

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Session

The Richland Parish School Board met at the Richland Parish School Board Office, Rayville, Louisiana, on January 9, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.
Item 1

Agenda Members present: Mr. Eugene Young, Jr., Mr. Kevin Eppinette,
Item 2 Ms. Alece Copeland, Mr. Billy Calvert, Mr. Chris Pruitt,
Mr. Moses Wilkins, Ms. Marie Lewis
Members absent: Mr. James Hough, Mr. Joe Chapman

***The board approved the amending of this agenda to add
the word draft to item #7.***

Agenda Mr. Eppinette moved, seconded by Mr. Calvert to approve the December 12,
Item 3 2017, Regular Session Minutes before publishing in the Official Journal.

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Hough, Mr. Chapman

Agenda Mr. Calvert moved, seconded by Mr. Eppinette to approve changing the place of the regular
Item 4 board meeting scheduled for February 13, 2018, from the Board Room at 411 Foster Street,
Rayville, LA to Rayville Rosenwald/Eula D. Britton Alumni Center at 103 Cotton Street,
Rayville, LA;

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Hough, Mr. Chapman

Agenda The Board recognized the Christmas Card Contest winners from Rayville High School.
Item 5

Agenda Mr. Eppinette moved, seconded by Mr. Young to table recognizing post and district level
Item 6 winners of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Competition;

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Hough, Mr. Chapman

Agenda Mr. Eppinette moved, seconded by Ms. Copeland to approve the draft of the
Item 7 2017-2018 Pupil Progression Plan.

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Hough, Mr. Chapman

Agenda Mr. Eppinette moved, seconded by Mr. Young to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor
Item 8 Agreement by and between State of Louisiana and Louisiana Department of Economic
Development and Eagle Solar Group, LLC; Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION OF THE RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD APPROVING LA5
RICHLAND, LLC FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM
LOCATED IN RICHLAND PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry (“BCI”), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, LA5 Richland, LLC has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption (“ITE”) and seeks approval of the BCI and the Governor for a contract granting that exemption; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards, through Executive Order JBE 16-73, has set forth the conditions for his approval of ITE contracts, and affirmed that those conditions are in the best interest of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 provides that ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments and that the percentage of exemption from ad valorem taxes, and length of the contract for such exemption, may vary depending upon the nature of the project and its economic development benefit in accordance with guidance received from the Secretary of Economic Development and concurred in by the appropriate parish and/or Richland Parish School Board, Police Jury, and sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 mandates that each exemption contract approved by the Governor shall include as Exhibit “A” a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the ITE between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and the applicant for the ITE contract, which provides for the creation or retention of jobs, and provides for the exercise of the option in the Louisiana Constitution for the term or percentage of the parish ad valorem tax exemption granted in the contract, and provides for the reduction or loss of the exemption based upon the applicant’s compliance with the contract.

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-73 further requires that this Richland Parish School Board together with the other required local governmental entities signify consent to the terms of the exemption by resolution and the sheriff of this parish shall signify consent to the terms of the exemption by letter. Executive Order JBE 16-73 further provides that the resolutions of approval and the sheriff’s approval shall be attached as Exhibit “B” to the ITE contract between the BCI and LA5 Richland, LLC; and

WHEREAS, LA5 Richland, LLC and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development have advised that certain terms and conditions forming Exhibit “A” to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract pending approval before the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry have been reached and have conveyed the same to this Richland Parish School Board, and thus this matter is now ready for a determination of approval of this Richland Parish School Board as required by Executive Order JBE 16-73,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that this Police Jury approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract based on the inclusion of the following terms and conditions into Exhibit “A” (the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and LA5 Richland, LLC) to the Industrial Tax Exemption contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and LA5 Richland, LLC with respect to its manufacturing plant located on approximately 2,000 acres on parcel 0200784200A and multiple other contiguous parcels on New Ground Rd, Rayville, Louisiana at 32°32'8.50"N 91°37'1.37"W.

