Heintz asked if there were any comments from Board Members.

Mr. Bettencourt said with all the people listed in the recommendation would it be wise or unwise to add parents or some other stakeholders to the group meetings.

President Heintz asked Mrs. Tipton if she would like to add that to her recommendation.

Mrs. Tipton said her thought would be to only include the people who actually do the work so that the Board can understand their side of the story. Mrs. Tipton said she thought the Board would go to the schools, have discussion with the principals and the teachers, and get a good understanding without anyone else around, and they felt totally comfortable. She said we could then go to curriculum specialists where they could explain to the Board their thoughts. Mrs. Tipton said we are not the educators and we need to learn. Mrs. Tipton said that is the Board’s job to understand and to do the right thing for the kids. She said if we add the parents it becomes a little too much.
President Heintz said she agreed we could start with this and we could always add another component.

Mrs. Mullett said she looked forward to meeting with the teachers and principals to get a better understanding of the pros and cons of Common Core State Standards and how it is affecting our teaching or maybe how it is affecting the District. She said she would like to use that information when the Board talks to legislators and the business community and when the Board is reaffirming our stand that we are opposed to the Common Core State Standards. Mrs. Mullett said the Board is not opposed to a more rigorous curriculum or standards, and she said we just want them to be made by Louisiana educators in Louisiana.

Mrs. Mullett said hopefully we are going to be able to have some good communication with our legislators. She said in the future they would go back to Baton Rouge and fight for our School System and fight to try to get the PARCC testing taken out because that aspect of it not only affects our teachers, their pay, their tenure and their lively hood, but it affects our School System. Mrs. Mullett said if we don’t meet their standards by the PARCC test, our school performance goes down, and then unfortunately we have the opportunity to be taken over by charter schools, and it affects our students. Mrs. Mullett said we need to look at this and we need to see how it is affecting us, both positively and negatively, so we can have a united front when we go to Baton Rouge to try to fight for our School System.

Mrs. Seeley said she did not know if it would make too much of a difference, but in between methodology and the curriculum, ideas in there some way, would that work. She said that came to her mind that we are definitely open to ideas from our teachers.

President Heintz said she thought that was included and to obtain a broader view.

Mr. Hennegan said he supported the recommendation. He said the vision is that three (3) or four (4) Board Members at a time would go meet with the principals and teachers of the school and include Mrs. Arabie and some of her staff.

President Heintz said she and Superintendent Folse had some very informal discussions about how this would roll out between last meeting and this meeting. She said this would be something which would be discussed in small group meetings to get input from Board Members and the Administration on how this would roll out.

Mrs. Tipton said her point was that we would not have anyone else with us so that they would feel comfortable to share.

President Heintz said she understood, but we would have to have a starting point. President Heintz said the Board Members would have a discussion about this.

Mr. Dirmann asked if there was a projected timeline.

President Heintz said that is not included in the motion, but she thought it would begin as soon as the motion was passed.

Mr. Dirmann said a lot of this is going to impact what we may do in regards to our curriculum in the future, as well as, what we may need to present to our local representatives at the legislative session.

President Heintz said we are all aware that we are on a timeline and we need to get a plan in place and have these meetings before the legislative session begins and bills are composed.

Mr. Dirmann asked if the purchasing of textbooks would be a part of the discussion with the teachers and principals.

President Heintz said that might be something that we could discuss with the educators while we are there.
Superintendent Folse said part of the process of the textbooks selection involves parents, teachers and members. He said he thought these two (2) processes could run concurrent with each other that way we are not slowing down either process. Superintendent Folse said he would be glad to get with Mrs. Tipton as well since it was her motion and get some ideas and thoughts and share with the Board.

Mr. Dirmann said this is evolving with the books and where we are going with the curriculum and whether or not we need books because we don’t know what curriculum we will have. Mr. Dirmann said we need to make sure these things mesh together and we have a good understanding.

Mrs. Bellisario said she does support the motion and she thanked Mrs. Tipton for coming up with the motion and she praised Mrs. Mullett for her comments and she pointed out that this is indeed political.

President Heintz asked if there were any comments from the public and said to remember to speak to the motion.

The following people commented on the motion: Lee Barrios, Sara Wood and Kelle Falterman.

President Heintz asked if there were any further questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dirmann said there was a lot of discussion during the last few Board meetings regarding this issue and he suggested copying the meetings and making a DVD of what the discussions have been from the parents and the public and send it to our Northshore delegation, representatives, so they can see all of the information we have been dealing with as a result of this issue. Mr. Dirmann said a cover letter could be included from President Heintz and give them additional information as we go to other meetings.

President Heintz said we could do that and she said some of our legislators have been listening and some are already responding.

H. Approval of recommendations from the Committee As A Whole meeting for Business Affairs/Administrative held October 2, 2014.

