

REGULAR MEETING, UNION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

January 11, 2016

The Union Parish School Board met in Regular Session at the Union Parish School Board Office in Farmerville, Louisiana, on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Members were present as follows: Mr. Robert C. James, Jr., Mr. Danny Smith, Mr. Tommy Bennett, Mrs. Judy Mabry, Mrs. Shannon Barkley, Mr. John Ellis, Mrs. Sharon Stewart, Mrs. Challana Dean, and Mr. Clyde Hays.

President James called the meeting to order and Mrs. Stewart gave the invocation.

Superintendent Cannon opened the floor for nominations for School Board President for the year 2016.

Mrs. Barkley nominated Mr. James for School Board President.

On motion by Mrs. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board agreed to cease nominations.

Superintendent Cannon called for a roll call vote on Mr. James as School Board President, and the vote was as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Smith

Nays: None

Abstain: Mr. James

Mr. Bennett
Mrs. Mabry
Mrs. Barkley
Mr. Ellis
Mrs. Stewart
Mrs. Dean
Mr. Hays

Mr. James was elected President of the Union Parish School Board for the year 2016 by majority.

President James opened the floor for nominations for School Board Vice-President for the year 2016.

Mrs. Mabry nominated Mrs. Barkley for School Board Vice-President.

On motion by Mrs. Mabry, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board agreed to cease the nominations.

President James called for a roll call vote on Mrs. Barkley as School Board Vice-President and the vote was as follows:

Yeas:	Mr. Smith	Nays: None	Abstain: Mrs. Barkley
	Mr. Bennett		
	Mrs. Mabry		
	Mr. James		
	Mr. Ellis		
	Mrs. Stewart		
	Mrs. Dean		
	Mr. Hays		

Mrs. Barkley was elected Vice-President of the Union Parish School Board for the year 2016 by majority.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hays, for the Board to

approve the agenda as printed.

On motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mrs. Barkley, the Board approved the minutes for the December 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting as printed.

Scott Walker, with Taylor and Sons Insurance and Financial Services, presented a special engraved award to Chrystal Ogden, Assistant Cafeteria Manager at the Union Parish Elementary School as *Employee of the Month* for the month of December, 2015.

Jason Holmes, Union Parish County Agent, introduced Brandon Reeder to the Board. Mr. Reeder will be conducting 4-H Club Programming in the parish.

Volkert staff presented to the Board updates on Union Parish Elementary School and Downsville Charter School renovations. The Board was also informed that land was now being cleared on the site of the new Union Parish Junior/High School.

Kenneth Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Marion and members of the Marion Town Council provided to the Board a brief presentation on the Marion School lease.

On motion by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Barkley, the Board approved a new contract for the Superintendent of Union Parish Schools. The new contract will run from January 12, 2016 – June 30, 2018.

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Dean, the Board authorized the President of the Board to execute the Superintendent's contract on behalf of the

Board.

Megan Wiens, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Sales Tax Commission Report to the Board.

On motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mrs. Stewart, the Board approved the financial statements for November 2015.

The Board received one sealed bid for the purchase of surplus property located at Marion School.

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Dean, the Board accepted the bid of \$150.00 from Scotty Gaddis for the purchase of surplus property located at Marion School as bid and specified.

The Board was informed of the following resignation:

1. Katie Jones - Downsville Charter School
School Food Technician
Effective: December 18, 2015

The Board was informed of the following employments:

1. Wendy Jo Holden- Union Parish Junior High School, Teacher
Effective: November 30, 2015
2. Amy Griffith - Bus Driver for open Spearsville bus route
vacated by Cedric Clark
Effective: January 4, 2016

The Board was informed of the following increase in hours of employment:

1. Wanda Royal - Union Parish Elementary School,
Food Service Technician
From part-time, 5 hours to full time, 7 hours

Effective: January 4, 2016

The Board was informed of the following employee transfer:

1. Patricia Kendal - Bus driver for open Bernice bus route
Vacated by Jimmy Jones
Effective: January 4, 2016

The Board was informed of the following medical leave:

1. Patricia Loyd - Union Parish Elementary School, Bus Driver
Effective: December 7, 2015 – January 4, 2016

The Board was informed of the following extended medical leave:

1. Beth Bennett - Union Parish High School, Teacher
Effective: December 15, 2015 using leave days as needed to take her daughter to M. D. Anderson in Houston for treatments. She has 77 Family Leave Act Days.

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Mabry, the Board ratified personnel actions taken by the Superintendent of Schools and stated on and/or attached to the agenda of January 11, 2016.

On motion by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board approved a request from Bishop Dr. Roy D. Ferguson for permission to use the Union Parish High School auditorium/cafeteria July 1-3, 2016 for hosting the annual Ferguson/Hunt Family Reunion. He will provide a one million dollar liability policy, as required, and abide by School Board policy. A \$100 check deposit will be given with the application and the facility must be returned in the same condition it was given in order to get the deposit returned.

On motion by Mrs. Barkley, seconded by Mr. Hays, the Board approved changing the February Board Meeting date from Monday, February 8, 2016 to Monday, February 1, 2016.

The Board, having set a Special Board Meeting for Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 12:00 noon, and a Regular Board Meeting for Monday, February 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., both to be held at the Union Parish School Board Office in Farmerville, Louisiana, adjourned on this the 11th day of January, 2016.

George Cannon, Secretary
Union Parish School Board

Robert C. James, Jr., President
Union Parish School Board