



Louisiana Special School District

Louisiana Special School District Board of Directors

Board Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired

2888 Brightside Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70820

Student Activity Center, Room 196

Agenda Item I

The August 9, 2022 meeting of the Special School District Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 AM by Ms. Kristy Flynn, Board Vice President. Members present at the meeting included: Ms. Maria Annis, Dr. Edward Bell, Ms. Sherry Crosby, Mr. Kenny Davis, Ms. Michele Jones, Mr. Ronnie Morris, Ms. Mary Smith, Ms. Vickie Smith, and Ms. Alishia Vallien. Members not in attendance: Mr. David Burton, Ms. Audra Muslow-Hicks.

Public comment was given by Mr. Jimmy Gore, Ms. April Gremillion, Ms. Karen Harris, Ms. Tiffany Sanders, Ms. Lumeke Young, Ms. Barbara Gresham.

Agenda Item II

- 1 A motion was made by Dr. Bell to approve the meeting minutes from the May 16, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Smith, and all approved without objection.

Agenda Item III

- 2 Dr. Bell motioned to approve the meeting minutes from July 25, 2022. Mr. Davis seconded the motion and all approved without objection.

Agenda Item IV

- 3 Dr. Bell motioned to nominate Ms. Flynn for Board President. Mr. Morris seconded the motion and all approved without objection.

- 4 Dr. Bell motioned to nominate Ms. Mary Smith for Board Vice-President. Mr. Morris seconded the motion and all approved without objection.

Agenda V

Ms. Katherine Granier presented the Superintendent’s Report. Ms. Leslie Hill presented the Teachers’ Advisory Council Report.



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Agenda VI

Mr. Ty Manieri presented the Legal Report to the board.

Agenda VII

Ms. Flynn appointed Ms. Vallien to serve on the Policy Task Force to begin aiding staff with the updating of district policies.

Agenda VIII

- 5 Dr. Bell motioned to grant authority to the Personnel Committee to develop a search criteria process and guidelines to be developed within the next thirty days to be available for public comment in order to begin the superintendent search and selection process. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morris and all approved without objection.

Mr. Morris reviewed the Louisiana Department of Education’s job description of the superintendent for the SSD, stating that it could be updated. He stated that the board would follow Revised Statute 17:54 as it relates to posting the job. The Personnel Committee will define the process for interview questions, submitting applications and public input in the process. The selection will be narrowed down to three candidates to be interviewed and the final candidate will go through the senate confirmation process during the 2023 Regular Legislative Session.

- 6 Mr. Morris motioned to grant authority to the Personnel Committee to find and hire a search firm to conduct a search for a superintendent. Dr. Bell seconded the motion and all approved without objection.

Agenda IX

- 7 Dr. Bell motioned to grant authority to the Personnel Committee to develop a rubric to bring to the board that may include goals, outcomes, and timelines pertaining to the evaluation of the acting superintendent’s performance, within the next thirty days. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morris and all approved without objection.

Ms. Flynn appointed Mr. Davis to serve as a member of the Personnel Committee.

The Board received public comment. With no further business, Ms. Flynn adjourned the meeting at 11:38 AM.