Mr. Dirmann, Chair of the Committee As A Whole for Business Affairs/Administration, brought the following recommendations to the Board from the meeting held October 2, 2014.

1. Recommends acceptance of the low base bid submitted by Steele-R Development, LLC in the amount of $226,000.00 for the Modular Walkways & Infrastructure at Covington High School, STPSB Project No. 1474.

   It was moved by Mr. Mr. Dirmann, seconded by Mr. Loup, to accept the recommendation.

   President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommends acceptance of low base bid submitted by Omega General Construction, LLC in the amount of $7,200,000.00 for the Renovations & Additions at Clearwood Junior High School, STPSB Project No. 1415.

   It was moved by Mr. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Seeley, to accept the recommendation.

   President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommends acceptance of the assignment of firms to the Type I-B Design Services and Type II-A/II-B Technical Services be extended for one year.
It was moved by Mr. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Bellisario, to accept the recommendation.

President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

I. Special Recognition

Superintendent Folse recognized retiree Sharon Denise Parker, Senior Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction. Superintendent Folse said Ms. Parker was a graduate of Mandeville High School and a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University with a Masters +30. Superintendent Folse said Ms. Parker began her career in 1982 as a Biology and Consumer Math teacher at Covington High School and after eight (8) years of teaching at Covington High School Ms. Parker taught gifted science at Pitcher Junior High School. He said Ms. Parker also taught science at Fontainebleau High School as well as a computer class at Southeastern Louisiana University. Superintendent Folse said after serving as Assistant Principal at Pearl River High School, Ms. Parker was appointed as a Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction in 1999 and became Senior Supervisor in 2006.

Superintendent Folse said throughout the years as a Supervisor at Central Office Ms. Parker worked with numerous teachers and administrators as well as playing a major role as the supervisor in charge in the opening of the Treen Technology Center. He said Ms. Parker had also worked closely with all of the high schools and had become the resident expert in many areas such as grants, ROTC, TOPS, Career and Technical Education, Dual Enrollment, Secondary Assessments as well as the Pupil Progression Plan.

Superintendent Folse said Sharon Denise Parker will retire after 30.08 years with the St. Tammany Parish School Board and start a new job with the Louisiana State Department of Education where she will continue to help guide others with her wealth of knowledge. Superintendent Folse congratulated Sharon Denise Parker and wished her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT

President Heintz thanked the students of Lakeshore High School for the beautiful artwork on display this month in the Atrium. They are students of Art Teacher, Ms. Christine Gerace. President Heintz also thanked the music students from Salmen High School for their entertaining performance at the reception before the board meeting. Their music director is Ms. Christy West.

President Heintz said public schools in St. Tammany Parish would close on Friday, October 10, for one-half day of professional development sessions and one-half day of record keeping, following the end of the first grading period. No students will report to school tomorrow, but School Board offices will be open. Classes will resume on Monday, October 13.

President Heintz said a special Board meeting would be held on Thursday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of interviews for Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction.

President Heintz said a special Board meeting would be held on Wednesday, October 22 at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving bids for the purchase of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2014.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. An Executive Session has been requested pursuant to LRS 42:17A.(2) to discuss the following matters:


3. Potential claim of Terry Blackwell.

4. Potential claim of Nickole Cox.

5. Potential claim of Jerome Releford.

It was moved by Mrs. Bellisario, seconded by Mr. Bettencourt, to convene in Executive Session to discuss the above listed matters in accordance with the provisions of LRS 42:17A.(2).

President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public, and there were none.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Hennegan, Mr. Dirmann, Mr. Loup, Mr. Harrell, Mrs. Tipton, Mr. Jeter, Mrs. Seeley, Mrs. Mullett, Mr. Bettencourt, Mr. Womack, Mr. Panks, Mr. Lamarque, Mr. Alfred, Mrs. Bellisario and Mrs. Heintz.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstaining: None.

The motion carried.

The Board met in Executive Session.

It was moved by Mr. Harrell, seconded by Mr. Bettencourt, to return to Open Session.

President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board. There being none, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Dirmann, seconded by Mr. Loup, to accept the advice of counsel in the following matters:


3. Potential claim of Terry Blackwell.

4. Potential claim of Nickole Cox.

5. Potential claim of Jerome Releford.

President Heintz asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments by the public, and there were none.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Hennegan, Mr. Dirmann, Mr. Loup, Mr. Harrell, Mrs. Tipton, Mr. Jeter, Mrs. Seeley, Mrs. Mullett, Mr. Bettencourt, Mr. Womack, Mr. Panks, Mr. Lamarque, Mr. Alfred, Mrs. Bellisario and Mrs. Heintz.

Nays: None.
Absent:

Abstaining: None.

*The motion carried, with Mrs. Mullett abstaining on Item #3.*

VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, *President Heintz* adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

/s/ W. L. "TREY" FOLSE, III
Secretary

/s/ ELIZABETH B. HEINTZ
President