

## **LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

### **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Monday, November 6, 2000 - 1:00 P. M., Board Room

Beverly Wilson, President, Presiding

The School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, met in special session at its regular meeting place, the Lafayette Parish School Board Administrative Building, Board Room, Lafayette, Louisiana, on Monday, November 6, 2000 at 1:00 P. M. pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Wilson, President; Michael Hefner, Vice-President; Judy Cox, Kay Gibson, John Earl Guidry, Rickey Hardy, Carl LaCombe, Edward Sam, David Thibodaux, Board Members; Burnell Lemoine, Acting Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

The President called the meeting to order.

#### **I. BOARD REVIEW OF SITE VISIT TO FLORIDA**

The Board was given a brief synopsis by Wilson, Cox and Gibson on their recent trip to Florida to interview people where Dr. Joan Kowal had been employed.

Motion (Gibson, Cox) that the Board go in executive session to discuss the findings of the characteristics, personalities and capabilities of Dr. Joan Kowal. Motion carried. Thibodaux and Hardy requested that they be recorded as voting NO.

Motion (Hefner, Cox) that the Board go back to regular session. Motion carried.

#### **II. INTERVIEW OF DR. JOAN KOWAL, SUPERINTENDENT FINALIST**

Motion (Gibson, Hefner) that the Board go in executive session to interview Dr. Joan Kowal, finalist for the position of Superintendent of the Lafayette Parish School System. Motion carried. Thibodaux requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

Motion (Gibson, LaCombe) that the Board go back to regular session. Motion carried.

The Chair announced that the selection of the Superintendent would take place at 2:00 P. M. on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and that the time of the Special Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> would be 4:00 P. M. instead of 5:30 P. M.

The Chair recessed the meeting until 9:00 A. M. Tuesday, November 7, 2000.  
Motion carried.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 9:00 A. M. on Tuesday, November 7, 2000.  
All members were present.

### III. BOARD REVIEW OF SITE VISIT TO TEXAS

The Board was given a brief synopsis by Wilson, Guidry, LaCombe and Cox on their recent trip to Texas to interview people where Dr. Jerry Roy is employed.

The Chair called for a fifteen (15 ) minute recess.

The Chair reconvened the meeting.

### IV. INTERVIEW OF DR. JERRY ROY, SUPERINTENDENT FINALIST

Motion (Gibson, Sam) that the Board go in executive session to interview Dr. Jerry Roy, finalist for the position of Superintendent of the Lafayette Parish School System. Motion carried. Thibodaux requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

Motion (Guidry, Sam) that the Board go back to regular session.

Motion (Hefner, Guidry) that the meeting recess until 2:00 P. M. Motion carried.

### V. SELECTION OF A SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Chair reconvened the meeting.

Motion (Hefner, Gibson) that the Board go in executive session to discuss contract negotiations and personalities.

After further discussion, Hefner withdrew his motion.

The Chair called for a vote for the selection of a Superintendent for the Lafayette Parish School Board.

Voting for Dr. Joan Kowal were Hefner, Cox, Gibson and Wilson. Voting for Dr. Jerry Roy were Guidry, LaCombe, Thibodaux and Sam. Hardy abstained from voting. Tie vote.

The Chair called for a second round of votes for the selection of a Superintendent for the Lafayette Parish School Board.

Voting for Dr. Joan Kowal were Hefner, Cox, Gibson and Wilson. Voting for Dr. Jerry Roy were Guidry, LaCombe, Thibodaux and Sam. Hardy abstained from voting. Tie vote.

Motion (Hardy, Thibodaux) that the Board postpone the selection of a Superintendent for the Lafayette Parish School System until the Board meets on November 15, 2000 and that the Board reopen the process of selecting a Superintendent and that the Board advertise locally.

A substitute motion was made by Gibson and seconded by Sam that the Board President place a call to Nolan Estes with Harold Webb Associates and inform him as to what has taken place and ask them for advice as to what the Board should do and that the Board recess until the Board President hears from Estes.

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion. Voting for the substitute motion were Guidry, LaCombe, Sam, Hefner, Thibodaux, Cox, Gibson and Wilson. Voting against was Hardy. Substitute motion carried.

The Chair reconvened the meeting and informed the Board that Estes was recommending that the Board take one more vote on the selection of a Superintendent.

The Chair called for third round of votes for the selection of a Superintendent for the Lafayette Parish School System.

Voting for Dr. Joan Kowal were Hefner, Gibson, Cox and Wilson. Voting for Dr. Jerry Roy were Guidry, LaCombe, Sam, Thibodaux and Hardy.

Motion (Gibson, Hefner) that the Board accept Dr. Jerry Roy as the Superintendent for the Lafayette Parish School System, that Dr. Roy be extended a contract offer, that the Board President, Board Vice-President and a contract Attorney be authorized to develop a draft contract for Board review and that they be further authorized to negotiate contract terms with Dr. Roy. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, it was moved by Gibson, seconded by Hardy and carried that the meeting adjourn.

SIGNED:

/s/Beverly Wilson, President

/s/Burnell Lemoine, Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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