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Roll Call:
9 Yeas – Holden, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Jones, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
2 Absent – Burl, Johnson
The motion carried.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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Reserve, Louisiana 70084
The cover letter should explain why the applicant is the ideal candidate for the position. **Only applications received by mail at the post office drawer and postmarked by November 18, 2022, will be considered. Applications delivered in any other fashion will not be considered.** Please note that applications for this position are considered public records in Louisiana and are subject to release upon request to the media or other interested parties.

ITEM 8. Board Items of Interest
*WSJH Homecoming this Friday – the new scoreboard will be unveiled
*ESJH vs Destrehan this Friday
*Mr. Sanders asked that the Executive Committee begin to look at options in the event we are forced to close Fifth Ward Elementary and asked that the Board take the time to read the 56-page letter from the EPA regarding the Denka facility.
*Mrs. Mitchell-Williams stated that the Board had not received the letter as of today. Mr. Sanders stated that he had the letter and Mrs. Johnson stated that she just received it and has made copies for the Board.
*Mrs. Schum – Finance Committee at 5:00 on November 1, 2022 Mrs. Johnson made the following statement regarding Fifth Ward Elementary and the 56-page document from the EPA:
"The school system is aware of the 56-page letter that was sent to by the EPA to the Secretary

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of the Department of DEQ and Secretary of Department of Health. The letter was not addressed to the school system or school board members. Therefore, at this time, we have not had the opportunity to review this letter. The health and safety of all of our students and staff in our school system as well as our community are of the utmost importance. With that being said, we recently signed an agreement with Denka to install additional EPA air monitoring equipment at the school site. Once again, the safety of our students, staff and community is our number one priority and steps that can be taken will be taken to ensure their safety."
ITEM 9. Adjournment
The agenda having been completed, and there being no further business, there was a MOTION BY: Jones
SECOND BY: Keller
MOTION: Motion for adjournment.
Roll Call:
9 Yeas – Holden, Keller, Sanders, DeFrancesch, Jones, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
2 Absent – Burl, Johnson
The motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Rebecca Johnson, Secretary
Nia Mitchell-Williams, President

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Deadline for Proposal submission is 4:30 p.m. (CT) on December 12, 2022. Service and Cost Proposal packages shall be submitted with one easily reproducible original of each, in separate, sealed envelopes labeled "Service Proposal for the RPTA" and "Cost Proposal for the RPTA" and shall be mailed or hand delivered to:
Lauren Andrews, Senior Transit Planner Solutient Corp.
330 N. Carrollton Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70119
Correspondence shall include contact name, address, telephone, fax, and email information. Copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) can be downloaded from the RPTA website at www.rptarolls.com. For a hard copy, contact Solutient at transit@solutient.com or 504-304-2000. A virtual pre-proposal conference will be held on November 7, 2022. Details about the time and location are available on the RPTA website and via Solutient Corp. All questions must be submitted in writing and may be mailed or sent via fax to Ms. Andrews and received no later than 4:30 p.m. November 14, 2022.
This project is funded partly by Federal Transit Administration grants under 49 U.S.C. Secs. 5307, 5309 and 5311. All Proposals must be received on time and in compliance with all instructions contained in this RFP. The RPTA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, to withdraw this solicitation at any time and to waive any informality or irregularities in any of the Proposals received, and to award to the Proposer whose proposal best meet the needs of the RPTA Public Transportation System.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL BOARD GODCHAUX GRAMMARCAFETERIA - RESERVE, LA BOARD WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 5, 2022 ~ 4:45 p.m.
The Chair called the meeting to order and read the following call:
HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD Parish of St. John the Baptist Dear Board Member:
Upon call of the President, the

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St. John the Baptist Parish School Board will meet for a Board Workshop at Godchaux Grammar Cafeteria, 1600 Highway 44, Reserve, Louisiana, on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 4:45 p.m. The agenda for the workshop is attached.
Sincerely, Nia Mitchell-Williams Board President

ITEM 1. Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:53 p.m. She called for a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Dr. Keller.

