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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Belle Terre Land, LLC has applied for a 401 Water Quality Certification to clear, grade, excavate, and place fill to construct a mixed-use development consisting of sixty-two (62) residential lots and one hundred fifty (150) commercial/mixed use lots and associated infrastructure off Belle Terre Boulevard in LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish. Belle Terre Land, LLC is applying to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with statutory authority contained in the LAC 33:1X.1507.A-E and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.
Comments concerning this application can be filed with the Water Permits Division within ten days of this notice by referencing WQC 220707-01, AI 102050 to the following address:
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Water Permits Division
P.O. Box 4313 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313
Attn: Elizabeth Hill
Comments may be submitted by email to DEQ-WaterQuality Certifications@la.gov.
A copy of the application is available for inspection and review at the LDEQ Public Records Center, on the first floor of the Galvez Building, Room 127 at 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the LDEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov.

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APPLICATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Anyone with an open account for the Succession of Eltheridge Bourgeois Boucvalt please contact, Robert R. Faucheux, Jr., Attorney at Law at 225-417-7028 robert@faucheuxlaw.com

L'Observateur:
Nov. 16 and 23, 2022
BOUCVALT

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
St. John the Baptist Parish Council will receive Proposals for the project described as follows:
Group Life Insurance
St. John the Baptist Parish (herein referred to as "the Parish") hereby issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) for qualified companies (herein referred to as "Company") to provide Group Life Insurance.
Proposals shall be addressed to the St. John the Baptist Parish Council and delivered to the receptionist at The St. John the Baptist Parish Government Complex, 1811 West Airline Hwy., LaPlace, LA not later than **9:45 A.M. local time on December 2, 2022. Proposal package shall be clearly marked:**
RFP – Group Life Insurance.
Any proposals received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed proposals will be read aloud at 10:00 A.M. local time on December 2, 2022 in the St. John the Baptist Parish Government Complex Council Chambers located at 1811 West Airline Hwy., LaPlace, LA.
Proposal documents may be viewed on or downloaded from the parish website, www.sjbparish.com; obtained by contacting Peter Montz or Mellissa Tassara at the above address, phone 985-652-9569, or p.montz@Stjohn-la.gov or m.tassara@Stjohn-la.gov or downloaded and proposals electronically submitted on www.centralbidding.com.
Questions and comments regarding this Proposal must be submitted in writing to St. John the Baptist Parish, Purchasing & Procurement Department, ATTN: Peter Montz, 1811 West Airline Highway, LaPlace, LA 70068 or via e-mail to p.montz@stjohn-la.gov no later than 10:00 A.M. on November 28, 2022.
The Parish reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informalities incidental thereto, and to accept any proposal, which the Parish feels serves its best interest. Such action will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statues.
Any person with disabilities requiring Special Accommodation must contact the St. John the Baptist Parish Council Office at (985) 652-9569 no later than seven (7) days prior to proposal opening. Participation by minority and female owned business, as well as businesses located in this Parish, is encouraged.
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL

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BIDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE
To All Customers of REV TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Reserve Long Distance Company, L.L.C. dba REV is designated as an "Eligible Telecommunications Carrier" for its service area for the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) Low-Income Program ("Lifeline"). The goal of Lifeline is to provide low-income citizens access to essential telecommunications and broadband services.
Reserve Long Distance Company, L.L.C. dba REV provides the supported Lifeline services -- voice telephony service and broadband Internet access service – throughout its designated service area to with single line rates starting at $12.00 per month for residential customers. Lifeline is a non-transferable, federal benefit that makes monthly voice or broadband service more affordable. The program is limited to one discount per household. Eligible households may apply the monthly Lifeline discount to either broadband service (home or wireless) or voice service (home or wireless) but not both. Lifeline customers also have the option to apply the discount to a service bundle, such as home phone and home internet. The Lifeline voice service also includes toll blocking to qualifying customers without charge. The current discount provided under the Company's Lifeline service is $9.25 ($5.25 for standalone voice) per month for each month that the customer qualifies.
A household is eligible for the Lifeline discount if the customer's annual household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. You may also qualify for the Lifeline program if a customer, a dependent, or the customer's household participates in one or more of the following programs:
• Medicaid
• Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
• Supplemental Security Income;
• Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
• Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit.
Please call REV at (985) 536-1111 or toll free at (888) 611-6111 if you have any questions.

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LONG DISTANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The Department of State, Secretary of State R. Kyle Ardoin is proposing to contract for the drayage or hauling of voting machines and related election material in and for the parish of **St. John,** and will receive sealed bids thereon until **Thursday, December 15 th , 2022 at 10:30 am, CST.**
All interested parties may obtain a bid package by applying in writing to the Department of State, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9125 or by applying in person at the Department's Purchasing Office located at 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809 or by calling Derick D. Bond, Sr. at (225)922-3023.Otherwise, you may obtain a copy of the drayage bid documents electronically on the following links:
1) Office of State Purchasing: http://wwwprd.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/lapac/pubmain.asp, Search Bids by
Department. Click on the link: State – Secretary of State. Find the parish bid you are searching and click there. You would print from this link.
2) Secretary of State home page: http://www.sos.la.gov/, under "Solicitations".
Bid packages will be available beginning November 14 th , 2022.
The contract shall be for a primary term beginning on bid award date through December 31, 2023 and shall contain an option to renew for two (2) additional 12-month periods at the same prices, terms and conditions, not to exceed thirty-six (36) months.
All bids must be submitted in writing on the forms provided by the Department in accordance with the Louisiana Procurement Code and Louisiana Administrative Code Title 31, Part III, Chapter 1, and should be either delivered by hand or courier service to the Purchasing Department located at 3851 Essen Lane, or sent by registered or certified mail with a return receipt requested to Department of State, Post Office Box 94125, Attention: Derick D. Bond, Sr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9125. All bids must be signed in original ink. Bidder is solely responsible for ensuring that its courier service provider makes inside deliveries to our physical location. Bidder is solely responsible for the timely delivery of its bid. **NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DATE AND HOUR SPECIFIED ABOVE**. Failure to meet the bid opening date and time shall result in rejection of the bid.
If the bidder is an agency, corporation or partnership, evidence of authority to submit a bid shall be required in accordance with R.S. 39:1594(C)(4).
Bids will be publicly opened and read in the Archives Auditorium located in the State Archives Building at 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809 on Thursday, December 15 th , 2022 at 10:30AM. Bids will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder within ten (10) days of bid opening. The successful bidder will be required to comply fully with all contract specifications and requirements.
The Secretary of State reserves the right to refuse any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities. All contracts are subject to the availability of funds.
Dated and signed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 14 th day of November, 2022.
R. KYLE ARDOIN
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Nov. 16, 2022
BIDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE-INVITATION FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES
The St. John the Baptist Parish School Board is seeking Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from highly qualified Architectural Firms interested in providing complete Architectural Design Services for the following project:
Architectural Design Services for
St. John the Baptist Parish School Board – 2022 Capital Bond Projects
Interested firms may obtain an official Request for Qualifications (RFQ) package from: www.centralauctionhouse.com, or from:
The St. John the Baptist Parish School Board
Attn: Janice Gauthier, Purchasing Director
118 West 10 th Street
Reserve, LA 70084
Telephone: 985-536-1106
Email: jgauthier@stjohn.k12.la.us
The original and seven (7) copies, along with one electronic copy, of the Request for Qualifications response shall be delivered to Janice Gauthier, Purchasing Director, St. John the Baptist Parish School Board, 118 West 10 th Street, Reserve, LA 70084. Only Prime Firm firms will be required for submission. Statements of Qualifications for this project will be accepted until **2:00 p.m., Central Standard Time, December 13, 2022.**
Request for Qualifications responses that have not been received by the above aforementioned deadline date and time will be rejected. Additionally, failure to submit all of the information on Request for Qualifications form dated November 14, 2022 may be considered non-responsive and may result in the RFQ response being rejected.
The St. John the Baptist Parish School Board is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Therefore, all respondents are encouraged to utilize minority participation to the extent possible through the use of small, disadvantaged, and women-owned businesses as consultants.
Additionally, the members of the Architectural and Engineering Services Selection Committee will review the submittals. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to the Owner's Program Manager, Volkert Inc, at:
Volkert, Inc
Attn. Marco Gonzalez
7967 Office Park Blvd
Baton Rouge, LA 70809
205-641-5377
Marco.gonzalez@volkert.com
Proposal Respondents, their consultants, sub-consultants, or other parties representing the proposer for this solicitation may not contact any St. John the Baptist Parish Board Member or Architectural and Engineering Selection Committee member when the members are announced concerning this project from the date of the solicitation until the date of selection.
The St. John the Baptist Parish School Board Architectural and Engineering Selection Committee reserves the right to reject all of the submittals in response to this Request for Qualifications.

Nia Mitchell, President
St. John the Baptist Parish School Board
Rebecca Johnson, Interim Superintendent
St. John the Baptist Parish School Board

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Nov. 16, 23 and 30, 2022
BIDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH STATE OF LOUISIANA
ORDINANCE 22 - 49
Mrs. Hotard introduced the following ordinance. Mr. Becnel proposed and Mr. Madere seconded the following ordinance.
THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:
An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 3A, Block C, New Era Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by W 5 th Street, Cedar Street. Elm Street, & the Y & MV Railroad, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA from the Residential District One [R-1] & the Commercial District One [C-1] to the Commercial District Two [C-2]. , as shown in Exhibit 1 attached.(PZR-22-1336)
Unless specified, this ordinance becomes effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council is acting as the governing authority for said parish.
The above ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: Madere, Malik, Torres, Houston, Wright, Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder,
Becnel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Arcuri
ABSTAINING: None
The result of the vote on the ordinance was 8 **YEAS**, 0 **NAYS**, 1 **ABSENT**, 0 **ABSTAINING**, and this ordinance was declared adopted on the 9 th day of November , 2022.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIR
/s/Jackie Landeche
SECRETARY
/s/Jaclyn Hotard
PARISH PRESIDENT

November 9, 2022 Date Signed
CERTIFIED, to be a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council on the 9th day of November, 2022.

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Nov. 16, 2022
ORDINANCE 22-49

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SP#7518
Sealed bids will be received by the Procurement Section of the Division of Administration, 1201 N. 3rd. St., 2nd. Floor, Suite 2-160, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 10:00 A.M. for the following:

RFx No. 3000020265 – Waste Disposal Service for DVA/SL-WVH, 12/6/22

Bid proposal forms, information and specifications may be obtained by accessing the bid number in LaPac at www.doa.Louisiana.gov/osp or from the procurement section listed above. No bids will be received after the date and hour specified. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

Tom Ketterer
Director of State Procurement
FAX (225) 342-8688

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SP #7518

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF CONSERVATION INJECTION AND MINING DIVISION

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING RE: DRAFT PERMIT FOR CLASS V WELL FOR AIR PRODUCTS BLUE ENERGY, LLC

DOCKET NO. IMD 2022-03

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana and particularly Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 as amended, and the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-N-1 (LAC 43:XVII.Subpart 1) as amended and adopted by the Office of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Conservation will conduct a public hearing to solicit comments on the Draft Permit prepared by the Injection & Mining Division related to the facility more specifically described below. The hearing will be held in the **LaBelle Hearing Room, 1 st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3 rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 6 pm on December 20, 2022.**

At such hearing, the commissioner or his designated representative will give any interested person the opportunity to present testimony, facts, or oral or written comments relative to the Draft Permit prepared in response to an application by:

Company Name:
Air Products Blue Energy, LLC
Address:
1904 Air Products Blvd
City, State, Zip:
Allentown, PA 18106
Application No.: 43366

Air Products Blue Energy, LLC has applied to the Office of Conservation, Injection and Mining Division for a permit to drill and complete one Class V stratigraphic test well to acquire geotechnical information and to serve as a possible future monitor well. The proposed well will be in the approximate location of Lat: 30° 12' 32.01"N, Long: 90° 29' 28.40"W (NAD27- LA South), Lake Maurepas Field, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, and will be identified as the MAUREPAS S TST-DM No. 01. The well will be drilled to a depth of approximately 9,168 feet below surface with geotechnical cores, fluid samples, static pressure measurements, and other applicable information collected.

The Office of Conservation, Injection & Mining Division, located at 617 North 3 rd Street, LaSalle Building, 8 th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, has prepared a Draft Permit authorizing the above-described activity.

A copy of the Draft Permit, fact sheet, or other information concerning the application may be obtained by writing to Laura Sorey, Office of Conservation, Injection & Mining Division, 617 North 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 or by calling (225) 342-5581. The application is available for inspection between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday in the Injection & Mining Division Office, Rm. 817, of the LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 and on the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources – Conservation website.

Interested parties may also submit written comments at any time prior to or during the public hearing. Written comments concerning the Draft Permit must be received by the Office of Conservation no later than 4:30 P.M., December 21, 2022. Submit all comments to: Stephen H. Lee, Office of Conservation, Injection & Mining Division, 617 North 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Comments may also be e-mailed to Info@la.gov. In all comments and communications related to this Draft Permit, please reference: Air Products Blue Energy, LLC Class V Permit, Application Number 43366, Docket No. IMD 2022-03.

All persons having interest in the aforesaid shall take notice thereof.

By order of:
Richard P. Ieyoub
Commissioner of Conservation
Date: November 11, 2022

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DOCKET NO. IMD 2022-03

PUBLIC NOTICE

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
STATE OF LOUISIANA
ORDINANCE 22 - 50

Mrs. Hotard introduced the following ordinance. Mr. Malik proposed and Mr. Becnel seconded the following ordinance.

THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lots 20 & 21, Farm Lot 13, Woodland Plantation Subdivision, into Lots 20A, 20B, & 21A, Farm Lot 13, Woodland Plantation Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Main Street, Jennifer Lane, Remy Drive, & Devon Road, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached.(PZS-22-1320)

Unless specified, this ordinance becomes effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council is acting as the governing authority for said parish.

The above ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: Madere, Malik, Torres, Houston, Wright, Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder, Becnel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Arcuri
ABSTAINING: None
The result of the vote on the ordinance was 8 **YEAS**, 0 **NAYS**, 1 **ABSENT**, 0 **ABSTAINING**, and this ordinance was declared adopted on the 9 th day of November , 2022.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIR
/s/Jackie Landeche
SECRETARY
/s/Jaclyn Hotard
PARISH PRESIDENT

November 9, 2022 Date signed CERTIFIED, to be a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council on the 9th day of November, 2022.

L'Observateur:
Nov. 16, 2022
ORDINANCE 22-50

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE
To All Customers of REV TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

The Public Service Commission of Louisiana designated Reserve Telephone Company, L.L.C. dba REV, the "Eligible Telecommunications Carrier" for its service area for universal service purposes. The goal of universal service is to provide all citizens access to essential telecommunications services.
Reserve Telephone Company, L.L.C. dba REV provides the supported Lifeline services -- voice telephony service and broadband Internet access service – throughout its designated service area to with single line rates starting at $14.64 per month for residential customers. This supported service includes:

• Voice grade access to the public switched network;
• Minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge;
• Access to emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911, to the extent the local government in Reserve Telephone Company, L.L.C. dba REV's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems;

REV would be pleased to provide you with specific rates for your area upon request.
REV also offers qualified customers Lifeline service. Lifeline is a non-transferable, federal benefit that makes monthly telephone or internet service more affordable on one wireless line, one qualified internet broadband subscription, OR one home telephone, but no more than one of those options. Based on the income-related eligibility criteria described below, you may qualify for this program. This means you may receive a monthly credit for your voice telephone service or your qualified broadband service. This Lifeline service also includes toll blocking to qualifying customers without charge.
The current discount provided under the Company's Lifeline service is $5.25 per month for voice service or $9.25 per month for qualified broadband service for each month that the customer qualifies. To receive this discount, the total household income must be at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines, or an individual, a dependent, or someone in the household must participate in one of the following federal assistance programs: "Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps; Supplemental Security Income; Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8); or Veteran's Pension or Survivor's Pension."

Please call REV at (985) 536-1111 or toll free at (888) 611-6111 if you have any questions.

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UNIVERSAL SERVICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
STATE OF LOUISIANA
ORDINANCE 22 - 51

Mrs. Hotard introduced the following ordinance. Mr. Becnel proposed and Mr. Malik seconded the following ordinance.

THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

An ordinance approving the resubdivision of three portions of ground forming the Morgan Jacob Estate and Lot A & Lot B, Lot 5, The Section 94 Subdivision, into Lots 5-A, 5-B, 5-C, and 5-D, Lot 5, The Section 94 Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded Apricot Street, West 2nd Street, Phoenix Lane, and The Y & MV Railroad, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached.(PZS-22-1322)

Unless specified, this ordinance becomes effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council is acting as the governing authority for said parish.

The above ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: Madere, Malik, Torres, Houston, Wright, Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder, Becnel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Arcuri
ABSTAINING: None The result of the vote on the ordinance was 8 **YEAS**, 0 **NAYS**, 1 **ABSENT**, 0 **ABSTAINING**, and this ordinance was declared adopted on the 9 th day of November, 2022.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIR
/s/Jackie Landeche
SECRETARY
/s/Jaclyn Hotard
PARISH PRESIDENT

November 9, 2022 Date signed CERTIFIED, to be a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council on the 9th day of November, 2022.

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ORDINANCE 22-51

PUBLIC NOTICE

40th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST STATE OF LOUISIANA SUCCESSION OF CYNTHIA MAE VICKNAIR

NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that CINDY ZINGALE, Administrator for the Succession of Cynthia Mae Vicknair is applying for authority to sell at private sale property belonging to the Succession of Cynthia Mae Vicknair:
AN UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements theron, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances, and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, in that part thereof known as UNIVERSITY CITY SUBDIVISION, and designated as LOT 1-A, of Square 68, all in accordance witha plan of resubdivision of original Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Square 68, by Rene A. Harris, C.E. approved b the City of Kenner as per ordinance No. 1210, recorded in COB 715, folio 204, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, said Lot 1-A is more particularly described as follows, to-wit:
LOT 1-A, of SQUARE 68, UNIVERSITY CITY SUBDIVISION, said square being bounded by Davidson Place, West Louisiana State Drive, Loyola Drive and Kilgore Place. Lot 1-A, forms the corner of Davidson Place and West Louisiana State Drive and measures 73.75 feet front on Davidson Place, has a width in the rear of 41.69 feet, a front and depth on West Louisiana State Drive of 109.78 feet, an a depth on the opposite side of 105 feet. Further in accordance with a survey of Rene A. Harris, C.E., dated September 10, 1970, said lot having the same location and dimensions as hereinabove recited.
Improvements thereon bear municipal numbers 3336 Davidson Place, Kenner, Louisiana.
An order authorizing Administrator to do so may be issued after seven days from the date of second publication fo thei notice. An poooosition to the application may be filed at any time prior to the issuance of such an order.
By Order of the Court
/s/Lisa Tregre
CLERK OF COURT

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Nov. 16 and Dec. 7, 2022
SUCCESSION/VICKNAIR

PUBLIC NOTICE

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
STATE OF LOUISIANA
ORDINANCE 22 - 52

Mrs. Hotard introduced the following ordinance. Mr. Madere proposed and Mrs. Houston seconded the following ordinance.

THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lot 9, Square A, Place Dubourg Subdivision, into Lots 9A & 9B, Square A, Place Dubourg Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Greenwood Drive, Rue Dubourg, Carrollwood Avenue, & Dominican Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached.(PZS-22-1323)

Unless specified, this ordinance becomes effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council is acting as the governing authority for said parish.

The above ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: Madere, Malik, Torres, Houston, Wright, Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder, Becnel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Arcuri
ABSTAINING: None
The result of the vote on the ordinance was 8 **YEAS**, 0 **NAYS**, 1 **ABSENT**, 0 **ABSTAINING**, and this ordinance was declared adopted on the 9th day of November , 2022.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIR
/s/Jackie Landeche
SECRETARY
/s/Jaclyn Hotard
PARISH PRESIDENT

November 9, 2022 Date signed CERTIFIED, to be a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council on the 9th day of November, 2022.

L'Observateur:
Nov. 16, 2022
ORDINANCE 22-52

PUBLIC NOTICE

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 2022 CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT VICE-CHAIR LENNIX MADERE

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Lennix Madere, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Warren Torres, Jr., Councilman District II, Tammy Houston, Councilwoman District III, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Councilwoman District IV, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Tonia Schnyder, Councilwoman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII

ABSENT: Michael Wright

Councilwoman Houston led the Prayer. Councilman Malik led the Pledge. Legal Counsel Keith Green Jr. and Kennilyn Schmill were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (3 minutes per citizen) Public Comments on item - Presentation – Air Products – Co2 Capture & Sequestration Study in Lake Maurepas, were given by George Handy, Sr, Jane Patton, Kenya Bankston and John Albonese.

Jaclyn Hotard – Presentation – 2021 Miss Andouille Queen Amber Hope Borne and 2021 Teen Andouille Queen Rylee Madison Moore – Keys to the Parish

Jaclyn Hotard – Presentation – Air Products – CO2 Capture & Sequestration Study in Lake Maurepas

Jaclyn Hotard – Presentation – St. John the Baptist Parish Housing Authority Voucher Program

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes – October 11th, 2022, Council Meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of – Approval of Minutes – October 11th, 2022, Council Meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

REPORTS

President's Report

Jaclyn Hotard – Monthly Financial Report (September 2022)

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE(S)/NEW BUSINESS:

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-211 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for Inline Valves for Pressurized Waterlines

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-211. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for Inline Valves for Pressurized. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Inline Valves for Pressurized Waterlines will be ordered on an as-needed basis; and, WHEREAS, purchases will be funded through the Utilities Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for Inline Valves for Pressurized Waterlines. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-212 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Removal and Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Driveways and Street Sections Parish Wide

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-212. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Removal and Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Driveways and Street Sections Parish Wide. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Improvements will include removal of old existing streets, driveways and sidewalks, grading, earthwork and all appurtenances necessary to complete the work; and, WHEREAS, this is an annual bid and is funded through the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for 2023 Removal and Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Driveways and Street Sections Parish wide. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-213 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Hotmix Asphalt Overlay on Prepared Surfaces for Parish Wide Road Improvements

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-213. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Hotmix Asphalt Overlay on Prepared Surfaces for Parish Wide Road Improvements. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Improvements based on a priority list will include asphalt paving, lime stabilization, soil cement stabilization, grading, earthwork and all appurtenances necessary to complete the work; and, WHEREAS, this is an annual bid and is funded through the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for 2023 Hotmix Asphalt Overlay on Prepared Surfaces for Parish Wide Road Improvements. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-214 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Parish Wide Street Ditch Drainage Improvements

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-214. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Parish Wide Street Ditch Drainage Improvements. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, various items such as excavation and culvert replacement will be ordered on an as-needed basis for the Public Works Department; and, WHEREAS, purchases will be funded through the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for the 2023 Parish Wide Street Ditch Drainage Improvements. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-215 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Parish Wide Canal Drainage Improvements, Clearing, Snagging, Dredging and Excavation

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-215. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Parish Wide Canal Drainage Improvements, Clearing, Snagging, Dredging and Excavation. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE 2023 PARISH WIDE CANAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, CLEARING, SNAGGING, DREDGING AND EXCAVATION. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, clearing, snagging, dredging and excavation of Parish Wide drainage canals as permitted will be utilized as funds are made available; and, WHEREAS, purchases will be funded through various budgets. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for the 2023 Parish Wide Canal Drainage Improvements, Clearing, Snagging, Dredging and Excavation. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution - R22-216 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to reject all bids for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (River Rd WWTP) Project

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-216 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to reject all bids for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (River Rd WWTP) Project. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, WWTP repairs are needed for safety and maintenance at River Rd WWTP; and, WHEREAS, the lowest responsible and responsive bid received in the amount of $107,000 exceeds the Engineer's estimated cost of repairs. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to reject the bids received for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (River Rd WWTP) Project. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution - R22-217 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (River Rd WWTP) Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-217 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (River Rd WWTP) Project. **WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and **WHEREAS**, WWTP repairs are needed for safety and maintenance at River Rd WWTP; and, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (River Rd WWTP) Project. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-218 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to reject all bids for the Central Avenue Lift Station Improvements

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-218 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to reject all bids for the Central Avenue Lift Station Improvements. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, improvements are needed at the Central Avenue Lift Station to continue to provide reliable wastewater collection in the Reserve area; and, WHEREAS, the only responsible and responsive bid received in the amount of $848,343 exceeds the Engineer's estimated cost of repairs. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to reject the bids received for the Central Avenue Lift Station Improvements. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-219 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the Central Avenue Lift Station Improvements

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-219 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the Central Avenue Lift Station Improvements. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, improvements at the Central Avenue Lift Station are needed to continue to provide reliable wastewater collection in the Reserve area; and, WHEREAS, improvements will consist of removing and replacing pumps, motors, piping, valves, electrical and controls as well as cleaning and lining the existing wet wall; and, WHEREAS, the estimated cost of this project is $699,600 and will be funded through the LDEQ Clean Water State Revolving Loan. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for the Central Avenue Lift Station Improvements. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-220 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the Asphalt Roof Hurricane Ida Disaster Repairs to Pelican Roofing Company

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-220 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE ASPHALT ROOF HURRICANE IDA DISASTER REPAIRS TO PELICAN ROOFING COMPANY. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Pelican Roofing Company of Lafayette, LA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of $105,911.20; and, WHEREAS, as a result of damages sustained by Hurricane Ida, 15 buildings with asphalt shingle roofing throughout the Parish are in need of repairs; and, WHEREAS, the cost of repairs will be funded through the Hurricane Ida Fund with FEMA Reimbursement. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to award the bid for the Asphalt Roof Hurricane Ida Disaster Repairs to Pelican Roofing Company. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-221 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Kass Bros, Inc. for the Carrollwood Drive Rehabilitation Project

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-221 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH KASS BROS, INC. FOR THE CARROLLWOOD DRIVE REHABILITATION PROJECT. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 increases the original Agreement amount by $13,500 and adds an additional three (3) calendar days; and, WHEREAS, the increase is due to unforeseen drainage repairs needed in order to proceed with the project; and, WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 will be funded through the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that Parish President, Jaclyn Hotard is hereby duly authorized and empowered on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Council to execute Change Order No. 1 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Kass Bros, Inc. The motion passed

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with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-222 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 3 with Command Construction Industries, LLC for the LA SAFE Airline and Main Complete Streets Project

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-222 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 WITH COMMAND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES, LLC FOR THE LA SAFE AIRLINE AND MAIN COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3 decreases the original Agreement amount by $118,862.51 and adds an additional six (6) calendar days; and, WHEREAS, the decrease is due to a reduction in quantities of tapping and valve assemblies and the additional calendar days is for the removal and disposal of an existing AC waterline on Main Street; and, WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3 is funded through $6 million the Parish received from the Louisiana Office of Community Development. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that Parish President, Jaclyn Hotard is hereby duly authorized and empowered on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Council to execute Change Order No. 2 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Command Construction Industries, LLC. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-223 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with Del-Con, LLC for Emergency Fencing Repairs

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-223 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH DEL-CON, LLC FOR EMERGENCY FENCING REPAIRS. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2 increases the original Agreement amount by $62,656.26 and adds an additional 75 calendar days; and, WHEREAS, the increase is due to the removal and disposable of fallen trees, tree stumps and other miscellaneous vegetation debris at the Woodland Wastewater Treatment Plant in order to continue fencing repairs/replacement and for the installation of a 16 ft double gate at the Belle Terre Water Tower site; and, WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2 is funded through the Hurricane Ida fund with FEMA Reimbursement. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that Parish President, Jaclyn Hotard is hereby duly authorized and empowered on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Council to execute Change Order No. 2 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Del-Con, LLC. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 abstaining (Schnyder) and 1 absent (Wright).

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-224 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the March 18, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Donald Edwards of 354 Central Avenue, Edgard, LA 70049

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-224 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH TO SETTLE AND PAY THE MARCH 18, 2022, PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM TO DONALD EDWARDS OF 354 CENTRAL AVENUE, EDGARD, LA 70049. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and, WHEREAS, Louisiana Claims Administrators (LoCA) recommended, and Legal Counsel approved the settlement amount of $500; and, WHEREAS, the settlement will be funded through the Claim/Litigation Settlement line item of the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to settle and pay the March18, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Donald Edwards of 354 Central Avenue, Edgard, LA 70049. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-225 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the May 4, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Bryan and Angela Cheramie of 2153 Augusta Drive, LaPlace, LA 70068

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-225. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH TO SETTLE AND PAY THE MAY 4, 2022, PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM TO BRYAN AND ANGELA CHERAMIE OF 2153 AUGUSTA DRIVE, LAPLACE, LA 70068. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and, WHEREAS, Louisiana Claims Administrators (LoCA) recommended, and Legal Counsel approved the settlement amount of $21,232.01; and, WHEREAS, the settlement will be funded through the Claim/Litigation Settlement line item of the Office of Fire Services. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to settle and pay the May 4, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Bryan and Angela Cheramie of 2153 Augusta Drive, LaPlace, LA 70068. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-226 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the August 31, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Brittany Denet of 740 Lemoyne Drive, LaPlace, LA 70068

MOTION: Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-226. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH TO SETTLE AND PAY THE AUGUST 31, 2022, PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM TO BRITTANY DENET OF 740 LEMOYNE DRIVE, LAPLACE, LA 70068. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and, WHEREAS, Louisiana Claims Administrators (LoCA) recommended, and Legal Counsel approved the settlement amount of $5,126.73; and, WHEREAS, the settlement will be funded through the Claim/Litigation Settlement line item of the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to settle and pay the August 31, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Brittany Denet of 740 Lemoyne Drive, LaPlace, LA 70068. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 2 against (Arcuri, Malik) and 1 absent (Wright).

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R22-227 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the August 31, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Ida Matthews-White of 42276 Blyth Avenue, Ponchatoula, LA 70454

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-227. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH TO SETTLE AND PAY THE AUGUST 31, 2022, PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM TO IDA MATTHEWS-WHITE OF 42276 BLYTHE AVENUE, PONCHATOULA, LA 70454. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and, WHEREAS, Louisiana Claims Administrators (LoCA) recommended, and Legal Counsel approved the settlement amount of $555.88; and, WHEREAS, the settlement will be funded through the Claim/Litigation Settlement line item of the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to settle and pay the August 31, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Ida Matthews-White of 42276 Blythe Avenue, Ponchatoula, LA 70454. The motion passed with 5 yeas, 3 against (Arcuri, Malik, Torres) and 1 absent (Wright).

Jaclyn Hotard/Reed Alexander – Resolution – R22-228 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 3 with Foret Contracting Group, LLC for the Parish Generator Project – Phase II

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-228. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 WITH FORET CONTRACTING GROUP, LLC FOR THE PARISH GENERATOR PROJECT-PHASE II. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3 increases the original contract dated May 3, 2021, by $5,831.54; and, WHEREAS, additional costs are due to Railroad requiring certified flaggers at the job site when the generator was delivered and installed; and, WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3 is funded through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the 2010 Sewer Construction Bond Issue. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that Parish President Jaclyn Hotard is hereby duly authorized and empowered on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council to execute Change Order No. 3 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Foret Contracting Group, LLC. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 2 against (Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder) and 1 absent (Wright).

Jaclyn Hotard/Reed Alexander – Resolution – R22-229 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Foret Contracting Group, LLC for the Parish Generator Project – Phase II

MOTION: Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-229. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION WITH FORET CONTRACTING GROUP, LLC FOR THE PARISH GENERATOR PROJECT – PHASE II WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, this project has been deemed substantially complete by the Project Engineer and the Assistant Utilities Director; and WHEREAS, all punch list items were identified and near completion. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that Parish President, Jaclyn Hotard is hereby duly authorized and empowered on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council to sign and execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion between St. John the Baptist Parish and Foret Contracting Group, LLC. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Reed Alexander – Resolution – R22-230 – A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to complete and submit those documents and agreements required in connection with the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) 2022-2023 Grant Application in the sum of $180,000 to the State of Louisiana to purchase and replace pumps for Wastewater Lift Station locations in LaPlace

MOTION: Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution R22-230. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PRESIDENT TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THOSE DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) 2022- 2023 GRANT APPLICATION IN THE SUM OF $180,000.00 TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA TO PURCHASE AN REPLACE PUMPS FOR WASTEWATER LIFT STATION LOCATIONS IN LAPLACE WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, there is a number of deteriorated and aging wastewater pumps at various lift station locations throughout the Parish in need of replacement; and, WHEREAS, the purpose of LGAP is to assist local governments with grant funding, with no match or reimbursement required from the recipient or Parish, for needed infrastructure and long-term capital improvements, that will improve health, safety and quality of life of citizens; and, WHEREAS, the grant will allow the Parish to use funds in the amount of $180,000.00 to purchase and replace the substandard pumps at Ash Street, Hemlock St., Carmel Valley and Pebble Beach Wastewater Lift stations. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, acting as governing authority of said Parish, SECTION 1. That the St. John the Baptist Parish Council does hereby authorize the Parish President to complete and submit those documents and agreements required in connection with the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) 2022-2023 grant application totaling $180,000.00 to the State of Louisiana for Purchase and Replace Pumps for Wastewater Lift Station locations in LaPlace. The motion passed with Councilmen Malik and Wright absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Reed Alexander – Resolution – R22-231 – A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to complete and submit those documents and agreements required in connection with the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) 2022-2023 Grant Application in the sum of $170,000 to the State of Louisiana to purchase and install isolation valves in various locations throughout the Water Distribution System

MOTION: Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution – R22-231. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THOSE DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND (CWEF) 2022-2023 GRANT APPLICATION IN THE SUM OF $170,000 TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA TO INSTALL ISOLATION VALVES IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, there is a need for the Utilities Department to install isolation valves in various locations throughout the water distribution system; and, WHEREAS, the purpose of CWEF is to assist local governments with grant funding, with no match or reimbursement required from the recipient or Parish, for rehabilitation, improvement, and construction projects for community water systems in the amount of $170,000; and, WHEREAS, the grant will allow the Parish to use funding in the amount of $170,000.00 to install needed isolation valves within the water distribution system. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, acting as governing authority of said Parish SECTION 1. That the St. John the Baptist Parish Council does hereby authorize the Parish President to complete and submit those documents and agreements required in connection with the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) 2022-2023 grant application totaling $170,000.00 to the State of Louisiana to install isolation valves in various locations throughout the water distribution system. The motion passed with Councilmen Malik and Wright absent.

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Public Notice

The public is hereby notified the

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in the St. John the Baptist Parish Council

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RESERVE, LA – MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2022

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 St. John the Baptist Parish School Board will meet in regular session at **Godchaux Grammar Cafeteria (Board Meeting Room), 1600 Highway 44, Reserve, Louisiana,** on **Thursday, October 13, 2022** at **6:00 p.m.**

An agenda for the meeting is attached.

Sincerely, s/Rebecca Johnson
Interim Superintendent/Secretary

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called for a moment of silence (Mr. Triche led the Lord's Prayer), followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Mitchell-Williams asked that we keep the family of Ms. Denese Washington, who recently passed away, in our prayers and also all those who are going through or have survived breast cancer.

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Holden, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
ABSENT: Burl, Sanders

There were 9 members present and 2 members absent.

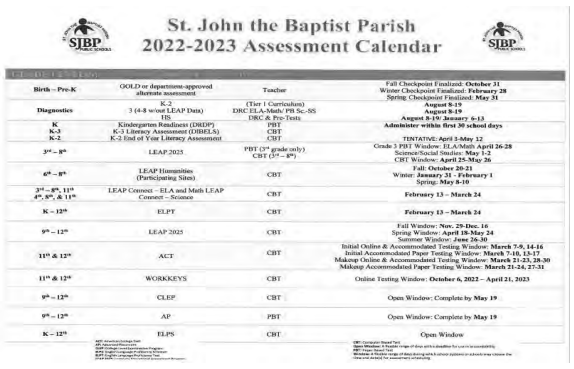
ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ITEM 3a. Public Comment. Meeting of: September 15, 2022

MOTION BY: Wallace
SECOND BY: Triche
MOTION: To approve the minutes from the meeting of: September 15, 2022
Roll Call:
9 Yeas – Holden, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
2 Absent – Burl, Sanders
The motion carried.

ITEM 4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Johnson gave the following report:



St. John the Baptist Parish
2022-2023 Assessment Calendar

Birth – Pre-K	GOLD or department-approved alternate assessment	Teacher	Fall Checkpoint Finalized: **October 31** Winter Checkpoint Finalized: **February 28** Spring Checkpoint Finalized: **May 31**
Diagnostics	K-2 3 (4-8 w/out LEAP Data) HS	(Tier 1 Curriculum) DRC ELA-Math/ PS Sc.-SS DRC & Pre-Tests	**August 8-19** **August 8-19** **August 8-19/ January 6-13**
K **K-3** **K-2**	Kindergarten Readiness (DRDP) K-3 Literacy Assessment (DIBELS) K-2 End of Year Literacy Assessment	PBT CBT CBT	**Administer within first 30 school days** TENTATIVE: **April 3-May 12**
3rd – 8th	LEAP 2025	PBT (3rd grade only) CBT (3rd – 8th)	Grade 3 PBT Window: ELA/Math **April 26-28** Science/Social Studies: **May 1-2** CBT Window: **April 25-May 26**
6th – 8th	LEAP Humanities (Participating Sites)	CBT	**Fall: October 20-21** **Winter: January 31 - February 1** **Spring: May 9-10**
3rd – 8th, 11th **4th, 5th, & 11th**	LEAP Connect – ELA and Math LEAP Connect – Science	CBT	**February 13 – March 24**
K – 12th	ELPT	CBT	**February 13 – March 24**
9th – 12th	LEAP 2025	CBT	Fall Window: **Nov. 29-Dec. 16** Spring Window: **April 18-May 24** Summer Window: **June 26-30**
11th & 12th	ACT	CBT	Initial Online & Accommodated Testing Window: **March 7-9, 14-16** Initial Accommodated Paper Testing Window: **March 7-10, 13-17** Makeup Online & Accommodated Testing Window: **March 21-23, 28-30** Makeup Accommodated Paper Testing Window: **March 21-24, 27-31**
11th & 12th	WORKKEYS	CBT	Online Testing Window: **October 6, 2022 – April 21, 2023**
9th – 12th	CLEP	CBT	Open Window: Complete by **May 19**
9th – 12th	AP	PBT	Open Window: Complete by **May 19**
K – 12th	ELPS	CBT	Open Window

SJBP Curriculum Department
Building a Culture of Support
District Assessment Information

DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills)consists of a set of measures for assessing reading skills. it is assessed within the first 30 days of school and reported to the LDOE by October 31st.

DRDP document progress of individual students on key measures of Kindergarten readiness using an observation-based rating tool. It is assessed within the first 30 days of school and reported to the LDOE by October 31st.

Diagnostics determine student readiness for new course work and assist with teachers in setting meaningful and ambitious goals. These are given within the first month of school or semester for a high school block class.

Interims evaluate student learning and monitor progress toward year-end goals and allow teachers to target and adjust instruction; administered at checkpoints throughout the year. LEAP 360 is an assessment system aligned to the Louisiana State Standards and LEAP 2025. (3-8, Algebra I, Geometry, English I and English II)

Benchmarks/Common Formative Assessments are used to establish a point of effectiveness of instruction. The Curriculum Team creates these assessments for 3-8 science and social studies aligned to the standards taught using the types of questions asked on LEAP. These are given at the mid and end point of a nine weeks,

LDOE Assessments

- LEAP (Louisiana Educational Assessment Program) 2025 is a statewide assessment program for students in grades 3 through high school to measure student knowledge and skills in key courses such as, ELA, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.
- ACT is used to measure a high school student's readiness for college, and provide colleges with one common data point that can be used to compare all applicants.
- ACT Work Keys is a system of assessments, curriculum, and job profiling that determine, build, and measure essential workplace skills that can affect job performance and increase opportunities for career changes and advancement.
- ELPT measures English language development in reading, listening, writing, and speaking. The intended purpose of the ELPT is to measure the annual progress of English Learners in grades K-12 as they progress towards full English Proficiency.
- LEAP Connect measures student proficiency in the content and skills detailed by the Louisiana Connectors (LCs) for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities

MHP Report as: September 30, 2022 (Oct. 1 count)

School	October 1, 2019	October 1, 2020	October 1, 2021	June 7, 2022	September 30, 2022
ESJH	1172	1112	1132	1082	1061
WSJH	158	155	181	175	167
WSJE	291	263	257	227	212
FIFTH WARD	407	399	307	325	319
STEM	405	368	247	227	225
JLO	427	426	389	360	362
GMMS	341	263	241	294	245
ECW	447	451	435	452	405
LPE	741	665	599	595	602
Redirection Center	25	15	16	53	30
Connections	30	20	39	40	18
LES	909	842	703	683	672
ESJP	435	433	393	388	352
Totals	5734	5412	4902	4901	4670

Mr. Burl arrived at 6:05 p.m. and was recorded as present.

ITEM 5. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS BY THE BOARD OR STAFF

ITEM 6. PERSONNEL MATTERS.

ITEM 6a. Public Comment. Dr. Curt Green – Request approval of Revised Policy: IDDFA – Special Education Advisory Council

MOTION BY: Jones
SECOND BY: Triche
MOTION: To approve Revised Policy IDDFA – Special Education Advisory Council
Roll Call:
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

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IDDFA: SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

LEGEND		
Deleted from the policy	New changes to the policy	Moved to a section within the policy

The ~~Superintendent, prior to January 1, 2020, shall create a~~ St. John the Baptist Parish School Board Special Education Advisory Council~~, which~~ shall provide advice and recommendations regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources. The council shall also engage in outreach activities to the community at large to increase the level of knowledge, support, and collaboration with respect to special education.

The number of council members and composition of the council shall be determined by the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall appoint the council members in accordance with the following statutory requirements:

1 Except as included herein, fifty percent (50%) of the membership shall be parents or legal guardians of students with an exceptionality, other than gifted and talented, who are enrolled in a school under the jurisdiction of or who are receiving special education services from the ~~public school governing authority~~ School Board, none of whom shall be employees of the School Board. One high school student with an exceptionality, other than gifted and talented, and one person who represents an entity that serves students with disabilities or families of students with disabilities and who is not an employee of the School Board may be counted to meet the requirement.

~~2. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the membership shall be teachers, principals, or paraprofessionals.~~

2. ~~Twenty-five percent (25%)~~ At least ten percent (10%) of the membership shall be ~~other~~ special education stakeholders who are not represented by council members selected under the provisions of 1 and 3 hereof.

3. At least one member shall be a teacher, principal, or paraprofessional who serves students with disabilities and who works in a school under the jurisdiction of the School Board.

In selecting council members, an effort shall be made to include parents of students in elementary, middle, and high school grades.

A council should be comprised of at least eight (8) members. If a council has fewer than eight members, the Superintendent shall provide an explanation of his/her decision to establish a council with fewer than eight (8) members. The explanation shall be provided to the council, and the council shall include it as an addendum to the report required below.

The Superintendent shall designate the chairperson of the council. The chairperson shall be responsible for calling the council's meetings, preside over the meetings, and establish the agendas for the meetings, all in consultation with the Superintendent.

The Special Education Advisory Council shall meet at least three (3) times during a school year. Minutes shall be taken of the proceedings of all Special Education Advisory Council meetings. A written report shall be prepared by the Special Education Advisory Council and submitted to the Superintendent in May of each year regarding its activities. The Superintendent shall ensure that the report is posted on the School Board's website, and all such reports shall be submitted to the state Department of Education.

No liability or cause of action against the public school district, public charter school or other public school, or any officer or employee thereof for any action taken by members of the Special Education Advisory Council.

New policy: February 13, 2020
Revised: August, 2022

Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§17:81, 17:1944.1, 42:12, 42:13, 42:14, 42:15, 42:16, 42:17, 42:19, 42:20 42:24, 42:25; Board minutes, 2-13-20.

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ITEM 6b. Public Comment. Dr. Curt Green – Request approval of New Policy: IDDFC – Cameras in Special Education Classrooms *(Executive Committee Recommended Approval 10-05-2022)*

MOTION BY: Jones
SECOND BY: Wallace
MOTION: To approve New Policy: IDDFC – Cameras in Special Education Classrooms *(Executive Committee Recommended Approval 10-05-2022)*
Roll Call:
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

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NEW POLICY - IDDFC: **CAMERAS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS**

The St. John the Baptist Parish School Board shall develop procedures pursuant to this policy, and upon approval of such request, and receipt of funding, shall install and operate the cameras, for the installation and operation of cameras that record both video and audio in special education classrooms, in accordance with state law, and the policy and procedures of the School Board.
For purposes of this policy, *classroom* shall mean a self-contained classroom or other special education setting in which a majority of students in regular attendance are provided special education and related services and are assigned to one or more self-contained classrooms or other special education settings for at least fifty percent (50%) of the instructional day and for which a parent or legal guardian has requested a camera to be installed. Classroom *shall not* mean special education classrooms and other special education settings where the only students with exceptionalities receiving special education and related services are those who have been deemed to be gifted or talented and have not been identified as also having a disability.

The School Board shall ensure/provide:

1. Proper location and placement of cameras. The recording of the interior of a restroom or any area designated for students to change or remove clothing shall be prohibited.

2. Written notice of the placement of the cameras shall be provided to persons who enter a classroom where a camera is installed, including teachers and other school employees, students in the classroom, the students' parents and legal guardians, and authorized visitors.

3. Training concerning the provisions of this policy for any teacher or other school employee who provides services in a classroom where cameras are installed.

4. Procedures for proper retention, storage, and disposal of the video and audio data recorded. Recordings shall be retained for at least one month from the recording date.

5. Protection of student privacy and development of procedures for determining to whom and under what circumstances the recordings may be disclosed including:

   A. Limiting viewing of the recordings to the Superintendent or his/her designee and the parent or legal guardian of a recorded student upon request.

   B. Requiring any person who views a recording and who suspects the recordings show a violation of state or federal law to report the suspected violation to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

6. Each camera installed shall be in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association's Life Safety Code.

7. Procedures for the approval or disapproval of a request for the installation and operation of cameras in a classroom.

8. Procedures regarding how a parent or legal guardian may request to review a recording, under what circumstances a request may be made, and any limitations to a request.

9. Procedures regarding how a parent or legal guardian may request the installation and operation of cameras in his child's classroom.

Recordings made pursuant to this policy shall be confidential and shall not be public record. However, a recording may be viewed by the Superintendent or his/her designee, the parent or legal guardian of a recorded student, or by law enforcement officials as provided in the policies required by item number 5 above.

The recordings shall not be considered "personally identifiable information" as defined in La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:3914.

New policy: August, 2022
Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:1948.

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ITEM 6c. Public Comment. Dr. Curt Green – Request approval of New Policy: JM – Student Voter Registration *(Executive Committee Recommended Approval 10-05-2022)*

Public Comment: Shondrell Perrilloux

MOTION BY: Jones
SECOND BY: Wallace
MOTION: To approve Revised New Policy: JM – Student Voter Registration *(Executive Committee Recommended Approval 10-05-2022)*
Roll Call:
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

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NEW POLICY: JM - STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION

The St. John the Baptist Parish School Board shall provide an opportunity for each high school senior who is at least seventeen (17) years old to register to vote by using a school computer to fill out an electronic voter registration application or by using the state mail voter registration application form.

No political or partisan group or organization shall be allowed to participate in the registration process.

New policy: July, 2022
Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. '17:2119.

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ITEM 6d. Public Comment. Dr. Curt Green – Introduction of New Policy: JQE – Expectant and Parenting Students

This item was for introductory purposes.

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JQE - EXPECTANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS

The St. John the Baptist Parish School Board is cognizant of the problems of marriage, pregnancy and parenthood among students prior to their graduation from high school. The School Board authorizes the Superintendent to assure that such students have the opportunity to earn the education which they deserve.

It is recommended that a student who becomes pregnant shall notify the principal or guidance counselor in writing immediately upon knowledge of the condition. Pregnant students will be permitted to continue in school in all instances when continued attendance has the sanction of the expectant mother's physician. A physician's statement shall be submitted stating the student's medical condition, approval for continued attendance, and activities in which the student may not participate. The student shall keep the school administration continually apprised of her progress. The school shall not be held responsible for any medical problems that may arise with a pregnant student while she is in school.

Should the student need to be absent from school for a prolonged period of time, the student may enroll in the School Board's homebound instruction program until released by her physician to return to regular classes. Any student who is not able to return to regular classes shall be encouraged to enroll in an appropriate alternative education program.

Marital, maternal, or paternal status shall not affect the rights and privileges of students to receive a public education nor to take part in any extracurricular activity offered by the schools.

After delivery, the student shall be permitted to return to school as soon as she is physically able, upon certification by her physician.

In regard to each expectant and parenting high school student, each school and the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board shall:

1. Maintain confidentiality in regard to the student.
2. Ensure a safe and supportive learning environment for the student.
3. Promote academic success for the student.
4. Utilize sensible attendance policies, taking into account all necessary factors.
5. Provide a supportive school environment that promotes high school graduation.
6. Excuse absences due to conditions related to pregnancy or parenting, including but not limited to labor, delivery, and recovery; prenatal and postnatal medical appointments and other medically necessary pregnancy-related absences; a child's illness or medical appointment; and legal appointments related to pregnancy or parenting, including but not limited to adoption, custody, and visitation.
7. Provide at least ten (10) days of excused absences for both a parenting mother and a parenting father after the birth of a child.
8. At the conclusion of any pregnancy-related or parenting-related period of absence, allow a student to make up missed work in a reasonable amount of time that shall not be less than the number of days the student was absent and choose from various options to make up the work, including retaking a semester, participating in an online course credit recovery program, being granted six (6) weeks to continue at the same pace and finish at a later date, or receiving home-based instruction services.
9. Provide that for absences or checkouts for reasons provided above, a school shall accept either of the following:

   A. Documentation from a physician.
   B. Permission from a parent or legal guardian.

BREASTFEEDING

The high schools of the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board shall:

1. Provide for reasonable accommodations for a lactating student on a school campus to express breast milk, breastfeed, or address other breastfeeding needs, which shall include, at a minimum:
   A. Access to a private and secure room other than a restroom to express breast milk or breastfeed a child.
   B. Permission to bring a breast pump and any other equipment used to express breast milk to school.
   C. Access to a power source for a breast pump or any other equipment used to express breast milk.
   D. Access to a place to store breastmilk safely.
2. Provide that a lactating student shall be provided a reasonable amount of time to accommodate the need to express breast milk or breastfeed a child while at school.
3. Provide that a student shall not incur an academic penalty as a result of use, during the school day, of the reasonable accommodations specified herein and shall be provided the opportunity to make up any work missed due to such use.

CHILD CARE

The St. John the Baptist Parish School Board shall provide both high school student mothers and student fathers information regarding availability of child care options within (if available) and outside the school system, and shall provide them assistance in identifying child care providers.

New policy: July, 2022

Ref: US Constitution, Amend. XIV, '1, 20 USC '1681 et seq. (*Discrimination Based on Sex or Blindness*); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§17:221.7, 17:221.8; Cleveland Board of Education v. LaFleur, 94 S.Ct. 791 (1974); Davis v. Meeks, 344 F.Supp. 298 (N.D. Ohio 1972); Holt v. Shelton, 371 F.Supp. 821 (M.D. Tenn. 1972).

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ITEM 6e. Public Comment. Dr. Curt Green – Revised Policy: JCDB Dress Code

This item was for introductory purposes.

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JCDB - DRESS CODE

Deleted from the policy	New changes to the policy	Moved to a section within the policy

The policy of the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board shall be that no mode of attire shall be considered proper for school wear that distracts from or disrupts classroom and school decorum. In questions regarding student dress and grooming, the principals of each school will make the final decision as to what is considered proper or improper dress.

DRESS AND PERSONAL GROOMING

Student dress and grooming are not to adversely affect the students' participation in classes, school programs, other school-related activities or detract from the learning environment of the school. Extremes in style and fit in student dress and extremes in style of grooming will not be permitted. Administrators are authorized to use their discretion in determining extremes in styles of dress and grooming and what is appropriate and suitable for school wear. Policies regarding dress and grooming stress the importance of reducing distractions that inhibit learning and are addressed as an attempt to enhance the learning environment.

The School Board shall not exclude a student on account of a natural, protective or cultural hairstyle. *Natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle* shall include, but is not limited to, afros, dreadlocks, twists, locs, braids, cornrow braids, Bantu knots, curls, and hair styled to protect hair texture or for cultural significance.

NOTIFICATION

Each school shall notify the parent or guardian of each student of the dress code specifications and their effective date. Each school shall include in its official student handbook the uniform policy/dress code for students. The dress code shall be distributed in written form or posted on the school's website annually.

If a school adopts a new uniform policy or modifies an existing uniform policy, it shall notify in writing the parent or guardian of each student of the policy adoption or uniform policy modification at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the new or revised policy. Each school shall display any uniform selected for a reasonable period prior to the proposed effective date for wearing of the uniform.

However, nothing shall prohibit the School Board from requiring a new or revised dress code or uniform policy without the required notice in the event of an emergency. For the purposes of this policy, *emergency* shall mean an actual or imminent threat to health or safety which may result in loss of life, injury, or property damage.

DRESS CODE

Any substantial complaint concerning the dress code shall be dealt with by the school administration.

In accordance with the above, all St. John the Baptist Parish schools' dress codes shall adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Clothing should be so constructed and worn in such a manner that it is not unduly revealing. Halter tops, "tank tops", see-through garments, cut-off tops, midriff tops and other garments of this nature are not acceptable. All shirts, blouses, and other tops must exceed beltline with no waistline-skin exposed.
2. Shorts are not appropriate for school wear for boys and girls with the exception that unaltered, uniform shorts will be authorized.
3. Shirts and blouses are to be buttoned.
4. Hair shall be neat, clean and well-groomed.
5. Sundresses are not permitted in grades 7-12.
6. No article of clothing shall be worn that distracts from the educational process.
7. Articles of clothing associated with alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or drugs shall not be worn.
8. No article of clothing or accessories shall be worn that contains obscene, profane, or sex-related words or pictures.
9. No student shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, blade, symbols, sign or other things which are evidence of affiliation with violence or gang related activities.
10. Personal hygiene and cleanliness of dress are expected of all students.
11. Proper undergarments should be worn at all times.
12. Skirts should be at least to the knee.
13. Clothes shall not be skin-tight, form-fitting, nor contain holes.

ACCESSORIES

All students shall be required to use clear (see-through) book bags or completely mesh bags, except for such bags and packs which have bullet-resistant metal or other material intended to provide protection from weapons or bodily injury, and girls shall have purses no larger than 8" x 8".

BODY ARMOR

It shall be unlawful and against School Board policy for any student or non-student to wear or possess on his/her person, at any time, body armor on any School Board property, school campus, at a school-sponsored function, on a school bus or other school transportation, or in a firearm-free zone, with limited exceptions as enumerated in La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §14:95.9, which includes permitting a student to wear, carry, or possess a backpack on school property or a school bus that has bullet-resistant metal or other material intended to provide protection from weapons or bodily injury.

School-sponsored functions shall include, but not be limited to, athletic competitions, dances, parties, or any extracurricular activities. A firearm-free zone means any area inclusive of any school campus and within 1,000 feet of any such school campus, and within a school bus, wherein the possession of firearms is prohibited, except as specifically set forth in La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§14:95.2(C) and 14:95.6(B).

Body armor shall mean bullet-resistant metal or other material intended to provide protection from weapons or bodily injury.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Students who violate the dress code shall be disciplined in accordance with the *Student Code of Conduct*.

A student enrolled in grades prekindergarten through five shall not be suspended or expelled from school or suspended from riding on any school bus for a uniform violation that is not tied to willful disregard of school policies.

Adopted: September, 1978
Revised: October, 1988
Revised: June, 1991
Revised: August, 1991
Revised: March, 1994
Revised: September, 1994
Revised: December, 2008
Revised: September 22, 2011
Revised: August, 2015
Revised: March 17, 2016
Revised: August 16, 2018
Revised: July, 2022

Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§14:95.9, 17:81, 17:111, 17:416, 17:416.7; Scott v. Board of Education, 304 N.Y.S.S. 2d 601 (1969); Karr v. Schmidt; 460 F. 2d 609 (5th Cir. 1972); Board minutes, 8-4-88, 1-10-91, 3-21-91, 5-2-91, 3-3-94, 7-21-94, 10-2-08, 9-22-11, 3-17-16, 8-16-18.

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ITEM 6f. Public Comment. Dr. Curt Green – Introduction of Revised Policy: JDE Expulsion

This item was for introductory purposes.

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JDE - EXPULSION

Deleted from the policy	New changes to the policy	Moved to a section within the policy

The St. John the Baptist Parish School Board may expel a student from school if an offense committed by the student is serious enough to warrant such action or is in violation of state law or the School Board's code of conduct. Prior to any expulsion the school principal or his/her designee shall advise the student of the particular misconduct of which he/she is accused as well as the basis for such accusation, and the student shall be given an opportunity at that time to explain his/her version of the facts. The principal/designee shall contact the parent or legal guardian of the student to notify them of the expulsion, and establish a date and time for a conference with the principal or designee as a requirement for readmitting the student. Notice shall be given by contacting the parent or legal guardian by telephone at the telephone number shown on the student's registration card, or by electronic communication and additionally by a certified letter sent to the address shown on the student's registration card. If the parent or legal guardian fails to attend the required conference within five (5) school days of notification, the truancy laws shall be effective.

Upon the recommendation for expulsion of a student by the principal, ~~the Superintendent or his/her designee shall conduct~~ a hearing shall be conducted by the Superintendent or his/her designee within fifteen (15) school days to determine the facts of the case and make a finding of whether or not the student is guilty of conduct warranting a recommendation of expulsion. The School Board shall provide written notice of the hearing to the student and his/her parent or legal guardian, and the notice shall advise the student and his/her parent or legal guardian of their rights. Notification of the time, date, and place of the expulsion hearing shall be mailed to the parents. Following the hearing, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall notify the parents of the decision rendered.

At the hearing, the principal and/or teacher concerned may be represented by any person appointed by the Superintendent and the concerned teacher shall be permitted to attend and present any relevant information. Until the hearing, the student shall remain suspended with access to classwork and the opportunity to earn academic credit. A student who is expelled for longer than ten (10) days shall be provided with academic instruction at an alternative setting in accordance with La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:416.2.

Upon the conclusion of the hearing and upon finding the student guilty of conduct warranting expulsion, the Superintendent shall determine whether such student shall be expelled and the specified period of expulsion, or if other disciplinary action shall be taken. Unless otherwise stipulated by state statutes, the period of expulsion shall not be less than one school semester and may carry over into the next school year, if necessary. During an expulsion, the Superintendent shall place the student in an alternative school or in an alternative educational placement.

APPEALS

The parent or ~~tutor~~ legal guardian of the student who has been recommended for expulsion in accordance with state law may, within five (5) days after the decision to expel has been rendered, submit a request to the School Board to review the findings of the Superintendent or designee at a time set by the School Board; otherwise the decision of the Superintendent shall be final. If requested, as herein provided, and after reviewing the findings of the Superintendent or his/her designee, the School Board may affirm, modify, or reverse the action previously taken. The parent or ~~tutor~~ legal guardian of the student shall have such right of review even if the recommendation is reduced to a suspension.

The parent or ~~tutor~~ legal guardian of the student who has been recommended for expulsion in accordance with state law may, within ten (10) school days, appeal to the district court for the parish in which the student's school is located, an adverse ruling of the School Board in upholding the action of the Superintendent or his/her designee. The court may reverse or revise the ruling of the School Board upon a finding that the ruling of the School Board was based on an absence of any relevant evidence in support thereof. The parent or ~~tutor~~ legal guardian of the student shall have such right to appeal to the district court even if the recommendation for expulsion is reduced to a suspension.

EXPULSION INVOLVING FIREARMS

Any student, age sixteen (16) or older, or under sixteen (16) and in grades six (6) through twelve (12), who is found guilty of being in possession of a firearm on school property, on a school bus or in actual possession at a school-sponsored event, pursuant to a hearing, shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of four (4) complete school semesters and shall be referred to the district attorney for appropriate action.

Any student in kindergarten through grade five (5) who is found guilty of being in possession of a firearm on school property, on a school bus, or in actual possession at a school-sponsored event, pursuant to a hearing, shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of two (2) complete school semesters and shall be referred to the district attorney for appropriate action.

However, the Superintendent, ~~however~~, may modify the length of the minimum expulsion required in the above paragraphs on a case-by-case basis, provided such modification is in writing.

EXPULSION INVOLVING DRUGS

Any student, sixteen (16) years of age or older, found guilty of possession of, or knowledge of and intentional distribution of or possession with intent to distribute any illegal narcotic, drug, or other controlled substance on school property, on a school bus or at a school-sponsored event, pursuant to a hearing, shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of four (4) complete school semesters.

Any student who is under sixteen (16) years of age and in grades six (6) through twelve (12) and who is found guilty of possession of, or knowledge of and intentional distribution of or possession with intent to distribute any illegal narcotic, drug, or other controlled substance on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored event pursuant to a hearing shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of two (2) complete school semesters.

Any case involving a student in kindergarten through grade five (5) found guilty of possession of, or knowledge of and intentional distribution of or possession with intent to distribute any illegal narcotic, drug, or other controlled substance on school property, on a school bus, or at a

Any student expelled may be readmitted to school on a probationary basis at any time during the expulsion period on such terms and conditions as may be stipulated by the School Board. Readmission to school on a probationary basis shall be contingent on the student and legal guardian or custodian agreeing in writing to the conditions stipulated. Any such agreement shall contain a provision for immediate removal of the student from school premises and returned to the school system's alternative school setting without benefit of a hearing or other procedure upon the principal or Superintendent determining the student has violated any term or condition of the agreement. Immediately thereafter, the principal or designee shall provide proper notification in writing of the determination and reasons for removal to the Superintendent and the student's parent or legal guardian.

Readmittance After Expulsion for Firearms, Knives, Weapons, or Drugs

In addition to the readmittance provisions for all expulsions stated above, a pupil that has been expelled for possessing on school property or on a bus, a firearm, knife, or other dangerous weapon, or possessing or possession with intent to distribute or distributing, selling, giving, or loaning while on school property or a school bus any controlled dangerous substance may be readmitted to school on a probationary basis at any time during the specified period of expulsion contingent on the following:

1. In order to be readmitted to ~~their~~ any regular ~~assigned~~ public school, the student shall be required to attend an alternative education program at the redirection center for a minimum of nine (9) weeks, and can only be readmitted to their regular assigned school after the initial nine (9) week period upon recommendation and approval of the Superintendent under such terms and conditions as may be stipulated by the Superintendent and agreed to in writing by the student and the student's parent or person responsible for the student's school attendance.
2. If after the second nine (9) week period the student is not recommended to be readmitted to ~~their~~ any regular public school, the student may request the School Board to allow the student to be readmitted to ~~their~~ a regular public school upon terms and conditions set by the School Board and agreed to by the student and parent or other responsible person as stated above.
3. Any written agreement required for readmittance to the alternative school and/or the regular school shall include a provision that upon the school principal or Superintendent making a determination that the student has violated any term or condition agreed to, the student shall be immediately removed from the school premises without the benefit of any hearing or other procedure applicable to student suspensions and expulsions. As soon thereafter as possible, the principal or his designee shall provide verbal notice to the Superintendent of any such determination and also shall attempt to provide such verbal notice to the student's parent or other person responsible for the student's school attendance. The principal or his designee also shall provide written notice to the determination and the reasons therefore to the Superintendent and to the student's parents or other responsible person.
4. Readmission on a probationary basis as provided above shall not be applicable to any student found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction or adjudicated a delinquent by a court of competent jurisdiction of a criminal violation of any provision of Title 14 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes which is related to the reason for the suspension, unless the judge finds otherwise.
   A. In addition to any other limitation established by this policy on the admission of previously expelled pupils, no pupil who has been expelled for possessing on school property or on a school bus a firearm, knife, or other dangerous weapon or instrumentally customarily used or intended for probable use as a dangerous weapon, or for possessing, possessing with intent to distribute, or distributing, selling, giving, or loaning while on school property or on a school bus any controlled dangerous substance governed by the Uniformed Controlled Dangerous Substances Law shall be admitted until the pupil produces written documentation that he/she and his/her parent or legal guardian have enrolled and participated or is participating in an appropriate rehabilitation or counseling program related to the reason or reasons for the pupil's expulsion.
   B. The rehabilitation or counseling required by this policy shall be provided by existing or new programs approved by the juvenile or family court having jurisdiction, if applicable, or by the school system and shall be at no additional cost to the school system. Such rehabilitation or counseling programs may include the following components relative to successful programs, approaches, and activities for parental involvement which better equip parents to provide support for the education of their children:
      (1) Enhancing parenting skills and expanding curriculum offerings relative to character development, the development of a healthy self esteem and sense of personal and social responsibility, violence prevention, and conflict resolution.
      (2) Raising the educational level of the parents of public school students through instruction in basic skills.
      (3) Improving developmental skills of students to prepare them for academic success.
      (4) Providing a role model for the child through parental interest in education.
      (5) Enabling parents to become familiar with and comfortable in the school setting.
      (6) Enhancing the relationship of the parent and child through planned, structured parent-school interaction.
      (7) Demonstrating to parents their power to affect their child's ability to learn.
   C. The requirements stated here for enrollment and participation in a rehabilitation or counseling program may be waived by the school system upon a documented showing by the student that no appropriate program is available in the area or that the student cannot enroll or participate due to financial hardship.
6. The provisions governing readmission of students after expulsion shall be applicable to exceptional children provided special education services pursuant to Part I of Chapter 8 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statues to the maximum extent allowed by federal law and rules applicable to the education of exceptional students in the state (the IEP process).

Review of Records

A student who has been expelled from any school in or out of state shall not be admitted to a school in the school system except upon the review and approval of the School Board following the request for admission. To facilitate the review and approval for readmittance, the student shall provide to the School Board information on the dates of any expulsions and the reasons therefor. Additionally, the transfer of student records to any school or system shall include information on the dates of any expulsions and the reasons therefor.

CREDIT FOR SCHOOL WORK MISSED

A student who is expelled and receives educational services at an alternative school site shall be assigned work by a certified teacher and shall receive credit for school work if it is completed satisfactorily and timely as determined by the teacher. Such work shall be aligned with the curriculum used at the school from which the student was expelled.

RECUSAL OF ADMINISTRATOR IN DISCIPLINE MATTERS

Any school administrator or administrator's designee who is required to make a recommendation, decide an issue, or take action in a matter involving the discipline of a student shall recuse himself/herself whenever a member of the immediate family of the administrator or administrator's designee is involved in any manner in the discipline matter. In case of recusal, the action to be taken shall be done so by the Superintendent or an impartial designee of the Superintendent.

Immediate family means the individual's children, brothers, sisters, parents, and spouse and the children, brothers, sisters, and parents of the spouse.

EXPULSION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES OR EXCEPTIONALITIES

Expulsion of students with disabilities or exceptionalities, or an Individualized Education Program or Section 504 Individualized Accommodation Plan, shall be ~~in accordance with~~ to the extent allowed by applicable state or federal law and regulations or the provisions of the student's specific plan.

DEFINITIONS

Definitions of terms used herein shall have the meaning set forth in policy *JD, Discipline*.

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ITEM 6g. Public Comment. Dr. Curt Green – Introduction of Revised Policy: JCDAF Bullying and Hazing

This item was for introduction only.

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JCDAF - BULLYING AND HAZING

Deleted from the policy	New changes to the policy	Moved to a section within the policy

The St. John the Baptist Parish School Board is committed to maintaining a safe, orderly, civil and positive learning environment so that no student is subject to bullying, hazing, or similar behavior while in school or participating in school-related activities. Students and their parents or legal guardians shall be notified that the school, school bus, and all other school environments are to be safe and secure for all. Therefore, all statements or actions of bullying, hazing, or similar behavior made on campus, at school-sponsored activities, or events, on school buses, at school bus stops, and on the way to and from school shall not be tolerated. Even if made in a joking manner, these statements or actions of bullying, hazing, or similar behavior towards other students or school personnel shall be unacceptable.

All students, teachers, and other school employees shall take responsible measures within the scope of their individual authority to prevent violations of this policy.

BULLYING

Bullying shall mean:

1. A pattern of any one or more of the following:
   A. Gestures, including but not limited to obscene gestures and making faces.
   B. Written, electronic, or verbal communications, including but not limited to calling names, threatening harm, taunting, malicious teasing, or spreading untrue rumors. *Electronic communication* includes but is not limited to a communication or image transmitted by email, instant message, text message, blog, or social networking website through the use of a telephone, mobile phone, pager, computer, or other electronic device.

   C. Physical acts, including but not limited to hitting, kicking, pushing, tripping, choking, damaging personal property, or unauthorized use of personal property.
   D. Repeatedly and purposefully shunning or excluding from activities.
2. Where the pattern of behavior as enumerated above is exhibited toward a student, more than once, by another student or group of students and occurs, or is received by, a student while on school property, at a school-sponsored or school-related function or activity, ~~in any school bus or van,~~ at any designated school bus stop, in any other school bus or any other school or private vehicle used to transport students to and from schools, or any school-sponsored activity or event.
3. The pattern of behavior as provided above ~~must~~ shall have the effect of physically harming a student, placing the student in reasonable fear of physical harm, damaging a student's property, placing the student in reasonable fear of damage to the student's property, or ~~must~~ shall be sufficiently severe, persistent, and pervasive enough to either create an intimidating or threatening educational environment, have the effect of substantially interfering with a student's performance in school, or have the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

Each elementary and secondary school shall institute a program to prohibit and prevent bullying. The program shall:

1. Define bullying as provided above.
2. Ensure each student, each student's parent or legal guardian, and each school administrator, teacher, counselor, bus operator, school employee, and volunteer is aware of his/her duties and responsibilities relative to preventing and stopping bullying.
3. Provide for a process for reporting and investigating alleged incidents of bullying.
4. Provide for appropriate discipline of a student found guilty of bullying.
5. Provide for appropriate remedies for a student found to have been bullied.
6. Provide for procedures for investigating and reporting each school administrator, teacher, counselor, bus operator, and school employee for failure to act as provided.

HAZING

Hazing shall mean any knowing behavior, whether by commission or omission, of any student to encourage, direct, order, or participate in any activity which subjects another student to potential physical, mental, or psychological harm for the purpose of initiation or admission into, affiliation with, continued membership in, or acceptance by existing members of any organization or extracurricular activity at a public elementary or secondary school, whether such behavior is planned or occurs on or off school property, including any school bus and school bus stop. Hazing does not mean any adult-directed and school-sanctioned athletic program practice or event or military training program.

Any solicitation to engage in hazing, and the aiding and abetting another person who engages in hazing shall be prohibited. The consent, stated or implied, of the hazing victim shall not be a defense in determining disciplinary action.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

The School Board shall inform each student, orally and in writing, at the required orientation conducted at the beginning of each school year, of the prohibition against bullying, hazing, or similar behavior of a student by another student; the nature and consequences of such actions; including the potential criminal consequences and loss of driver's license, and the proper process and procedure for reporting any incidents involving such prohibited actions. A copy of the written notice shall also be delivered to each student's parent or legal guardian.

REPORTING

The principal or his/her designee shall be authorized to receive complaints alleging violation of this policy. All employees, parents, volunteers, or any other school personnel shall report alleged violations to the principal or his/her designee. Any written or oral report of an act of bullying, hazing, or similar behavior shall be considered an official means of reporting such act(s). Complaints, reports, and investigative reports of bullying, hazing, or similar behavior shall remain *confidential*, with limited exception of state or federal law.

The reporting of incidents of bullying, hazing, or similar behavior shall be made on the *Bullying Report* form, which shall include an *affirmation of truth*. Any bullying, hazing, or similar behavior report submitted, regardless of recipient, shall use this form, but additional information may be provided. The form shall be available on the website of each public elementary and secondary school.

Students and Parents

Any student who believes that he/she has been, or is currently, the victim of bullying, hazing, or similar behavior, or any student, or any parent or legal guardian, who witnesses bullying, hazing, or similar behavior or has good reason to believe bullying, hazing, or similar behavior is taking place, may report the situation to a school official, who in turn shall report the situation to the principal or his/her designee. A student, or parent or legal guardian, may also report concerns regarding bullying, hazing, or similar behavior to a teacher, counselor, other school employee, or to any ~~parent chaperoning or~~ chaperone supervising a school function or activity. Any report shall remain *confidential*.

School Personnel

Any school employee, whether full- or part-time, and any ~~parent/volunteer chaperoning or~~ chaperone supervising a school function or activity, who witnesses or learns of bullying, hazing, or similar behavior ~~from a student or parent~~, immediately shall report the incident to the principal or his/her designee. Verbal reports shall be submitted by the employee or ~~parent/volunteer~~ chaperone on the same day as the employee or ~~parent/volunteer~~ chaperone witnessed or otherwise learned of the incident, and a written report shall be filed no later than two (2) days thereafter.
All other members of the school community, including students, parents or legal guardians, volunteers, and visitors shall be encouraged to report any act that may be a violation of this policy to the principal or his/her designee.

False Reports

school-sponsored event, pursuant to a hearing, shall be referred to the School Board through a recommendation for action from the Superintendent.

VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION

The provisions related to mandatory recommendation for expulsion shall not be applied to virtual instruction received by a student in the student's home.

ADDITIONAL REASONS FOR EXPULSION

Students may also be expelled for any of the following reasons:

1. Any student, after being suspended for committing violations of any discipline policies or other rule infractions, depending on the severity of the behavior, may be expelled upon recommendation to the Superintendent by the principal and after an appropriate hearing is held by the Superintendent or designee.
2. Any student who is found carrying or possessing a knife with a blade which equals or exceeds two and one-half (2 ½) inches in length.
3. In accordance with federal regulations, a student determined to have brought a weapon to a school under the School Board's jurisdiction shall be expelled for a minimum of one calendar year. The Superintendent may modify the expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis. A *weapon*, in accordance with federal statutes, means a firearm or any device which is designed to expel a projectile or any destructive device, which in turn means any explosive, incendiary or poison gas, bomb, grenade, rocket, missile, mine or similar device.
4. Any student, *after being suspended on three (3) occasions* for committing drugs or weapons offenses during the same school year, **shall**, *upon committing the fourth offense*, be expelled from all the public schools of the system until the beginning of the next regular school year, and the student's reinstatement shall be subject to the review and approval of the School Board.
5. The conviction of any student of a felony or the incarceration of any student in a juvenile institution for an act which had it been committed by an adult, would have constituted a felony, may be cause for expulsion of the student for a period of time as determined by the School Board; such expulsions shall require the vote of ***two-thirds ⅔ of the elected members of the School Board***, shall not be for a period of time longer than the student's period of adjudication as determined by the applicable court presiding over the student's criminal matter, and shall run concurrent to the student's period of disposition. If the student was serving an expulsion period when the student was incarcerated for a separate offense and the student completes the period of incarceration with time left in the expulsion period, the Superintendent or his/her designee may require the student to serve the time left in the expulsion period.

EXPULSION NOT APPLICABLE

Expulsion shall not apply to the following:

1. A student carrying or possessing a firearm or knife for purposes of involvement in a school class, course, or school approved cocurricular or extracurricular activity or any other activity approved by appropriate school officials.
2. A student possessing any controlled dangerous substance that has been obtained directly or due to a valid prescription or order from a licensed ~~physician~~ medical provider. However, ~~such~~ the student shall carry evidence of ~~that~~ the prescription or ~~physician's~~ medical provider's order on his/her person at all times when in possession of any controlled dangerous substance which shall be subject to verification. Evidence of the prescription or medical provider's order includes possession of the controlled dangerous substance in its original packaging as received from the pharmacy.

In addition, school officials, in accordance with statutory provisions, shall have total discretion and shall exercise such discretion in imposing on a student any disciplinary actions authorized by state law for possession by a student of a firearm or knife on school property when such firearm or knife is stored in a motor vehicle and there is no evidence of the student's intent to use the firearm or knife in a criminal manner.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

A student enrolled in grades prekindergarten through five shall not be expelled from school for a uniform violation that is not tied to willful disregard of school policies.

READMITTANCE FOLLOWING EXPULSION

Required Parent Conference

In each case of expulsion, the school principal, or his or her designee, shall contact the parent, ~~tutor,~~ or legal guardian of the student to notify them of the expulsion, and establish a date and time for a conference with the principal or designee as a requirement for readmitting the student. Notice shall be given by sending a certified letter to the address shown on the student's registration card. Also, additional notification may be made by contacting the parent, ~~tutor,~~ or legal guardian by telephone at the telephone number shown on the student's registration card.

If the parent, ~~tutor,~~ or legal guardian fails to attend the required conference within five (5) school days of notification, the student may be considered a truant and dealt with according to all applicable statutory provisions. On not more than one occasion each school year when the parents, ~~tutor~~, or legal guardian refuses to respond, the principal may determine whether readmitting the student is in the best interest of the student. On any subsequent occasions in the same school year, the student shall not be readmitted unless the parent, ~~tutor,~~ or legal guardian, court, or other appointed representative responds.

In any case where a teacher, principal, or other school employee is authorized to require the parent, ~~tutor~~, or legal guardian of a student to attend a conference or meeting regarding the student's behavior and after notice, the parent, ~~tutor~~, or legal guardian willfully refuses to attend, the principal or his or her designee shall file a complaint, in accordance with statutory provisions, with a court exercising juvenile jurisdiction.

Readmittance After All Expulsions

Intentionally making false reports about bullying, hazing, or similar behavior to school officials shall be prohibited conduct and shall result in appropriate disciplinary measures as determined by the School Board.

INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE

Investigations of any reports of bullying, hazing, or similar behavior of a student shall be in accordance with the following:

1. Timing

The school shall begin an investigation of any complaint that is properly reported and that alleges the prohibited conduct the next business or school day after the report is received by the principal or his/her designee. The investigation shall be completed as expeditiously as possible, but not later than ten (10) school days after the date the written report of the incident is submitted to the principal or his/her designee. If additional information is received after the end of the ten-day period, the school principal or his/her designee shall amend all documents and reports required to reflect such information.

2. Scope of Investigation

An investigation shall include documented interviews of the reporter, the alleged victim, the alleged bully or offender, and any witnesses, and shall include obtaining oral, visual or written evidence, including, but not limited to statements, writings, recordings, electronic messages, and photographs. Interviews shall be conducted privately, separately, and confidentially. Unless necessary for the purpose of the investigation, the alleged offender and alleged victim shall not be interviewed together.

The principal or his/her designee shall collect and evaluate all facts using the *Bullying Investigation* form.

3. Parental Notification

Upon receiving a report of bullying, hazing, or similar behavior, the school shall notify the parents or legal guardians of ~~the alleged offender and the alleged victim~~ each involved student no later than the following business or school day. Delivery of notice to the parents or legal guardians by an involved student shall **not** constitute the required parental notice.
Before any student under the age of eighteen (18) is interviewed, his/her parent or legal guardian shall be notified by the principal or his/her designee of the allegations made and shall have the opportunity to attend any interviews with their child conducted as part of the investigation.

All meetings with the parents or legal guardians of the alleged victim and the parents or legal guardians of the alleged ~~offender~~ perpetrator shall be in compliance with the following:

A. Separate meetings shall be held with the parents or legal guardians of the alleged victim and the parents or legal guardians of the alleged ~~offender~~ perpetrator.

B. Parents or legal guardians of the alleged victim and of the alleged ~~offender~~ perpetrator shall be informed of the potential consequences, penalties, and counseling options.

In any case where a teacher, principal, or other school employee is authorized to require the parent or legal guardian of a student who is under the age of eighteen (18) and not judicially emancipated or emancipated by marriage to attend a conference or meeting regarding the student's behavior and, after notice, the parent, ~~tutor,~~ or legal guardian willfully refuses to attend, the principal or his/her designee shall file a complaint, pursuant to Louisiana Children's Code, Article 730 or 731, with a court exercising juvenile jurisdiction. The principal may also file a complaint on the grounds the student is a truant or has willfully and repeatedly violated school rules, or any other applicable ground when, in his/her judgment, doing so is in the best interests of the student.

4. Documentation

At the conclusion of an investigation of bullying, hazing, or similar behavior, and after meeting with the parents or legal guardians of each involved student, the principal or his/her designee or School Board shall:

A. Prepare a written report containing the findings of the investigation, including input from the involved students' parents or legal guardians, and the decision by the principal or his/her designee or school system official. The document shall be placed in the school records of ~~both students~~ each involved student.

B. Promptly notify the reporter/complainant of the findings of the investigation and whether remedial action has been taken, if such release of information does not violate the law.

C. Keep reports/complaints and investigative reports confidential, except where disclosure is required to be made by applicable federal laws, rules, or regulations or by state law.

D. Maintain reports/complaints and investigative reports for three (3) years.

E. As applicable, provide a copy of any reports and investigative documents to the School Board for disciplinary measures, or to the Louisiana Department of Education, as necessary.

F. As applicable, provide a copy of any reports and investigative documents to the appropriate law enforcement officials.

During the pendency of an investigation, the school district may take immediate steps, at its discretion, to protect the alleged victim, students, teachers, administrators or other school personnel pending completion of the investigation.

Handling Evidence

Whenever an employee/administrator receives notice of a bullying or hazing, or similar behavior, any physical evidence of the act/communication shall be secured in the building administrator's office with as little physical contact as possible. If the act/communication is in the form of graffiti, the area shall be sealed off by the building administrator. Photographs shall be taken as soon as possible. Student/public exposure shall be as minimal as possible. Graffiti shall not be removed until law enforcement has properly examined the area.

APPEAL

If the school principal or his/her designee does not take timely and effective action in any bullying incident, the student, parent or legal guardian, or school employee may report, in writing, the incident to the School Board. The School Board shall begin an investigation of any properly reported complaint that alleges prohibited conduct the next business day during which school is in session after the report is received by the School Board.

If the School Board does not take timely and effective action, the student, parent or legal guardian, or other school employee may report any bullying incident to the Louisiana Department of Education.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Once a report has been received at a school, and a school principal or his/her designee has determined that an act of bullying, hazing, or similar behavior has occurred, and after having met with the parent or legal guardian of the student involved, the principal or his/her designee, or applicable school official shall take prompt and appropriate disciplinary action against the student, and report criminal conduct to law enforcement. Counseling and/or other interventions may also be recommended.

Students may be disciplined for off-campus bullying, hazing, or similar behavior the same as if the improper conduct occurred on campus, if the actions of the offender substantially interfere with the education opportunities or educational programs of the student victim and/or adversely affects the ability of the student victim to participate in or benefit from the school's education programs or activities.

PARENTAL RELIEF

If a parent, legal guardian, teacher, or other school official has made four (4) or more reports of separate instances of bullying, and no investigation pursuant to state law or this policy has occurred, the parent or legal guardian of the alleged victim may request that the student be transferred to another school operated by the School Board.

Such request shall be filed with the Superintendent. Upon receipt of the request to transfer the student to another school, the School Board shall make a seat available at another school under its jurisdiction within ten (10) school days of the parent or legal guardian's request for a transfer. If the School Board has no other school under its jurisdiction serving the grade level of the alleged victim, within fifteen (15) school days of receiving the request, the Superintendent shall:

1. Inform the student and his/her parent or legal guardian and facilitate the student's enrollment in a statewide virtual school.

2. Offer the student a placement in a full-time virtual program or virtual school under the School Board's jurisdiction.

3. Enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Superintendent or director of another governing authority to secure a placement and provide for the transfer of the student to a school serving the grade level of the student, in accordance with statutory provisions.

If no seat or other placement is made available within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the request by the Superintendent, the parent or legal guardian may request a hearing with the School Board, which shall be public or private at the option of the parent or legal guardian. The School Board shall grant the hearing at the next scheduled meeting or within sixty (60) calendar days, whichever is sooner.

At the end of any school year, the parent or legal guardian may make a request to the School Board to transfer the student back to the original school. The School Board shall make a seat available at the original school that the student attended. No other schools shall qualify for transfer under this provision.

FAILURE TO ACT

Any teacher, counselor, bus operator, administrator, or other school employee, whether full- or part-time, who witnesses bullying or who receives a report of bullying from an alleged victim, and who fails to report the incident to a school official shall be investigated by the School Board. Upon finding a reasonable expectation that the individual failed to act, the School Board shall suspend the individual without pay. The length of the suspension shall be determined by the School Board based on the severity of the bullying inflicted on the victim. The School Board shall report each finding of a failure to report and the length of suspension issued to each employee who failed to report to the State Department of Education.

Any school administrator or official who fails to notify a parent or legal guardian of a report of bullying, timely investigate a report of bullying, take prompt and appropriate disciplinary action against a student that was determined to have engaged in bullying, or report criminal conduct to the appropriate law enforcement official shall be investigated by the School Board. Upon finding a reasonable expectation that the individual failed to act, the School Board shall suspend the individual without pay. The length of the suspension shall be determined by the School Board based on the severity of the bullying inflicted on the victim. The School Board shall report each finding of a failure to report bullying and the length of suspension issued to the employee who failed to report to the State Department of Education. The report shall be submitted by August first annually.

TRAINING

The School Board shall provide a minimum of four (4) hours of training for all new employees who have contact with students and two (2) hours of training each subsequent year for all school employees who have contact with students, including bus drivers, with respect to bullying, in accordance with state statutory provisions.

RETALIATION

Retaliation against any person who reports bullying, hazing, or similar behavior in good faith, who is thought to have reported such conduct, who files a complaint, or who otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry concerning allegations of bullying, hazing, or similar behavior is prohibited conduct and subject to disciplinary action.

CHILD ABUSE

The provisions of this policy shall not be interpreted to conflict with or supersede the provisions requiring mandatory reporting pursuant to Louisiana Children's Code, Art. 609 and as enforced through La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §14:403.

Revised: December 2, 2010
Revised: March 21, 2013
Revised: October 17, 2013
Revised: November 15, 2018
Revised: July, 2022

Ref: 20 USC 1232(g-i) (*Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. "14:40.3, 14:40.7, 14:40.8, 14:403, 17:105, 17:105.1, 17:183, 17:416, 17:416.1, 17:416.13, 17:416.14; La. Children's Code, Art. 609, 730, 731; Davis v. Monroe County Board of Education, 119 S. Ct. 1661 (1991); Board minutes, 9-23-04, 12-2-10, 3-21-13, 10-17-13, 11-15-18.

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ITEM 6h. Public Comment. Dr. Curt Green – Introduction of Revised Policy: GAMB Employee Dress Code

This item was for introduction only.

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GAMB - EMPLOYEE DRESS CODE

Deleted from the policy	New changes to the policy	Moved to a section within the policy

The St. John the Baptist Parish School Board is committed to providing an excellent educational system that focuses on outstanding student achievement and preparation for lifetime success. The School Board believes that its mission is enhanced by the professionalism of its employees. The professional status of staff members is reinforced by appropriate dress and appearance. Since students learn by example, it is important that employees serve as role models for students. Moreover, the community's attitude toward the school system and the education profession is related to the manner in which employees present themselves.

All employees shall exercise good judgment in their choice of appearance at work by dressing in a way that is appropriate to the situation and in a manner that will invoke a positive impression with students and the community. Such professional dress should promote a working and learning environment that is conducive to high student and staff performance. Inappropriate clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, accessories, or body adornments that are in any way disruptive or potentially disruptive to the learning environment are prohibited.

The School Board shall not discriminate against an employee on the basis of a natural, protective or cultural hairstyle. *Natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle* shall include, but is not limited to, afros, dreadlocks, twists, locs, braids, cornrow braids, Bantu knots, curls, and hair styled to protect hair texture or for cultural significance.

Principals and other administrative supervisors are delegated the authority and bear the responsibility for ensuring compliance with this mandatory policy and are expected to counsel and/or discipline employees whom they supervise on professional appearance in conformance with this mandatory policy.

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

- Personal hygiene and cleanliness of dress are expected of all staff.
- Shirt length must be long enough so that when arms are raised, skin is not exposed.
- Low-cut blouses shall not be worn (cleavage shall not be visible).
- Halter tops, tank tops, or spaghetti strap tops (sundresses) shall not be worn.
- Skirts and dresses shall be of a reasonable length. (All dresses and skirts should be no more than 2 inches above the knee with or without leggings.)
- Clothes shall be loose-fitting; leotard-type pants or biker pants shall not be worn. This shall include leggings, jeggings, and tights, except when worn under articles of clothing which cover the leggings and fall at least two (2) inches above the knee.
- Proper undergarments should be worn at all times but shall not be directly visible or seen through clothing.
- All clothing shall be free of alcohol, tobacco advertisements, and drug references. In addition, all clothing shall be free of any wording or graphics that are suggestive or offensive in nature or content.
- Shorts shall not be worn. **Exception**: Coaches, physical education personnel, and bus operators/monitors may wear loose fitting shorts of the appropriate length no more than two (2) inches above the knee.
- Capri pants may be worn.
- Denim jeans shall not be worn (unless specified by site administrator.)
- Jogging suits or sweat suits shall not be worn. **Exception**: Coaches, physical education personnel, and bus drivers/monitors may wear jogging suits or sweat suits.
- Tennis shoes and sandals may be worn. All footwear is required to have a back, and at a minimum, a restraining strap. No flip flops (beach footwear) shall be worn. **Exception**: Food service workers, maintenance workers, custodians, school bus operators/monitors must wear footwear that fully encloses the foot from heel to toe (the footwear must cover and protect the top, bottom, back and sides of the foot).
- No visible body piercings with the exception of earrings.

New policy: October 17, 2019
Revised: July, 2022

Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§17:81, 23:332; Board minutes, 10-17-19

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ITEM 7. BUSINESS & FINANCE. ITEM 7a. Public Comment. Request approval to advertise to accept Proposals for Property Insurance that will be expiring in March 2023

MOTION BY: Triche
SECOND BY: Wallace
MOTION: To approve advertising to accept Proposals for Property Insurance that will be expiring in March 2023
Roll Call:
9 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
2 Absent – Sanders, Jones
The motion carried.

ITEM 7b. Public Comment. Mrs. Janice Gauthier – Request approval to extend All South Consulting Engineering contract for Disaster Management Recovery Services through December 31, 2023

Public Comment: Eliza Eugene, Shondrell Perrilloux

MOTION BY: Keller
SECOND BY: DeFrancesch
MOTION: To extend All South Consulting Engineering contract for Disaster Management Recovery Services through December 31, 2023.

Following discussion, there was a

SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY: Burl
SECOND BY: Holden
MOTION: To Table
Roll Call:
9 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
1 Abstention - Schum
The motion carried.

Mr. Burl asked that the Land and Facilities Committee convene on next Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. (October 18, 2022), to discuss this item.

ITEM 7c. Public Comment. Mrs. Janice Gauthier – Request approval to award a three-year contract to a Third-Party Administrator (RPA) to process General Liability and Workers' Comp Claims.

MOTION BY: Holden
SECOND BY: DeFrancesch
MOTION: To approve a three-year contract to a Third-Party Administrator (LOCA) to process General Liability and Workers' Comp Claims.

Following discussion, there was a

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Keller
SECOND BY: Jones
MOTION: To approve a one-year contract to a Third-Party Administrator (LOCA) to process General Liability and Workers' Comp Claims.

Following further discussion, Dr. Keller amended his motion:

MOTION BY: Keller
SECOND BY: Jones
MOTION: To amend the substitute motion to include the verbiage "with the option to extend for 2 years (approved annually)"
Roll Call:
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

Roll Call: (On the substitute motion by Dr. Keller to approve a one-year contract with the option to extend for 2 years – approved by the Board annually).
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

ITEM 7d. Public Comment. Mrs. Janice Gauthier – Request approval to advertise to accept bids for Band Equipment for East St. John High School

MOTION BY: Wallace
SECOND BY: Jones
MOTION: To advertise to accept bids for Band Equipment for St. John the Baptist Parish Schools.
Roll Call:
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

ITEM 7e. Public Comment. Ms. Cindy Janecke – Request approval to award contract to lowest proposer for exterior and roofing repairs at West St. John Elementary School

Public Comment: Eliza Eugene, Sylvia Taylor, Shondrell Perrilloux

MOTION BY: Holden
SECOND BY: Triche
MOTION: To award a contract to the lowest proposer (CDX Construction) for exterior and roofing repairs at West St. John Elementary School at a cost of $245,000.
Roll Call:
9 Yeas – Holden, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
2 Absent – Burl, Sanders
The motion carried.

ITEM 7f. Public Comment. Ms. Cindy Janecke – Request approval to award contract to lowest bidder for exterior and roofing repairs at Leon Godchaux campus

Public Comment: Eliza Eugene, Sylvia Taylor, Shondrell Perrilloux

MOTION BY: Holden
SECOND BY: DeFrancesch
MOTION: To award a contract to the lowest bidder (Tache LLC) for exterior and roofing repairs at Leon Godchaux at a cost of $439,800.
Roll Call:
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 9. NEW BUSINESS. ITEM 9a. Joshua Cockfield - Executive Session: Prospective Litigation regarding Osa Betts Workers' Compensation Claim #LCA-0023885

MOTION BY: DeFrancesch
SECOND BY: Schum
MOTION: To convene in Executive Session to discuss Prospective Litigation regarding Osa Betts Workers' Compensation Claim #LCA-0023885 at 7:36 p.m.
Roll Call:
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

MOTION BY: Triche
SECOND BY: Johnson
MOTION: To reconvene in Regular Session at 7:59 p.m.
Roll Call:
8 Yeas – Holden, Keller, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
3 Absent – Burl, Sanders, Jones
The motion carried.

MOTION BY: Keller
SECOND BY: Wallace
MOTION: To give settlement authority to LOCA in the Osa Betts Workers' Compensation Claim #LCA-0023885
Roll Call:
8 Yeas – Holden, Keller, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
3 Absent – Burl, Sanders, Jones

The motion carried
ITEM 9b. Public Comment. Mrs. Rebecca Johnson - Request Board approval of a Resolution to support the LASS Accountability Proposal

Public Comment: Shondrell Perrilloux (George Hardy yielded 3 minutes to S. Perrilloux), Carolyn Batiste

Mrs. Mitchell-Williams stated for the record that she lives at 2105 Greenwood Drive in LaPlace, Louisiana and has resided there since February of 2005.

MOTION BY: Schum
SECOND BY: DeFrancesch
MOTION: To approve the Resolution to support the LASS Accountability Proposal
Roll Call:
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

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SUPPORT OF LASS ACCOUNTABILITY PROPOSAL

A Resolution expressing support for the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents (LASS) proposal to reimagine the Louisiana public school accountability system and urge LA Department of Education State Superintendent Dr. Cade Brumley, and the Board of Secondary and Elementary Education (BESE) to adopt their proposal instead of the current proposal presented by the BESE Accountability Working Group in August 2022, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, last year the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education began conducting an Accountability Working Group to propose changes to the public education accountability system;

WHEREAS, those meetings sought and accepted very little input from public education stakeholders such as teachers, superintendents and school boards, but rather focused primarily on the input from the LA Department of Education (LDOE) and a few self-proclaimed education reform organizations, some led by former LDOE staff from the Supt. John White administration;

WHEREAS, the publicly stated goal of the Accountability Working Group was to lower the number of high schools earning letter grades of A or B under the current system that has, in its core principles, been in place since the John White administration;

WHEREAS, the LDOE and the self-proclaimed "reformers" used the mantra that Louisiana high schools and school boards were "gaming the system" to inflate high school letter grades;

WHEREAS, the evidence they cited was: 1. the proportion of A & B high schools was higher than the proportion of A & B elementary schools, and those proportions should be the same; and 2. TOPS bound high school students were also taking career and technical classes and the WorkKeys exam and those students should not be given that choice.

WHEREAS, the result was a proposal that reverse engineered the high school accountability formula to deny points for high school students merely being proficient in high school content and graduating on time;

WHEREAS, the reverse engineered formula was then overly weighted on high school students doing post-secondary (high school) work as the only way for a high school to earn an A;

WHEREAS, the reversed engineered formula would result in only a hand-full of select academic admissions high schools earning an A;

WHEREAS, when BESE undertook the new formula at its August meeting it faced significant push back that the proposal was bad for students, parents, teachers, and communities;

WHEREAS, in response to the opposition, and despite the chiding of the self-proclaimed "reformers" BESE urged the LDOE to go back and seek more input from educators;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents (LASS), with the assistance of the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA), created a proposal to reimagine and completely rework the defective accountability system, not just for High School but also for Elementary and Middle School;

WHEREAS, the LASS Accountability proposal focuses on student proficiency of grade level content;

WHEREAS, the LASS Accountability proposal uses a pre- and post-test model similar to that being successfully used in Florida, where in students are tested in the beginning of the year and then at the end of the year to evidence how far that individual student grew toward proficiency of that grade level content;

WHEREAS, the LASS Accountability proposal aligns TOPS, WorkKeys and, for the first time ever, ASVAB, the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, so that whether High School graduates move on to college or a skilled trade or the military, they will all be considered successful.

WHEREAS, the LASS Accountability proposal uses a simple 100 point grading scale, familiar to students, parents, and the general public instead of the arbitrary 200, 150 and newly proposed 125 point scales that have been the hallmark of the past and current accountability system;

WHEREAS, the LASS Accountability proposal also limits testing to that mandated by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), noting that Louisiana over-tests our students;

WHEREAS, the LASS Accountability proposal also recognizes successes that are ignored in the current and BESE proposed system: Special Education students learning the basic life and commercial skills that will allow them to enter the workplace, students who continue to strive and earn their high school diploma beyond the expected 4-year window;

WHEREAS, the LASS Accountability proposal has resisted running simulations to see what the letter grade distribution would be, as the system was designed to focus on student achievement and not to reverse engineer a result.

THEREFORE, the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board does hereby endorse and express its support for the LASS Accountability proposal;

FURTHER, the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board urges the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to set the discussion and consideration of the LASS Accountability proposal on the October agenda of the BESE Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee and the full BESE meeting set for October 10 and 11, 2022, respectively.

FURTHER, the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board urges the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to support the adoption of the LASS Accountability proposal and take such actions as are necessary to move toward implementation of the proposal.

FINALLY, the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board directs the Superintendent of the St. John the Baptist Parish School System to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, each elected and appointed member thereof, Superintendent Cade Brumley, Governor John Bel Edwards, Senator Cleo Fields, Representative Lance Harris, and each member of the Legislative delegation of St. John the Baptist Parish.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was affirmative by a majority, and the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of October, 2022.

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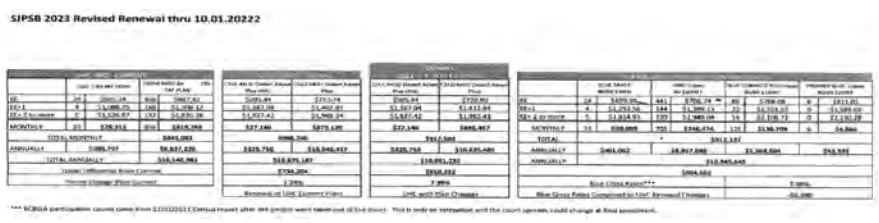
ITEM 9c. Public Comment. Ms. Sherry DeFrancesch – Request approval of Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the Health Insurance Plan(s) for Calendar Year 2023, as recommended by the Insurance Committee on October 4, 2022

MOTION BY: Keller
SECOND BY: Schum
MOTION: To approve Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the Health Insurance Plan(s) for Calendar Year 2023, as recommended by the Insurance Committee on October 4, 2022.
Roll Call:
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

SJPSB 2023 Revised Renewal thru 10.01.20222



ITEM 9d. Public Comment. Ms. Jawanza Joseph – Request Board approval of employee-portion cost of health insurance premiums for Calendar Year 2023, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Public Comment: Derron Cook

MOTION BY: DeFrancesch
SECOND BY: Schum
MOTION: To approve the employee-portion cost of health insurance premiums for Calendar Year 2023, as recommended by the Finance Committee (95% / 83% / 77%).

Following discussion, Mr. Burl offered a motion to remain at the current rate for this year and revisit this increase to employees next year. This motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Upon Roll Call on the original motion, there was
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried

INSURANCE RATES

HMO 80 2000F = HMO
BS 2500 = BLUE SAVER, HIGH DEDUCTIBLE
BC $0 DED = BLUE CONNECT

The Finance Committee met on 10/12/22 and recommended the following percentage rate changes for employee health insurance. The below chart shows the rates to be paid (both District portion and employee portion) if the Board accepts the Finance Committee's recommendation with an affirmative vote: (District pays 95%/83%/ 77%):

PROPOSED PERCENTAGES: ACTIVE AND RETIREES WITH TWENTY OR MORE YEARS

MED CODE	DESCRIPTION - 1-01-23		PLAN	EMPLOYEE PORTION	STATE PORTION	PARISH PORTION	TOTAL PREMIUM
A02A	ACTIVE SINGLE	95%	HMO 80 2000F	$ 35.44	$ -	$ 673.30	$ 708.74
A02B	ACTIVE SINGLE HDHP		BS 2500	$ 0.00	$ -	$ 659.98	$ 659.98
A02C	ACTIVE SINGLE BLUE CONNECT POS		BC $0 DED	$ 92.78	$ -	$ 673.30	$ 766.08
A03A	ACTIVE EMPLOYEE + 1	83%	HMO 80 2000F	$ 236.15	$ -	$ 1,152.98	$ 1,389.13
A03B	ACTIVE EMPLOYEE + 1 HDHP		BS 2500	$ 140.58	$ -	$ 1,152.98	$ 1,293.56
A03C	ACTIVE EMPLOYEE + 1 BLUE CONNECT POS		BC $0 DED	$ 348.54	$ -	$ 1,152.98	$ 1,501.52
A04A	ACTIVE FAMILY	77%	HMO 80 2000F	$ 448.28	$ -	$ 1,500.76	$ 1,949.04
A04B	ACTIVE FAMILY HDHP		BS 2500	$ 314.19	$ -	$ 1,500.76	$ 1,814.95
A04C	ACTIVE FAMILY BLUE CONNECT POS		BC $0 DED	$ 605.96	$ -	$ 1,500.76	$ 2,106.72
R20A	OOA Retiree Single Plan A		Premier Blue	$ 137.71	$ -	$ 673.30	$ 811.01
R30A	OOA Retiree 2 Party Plan A		Premier Blue	$ 436.60	$ -	$ 1,152.98	$ 1,589.58
R40A	OOA Retiree Family		Premier Blue	$ 729.52	$ -	$ 1,500.76	$ 2,230.28

ITEM 9e. Public Comment. Ms. Sherry DeFrancesch – Request approval of Ameritas Dental for the Dental Insurance Plan(s) for Calendar Year 2023 and 2024, as recommended by the Insurance Committee on October 4, 2022

MOTION BY: Jones
SECOND BY: Triche
MOTION: To approve Ameritas Dental for the Dental Insurance Plan(s) for Calendar Year 2023 and 2024, as recommended by the Insurance Committee on October 4, 2022. (No rate increase for 2 years).
Roll Call:
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

ITEM 9f. Public Comment. Ms. Sherry DeFrancesch – Request approval of MetLife Option 1 for the Supplemental Insurance Plan(s) for Calendar Year 2023, as recommended by the Insurance Committee on October 4, 2022

Public Comment: Shondrell Perrilloux

MOTION BY: Schum
SECOND BY: Wallace
MOTION: To approve MetLife Option 1 for the Supplemental Insurance Plan(s) for Calendar Year 2023, as recommended by the Insurance Committee on October 4, 2022
Roll Call:
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

ITEM 9g. Public Comment. Mrs. Rebecca Johnson – Request Board approval of the updated list of Hearing Officers: Lana Ourso Chaney; Wayne Landry; Lloyd LeBlanc; Angie Peraza; Katherine M. Loos; Madeline Jasmine

MOTION BY: Triche
SECOND BY: Jones
MOTION: To approve the updated list of Hearing Officers: Lana Ourso Chaney; Wayne Landry; Lloyd LeBlanc; Angie Peraza; Katherine M. Loos; Madeline Jasmine
Roll Call:
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

ITEM 9h. Public Comment. Ms. Jawanza Joseph – Selection of Salary Study Committee Member Replacement

Ms. Joseph stated that it was discovered that Nycole Franklin had left the district, leaving a vacancy on the Salary Study Committee in the Support Staff category. Drawing from a hat, Miguel Ortiz will replace her on the committee.

ITEM 9i. Public Comment. Mr. Keith Jones – Update on JG Consulting, LLC

Mrs. Mitchell-Williams stated that she had spoken with Mr. James Guerra with JG Consulting, LLC. He stated that the company would be willing to assist with our search for a Superintendent, however, the company cannot do a full search at this time, and probably could not until next summer.

ITEM 9j. Public Comment. Mrs. Debra Schum - Remove from table - Superintendent Selection Process

Public Comment: Shondrell Perrilloux, Whitney Joseph-(George Handy, Robert Taylor, Laverne Sanders yielded 3 minutes), Geraldine Watkins

MOTION BY: Schum
SECOND BY: DeFrancesch
MOTION: To remove from table - Superintendent Selection Process
Roll Call:
7 Yeas – Keller, DeFrancesch, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
3 Nays – Holden, Burl, Jones
1 Absent - Sanders
The motion carried.

ITEM 9k. Public Comment. Mrs. Debra Schum – Request Board approval of the Superintendent Selection Process Timeline Option 1

Timeline Option 1	
October 19, 2022	Advertise in L'Observateur/Advocate
October 26, 2022	Advertise in L'Observateur/Advocate
November 9, 2022	Deadline to Apply
November 16, 2022	Retrieve Applications from PO Box
November 28 & 29, 2022	First Round Interviews (2 days)
December 1, 2022	Special Meeting - Name Finalist(s)
December 5 & 6, 2022	Second Round Interviews (2 days)
December 8, 2022	Regular Meeting - Name Superintendent

Public Comment: Annette Houston-(Whitney Joseph yielded 3 minutes), Shondrell Perrilloux, Eliza Eugene, Derron Cook

This item was pulled from the agenda.

MOTION BY: Wallace
SECOND BY: DeFrancesch
MOTION: To extend the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.
Roll Call:
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

ITEM 9l. Public Comment. Mrs. Debra Schum – Request Board approval of the Superintendent Selection Process Timeline Option 2

Public Comment: Shondrell Perrilloux, Whitney Joseph

Timeline Option 2	
November 2, 2022	Advertise in L'Observateur/Advocate
November 9, 2022	Advertise in L'Observateur/Advocate
November 18, 2022	Deadline to Apply
November 22, 2022	Retrieve Applications from PO Box
December 5 & 6, 2022	First Round Interviews (2 days)
December 8, 2022	Regular Meeting - Name Finalist(s)
December 12 & 13, 2022	Second Round Interviews (2 days)
December 15, 2022	Special Meeting - Name Superintendent

Public Notices

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

22-49 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 3A, Block C, New Era Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded By W. 5th Street, Cedar Street, Elm Street, & the Y & MV Railroad, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA from the Residential District One (R-1) & the Commercial District One (C-1) to the Commercial District Two (C-2), as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-22-1336) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

22-50 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lots 20 & 21, Farm Lot 13, Woodland Plantation Subdivision, into Lots 20A, 20B, & 21A, Farm Lot 13, Woodland Plantation Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Main Street, Jennifer Lane, Remy Drive, & Devon Road, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-22-1320) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

22-51 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of three portions of ground forming the Morgan Jacob Estate and Lot A & Lot B, Lot 5, The Section 94 Subdivision, into Lots 5-A, 5-B, 5-C, and 5-D, Lot 5, The Section 94 Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Apricot Street, West 2nd Street, Phoenix Lane and The Y & MV Railroad, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-22-1322) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

22-52 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lot 9, SquareA, Place Dubourg Subdivision, into Lots 9A & 9B, Square A, Place Dubourg Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Greenwood Drive, Rue Dubourg, Carrollwood Avenue & Dominican Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-22-1323) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

22-53 An ordinance introducing the annual operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, Capital Projects Funds, and Debt Service Funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 (See attached amendments) (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilwoman Schnyder moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Camille Oubre v. Judge Nghana Lewis and St. John the Baptist Parish Council, Civil Action No. 22-cv-01789 (E.D. La.) and Nghana Lewis v. St. John the Baptist Parish Through Stacey Cador, in her capacity as Director of Human Resources, No. 22-CA-73 (La. App. 5th Cir.). The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Wright absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Camille Oubre v. Judge Nghana Lewis and St. John the Baptist Parish Council, Civil Action No. 22-cv-01789 (E.D. La.)
Nghana Lewis v. St. John the Baptist Parish Through Stacey Cador, in her capacity as Director of Human Resources, No. 22-CA-73 (La. App. 5th Cir.

MOTION: Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to go back into Regular Session. The motion passed with Councilmen Malik and Wright absent. There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:30 PM, Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwomen Houston, Schnyder and Councilmen Malik and Wright absent.
/s/Lennix Madere, Jr.
COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN
/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary

L'Observateur:
Nov. 16, 2022
PROCEEDINGS

MOTION BY: Schum
SECOND BY: Triche
MOTION: To approve the Superintendent Selection Process Timeline Option 2

Timeline Option 2	
November 2, 2022	Advertise in L'Observateur/Advocate
November 9, 2022	Advertise in L'Observateur/Advocate
November 18, 2022	Deadline to Apply
November 22, 2022	Retrieve Applications from PO Box
December 5 & 6, 2022	First Round Interviews (2 days)
December 8, 2022	Regular Meeting - Name Finalist(s)
December 12 & 13, 2022	Second Round Interviews (2 days)
December 15, 2022	Special Meeting - Name Superintendent

Mr. Jones offered a Substitute Motion to bring this item to the Executive Committee for a recommendation before the full Board votes on it. This motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Upon roll call on the original motion to approve the Superintendent Selection Process Timeline Option 2, there were

6 Yeas – Keller, DeFrancesch, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
4 Nays – Holden, Burl, Jones, Johnson
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

ITEM 10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ITEM 11. BOARD ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. Jones: There is a Tri-Parish Superintendent Meeting on October 21st at Regala Park

Mrs. Schum: October 26th – Salary Study Committee Meeting (Final Recommendations); November 1st – Finance Committee Meeting

Mrs. Holden: Update on Pleasure Bend court order from 2005? Mrs. Johnson stated that there is an agreement between St. John and St. James that states the students of Pleasure Bend will attend school in St. James. The agreement was through a court order related to the consent decree. Mr. Burl asked for the requirements from the consent decree as it relates to Garyville/Mt. Airy Magnet School.

Mr. Wallace: Hispanic Month was celebrated last night at Lake Pontchartrain Elementary. Great job by the entire staff.

Mr. Jones: ESJH Homecoming is this week – support the Wildcats tomorrow night at the game.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

The agenda having been completed, and there being no further business, there was a

MOTION BY: Jones
SECOND BY: Triche
MOTION: Motion for adjournment.
Roll Call:
10 Yeas – Holden, Burl, Keller, DeFrancesch, Jones, Johnson, Schum, Wallace, Triche, Mitchell-Williams
1 Absent – Sanders
The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

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Rebecca Johnson, Secretary Nia Mitchell, President