

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 20, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

School Board Office – 118 West 10th St., Reserve, LA

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. The Chair called for a moment of silent meditation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL:

Albert Burl, III - Present

Sherry DeFrancesch - Present

Patrick Sanders - Present

With 3 Present and 0 Absent, there was a quorum.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting of July 30, 2019

Motion by: Burl

Second by: DeFrancesch

Motion: To approve the minutes of July 30, 2019

Roll call: 3 Yeas

The motion carried.

ITEM 4. Public Comment. Mr. Patrick Sanders – Discussion: Concerned Citizens of St. John – discuss the health concerns due to air quality from Denka

Attorneys Joseph Bruno, Sylvia Taylor, and Kevin Klibert made comments in regard to the status of this matter with Denka. Ms. Taylor gave a recap of the concerns stated at the August 15, 2019 school board meeting. Robert Taylor, Mary Hampton and Geraldine Watkins, members of the Concerned Citizens of St. John organization expressed the concerns of the community.

The Committee held extensive discussion regarding the health concerns in regard to the students housed at Fifth Ward Elementary and the possibility of relocating the students. Mr. Sanders stated that the district administration will need time to research the matter in regard to the availability of spacing for the placement of the teachers and students, redistricting concerns and the proper approvals needed to set forth the plan.

Following discussion, there was a

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Motion: To waive policy to amend the agenda to take action.

Roll call: 3 Yeas

The motion carried.

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Motion: To direct administration to do a study to look into the feasibility of moving students from Fifth Ward Elementary, to see the financial impact of such a move, and how to address the matter with the courts.

Roll call: 3 Yeas

The motion carried.

Mr. Burl suggested that the Board seek legal counsel as to how to pursue the matter and to see if a letter can be sent to Denka in regard to the effects the chemical productions are having on the school district.

Following a discussion, Mr. Sanders stated to the committee members of the Concerned Citizens of St. John organization that a follow up communication will be sent to them prior to the September 19, 2019 School Board meeting.

ITEM 5. Public Comment. Committee Items of Interest

Mr. Sanders asked all administrators and staff present to introduce themselves and state their role to the Concerned Citizens of St. John organization.

ITEM 6. Public Comment. Adjournment

Motion by: Burl

Second by: DeFrancesch

Motion: There being no further business, motion to adjourn.

No objections.

TIME: 10:26 a.m.

Patrick H. Sanders, President