ITEM 2. Roll Call of Members: PRESENT: Keller, Sanders, Jones, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
ABSENT: Holden, Burl, DeFrancesch, Johnson

There were 7 members present and 4 members absent.

ITEM 3. Public Comment. Mrs. Debra Schum – Discussion regarding the Superintendent Search Timeline Public Comment was received from: Annette Houston, Eliza Eugene, Sylvia Taylor

Mrs. Schum stated that she wanted to clarify for the public, the following: RS 17:54 states, in part, that "Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 42:3, each city, parish, and other local public school board shall elect a superintendent of schools, having such qualifications as may be fixed by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, for a period not to exceed four years, which period, however, may extend no longer than two years after the expiration of the term of office of the membership of the board electing the superintendent." Mrs. Schum further stated that there are several reasons that a permanent leader needs to be chosen sooner rather than later. One of which is that the Bond Commission is asking for the Board's plan for a permanent leader. Without stability in the Superintendent's position, there is a great possibility that our interest rate will be significantly higher. Furthermore, we have a Strategic Plan being created, with the first-year plan due in March. Whoever is chosen as our leader may or may not agree with that Strategic Plan and we stand a good chance of having to start that process all over again. Also, she stated that the Board should not halt everything because there is an election ongoing. She continued that she feels we need to choose a Superintendent and we need to do so as soon as possible. Mrs. Mitchell-Williams stated that she agrees with Mrs. Schum that it is this Board's obligation to find a permanent leader. Mr. Wallace also agreed and added that this district needs stability and move forward with this school district. He further stated that the staff members deserve to be shown that this Board is working to give them stability and continuity. Mrs. Mitchell-Williams agreed that the staff and students deserve a permanent leader. Mr. Sanders asked what the timeline is that we are discussing. Mr. Courtney Joiner stated that the requirements for hiring a

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Superintendent is the following:
1. Advertise 2 times in the official journal at least one week apart; and once in the nearest newspaper with a large subscription base (The Advocate); and
2. Accept applications for a set period of time; and
3. Not hire a Superintendent until 30 days have expired beyond the application period.

Mr. Jones stated that JG Consultants was the firm that was hired to perform the last Superintendent Search. He stated that there was a clause in that contract that stated that if the candidate did not remain with the district for 24 months, their company would engage in a new search at no charge. He asked President Mitchell-Williams to inquire regarding the guarantee that was in their contract in an effort to save the district money. He further stated that he has no problem with moving forward with hiring a Superintendent, but wants to find out if we can save money first.

Mrs. Holden stated that her concern is that children are suffering because of decisions the Board has delayed making and she doesn't want to delay that any longer in choosing a Superintendent. Mr. Wallace asked the clerk to forward the contract with JG Consulting to Mr. Jones and President Mitchell-Williams. Mr. Sanders asked the reason for this workshop and why timelines are not being presented. Mrs. Mitchell-Williams stated that Mr. Jones asked for this workshop at the last Board meeting so the Board could share their thoughts with regard to the timeline of hiring a permanent leader. Following extensive discussion, Mrs. Mitchell-Williams clarified what the Board is asking her to do: The Board would like for her to hold separate discussions with Board members this week (via Zoom, small groups, if necessary) to create 2 specific timelines to be presented to the Board at the October 13th Board meeting to vote on.

Mr. Wallace stated that his concern is for the students and staff not having consistency and stability and does not want to delay this process any longer.

ITEM 4. Board Items of Interest

ITEM 5. Adjournment

The agenda having been completed, and there being no further business, there was a MOTION BY: Jones
SECOND BY: Wallace
MOTION: Motion for adjournment.
Roll Call:
8 Yeas – Holden, Keller, Sanders, Jones, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
3 Absent – Burl, DeFrancesch, Johnson
The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.
Rebecca Johnson, Secretary
Nia Mitchell, President

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