<u>2</u>	New Direct Permanent Jobs at the Manufacturing Establishment
<u>80,000</u>	Payroll (annually)
<u>5 years</u>	Term of Initial Exemption Contract
<u>100%</u>	Percentage of Initial Exemption Contract
<u>3 years</u>	Term of Renewal Exemption Contract
<u>80%</u>	Percentage of Renewal Exemption Contract
<u>No</u>	Reduction/Loss of Exemption for non-compliance

This Richland Parish School Board further authorizes the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, on behalf of the Board of Commerce and Industry, to include this resolution in

Exhibit "B" to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and LA5 Richland, LLC,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by this Richland Parish School Board that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Board of Commerce and Industry and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

THE FORGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ, AND, AFTER PUBLIC DISCUSSION, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ms. Lewis, Ms. Copeland, Mr. Young, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Eppinette, and Mr. Pruitt

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Chapman and Mr. Hough

ABSTAIN: None

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this *JANUARY 9TH, 2018*.

Sheldon Jones

Secretary and Treasurer
RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: Mr. Young, Ms. Copeland, Mr. Calvert,
Mr. Pruitt, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Eppinette, Ms. Lewis
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hough

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 9 The Board recognized the outgoing Board President, Mr. Kevin Eppinette, for his services.

Agenda Item 10 Mr. Young moved, seconded by Mr. Pruitt to approve the following revised and new policies:

FILE: DFN – Sale of Buildings and Land
ECA – Authorized Use of Equipment
GBC – Recruitment
GBRIB – Sick Leave

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Hough, Mr. Chapman

Agenda Item 11 The board received the following revised policies:
FILE: EE – Child Nutrition Program Management
IDCJ – Supplemental Educational Services (DELETE)
IDDH - English Learner Program
IFDA – Parental Rights/Student Rights of Privacy
JR – Student Privacy and Education Records

Agenda Item 12 Mr. Young moved, seconded by Mr. Wilkins to approve the personnel chart;

NAME	R/S	POSITION	ASSGN	EFFECTIVE
<u>RETIREMENT:</u>				
Crawford, Cheryl	WF	Sp. Ed. Spvsr.	CO	1/8/18
<u>MEDICAL SABBATICAL:</u>				
Bennett, Katherine	WF	Psychologist	CO	1/8/18 – 4/3/18
<u>EXTENDED SICK LEAVE:</u>				
Davidson, Shirley	WF	Bus Operator	SES	12/1/17-12/15/17
<u>LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:</u>				
Banks, Howard	BM	Paraprofessional	RHS	12/1/17
Cardin, Jennifer	WF	Teacher	RJH	12/12/17 – 12/15/17
Cleveland, Lee Dell	BM	Bus Operator	HRE	12/1/17 – 12/15/17
Jackson, Dana	WF	Paraprofessional	RES	12/1/17, 12/14/17 .79, 12/15/17
Webb, Rosa	BF	Custodian	SES	12/1/17 – 12/15/17
Worsley, Rise'	WF	Teacher	DES	2/13/18 – 2/15/18
<u>NEW HIRES:</u>				
Daniels, David	WM	Custodian	CO	1/22/18
Reese, Glenda	BF	Custodian	RHS	1/10/18
<u>TRANSFER:</u>				
Stanley, Mary	WF	Title 1 Para to Sp. Ed. Para	HRE	1/11/18
Meeks, Constance	WF	Clerk @ SES to Scrtry/Bkkpr	CO	1/10/18
<u>CORRECTION:</u>				
Rieger, Doris (Retirement)	WF	Paraprofessional	HRE	<i>1/8/18</i>

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Hough, Mr. Chapman

Agenda The Board received monthly financial reports:
Item 13 a) School Lunch
 b) Sales Tax Monthly Receipts
 c) Financial - General Fund

Agenda The Board received information on upcoming school district events.
Item 14

Agenda Mr. Eppinette moved, seconded by Mr. Wilkins to enter into executive session to
Item 15 discuss litigation entitled United States of America, Plaintiff, v. Richland Parish School
 Board, Defendants, CV86-1053 filed August 7, 1986, in the United States District Court
 for the Western District of Louisiana, Monroe Division.

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Hough, Mr. Chapman

~~ Upon reconvening, Mr. Eppinette moved, seconded by Mr. Young to adjourn the meeting ~~

VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Hough, Mr. Chapman

SHELDON JONES, SECRETARY
RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MARIE LEWIS, PRESIDENT
RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD