

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ET AL

CIVIL NO. 1:65CV 12,721

VERSUS

JUDGE DRELL

AVOYELLES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, ET AL

MAG. JUDGE KIRK

**SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION TO SUBMIT MINUTES OF THE NEEDS
ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE AVOYELLES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

On motion of the Avoyelles Parish School Board (APSB), who in response to the court's request that all minutes of the meetings of the Needs Assessment Committee be submitted by February 1, 2013, the undersigned avers:

1.

After the last hearing in this court, the trial judge requested that all minutes of meetings involving the Needs Assessment Committee be submitted to the court for review.

2.

In the previous filing the NAC minutes were filed for the September through current meetings. It is understood now that the court desired all Needs Assessment Committee meetings from its inception. These minutes are attached as Exhibit A.

3.

Since this is a request by the court, no consent is needed from the other parties to file. Leave of court is requested for this submittal.

Wherefore, the APSB prays:

1. That this motion be filed;
2. That leave of court is granted to allow the submission of the attached exhibit
A, which are the minutes of the meetings of the Needs Assessment
Committee of the APSB from the date of its inception;
3. For all other relief to which mover is entitled.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the Motion to Approve Policy, Expend Funds and Request for Order has been electronically served to all parties of record electronically and via mail to Allen Holmes, party plaintiff, who is not represented by counsel this 25th Day of February, 2013.

This 25th day of February 2013.

S/ Charles Riddle III
Attorney for Avoyelles Parish School Board

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that the Board proceeded to hire Dr. Gordon and the Board is presently following his instructions in an attempt to become unitary through the Federal system.

Board Member Freeman Ford stated that Mr. Desselle's questions should be answered by January 7, 2011. Mr. Ford further stated that Mr. Desselle was concerned about the matter of the present high schools becoming the middle schools and the proposal of one high school.

Mr. Howard Desselle stated that he is very concerned with providing the best possible education for the children in the parish and that he will wholeheartedly support any effort in calling a tax to raise the standard of education in this parish. Also, Mr. Desselle stated that the citizens of the parish should come together in an effort to improve the educational system.

On behalf of the Board, President Guillory expressed his thanks to Mr. Desselle for his support. Dr. Guillory further stated that in past years, the Board attempted to past a tax on two different occasions, however, was unsuccessful in its passage. Dr. Guillory stated that with the formation of study groups, this should help the parish in future tax proposals.

6. Mr. Wilfred Ducote, Sales Tax Collector, reported that sales tax collections for the month of June 2010 totaled \$432,528.65. Mr. Ducote stated that of this amount the 1% sales tax generated \$288,352.43 and the 1/2% sales tax generated \$144,176.22.

7. Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

Finance Committee Report
July 13, 2010

The Finance Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman; Ricky Juneau, Dr. Jim Guillory, President; and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Shelia Blackman-Dupas and Mr. Van Kojis were absent. Also present were Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; and Wilfred Ducote, Transportation Supervisor.

1. Upon motion by Ricky Juneau, seconded by Dr. Jim Guillory, the Finance Committee recommended to approve requests for overnight travel as presented by Superintendent Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented the "Board Member Screening Committee Report" as follows:

Needs Assessment Committee Report

The Avoyelles Parish School Board Assessment Committee met on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. with the following members present:

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Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Craig W. Foster, Assistant Superintendent; Steve Marcotte, Supervisor of Maintenance; and Mary Bonnette, Supervisor of Finance.

The committee agreed that all decisions would be made by the committee unanimously. Items presented to and approved by the committee were as follows:

Plaucheville Elementary School:

- (1) Request for limestone to create a parking lot for faculty, \$6000
- (2) Install cutoff valve in order to cut water service to all buildings on campus in order to prevent future flooding, \$1850
- (3) Repair to present driveway to be provided by Avoyelles Parish Police Jury, \$6500
- (4) Three classroom Pre-K addition, \$130,000
Will allow for Special Education/Autism and consolidate Pre-K classrooms as this will allow us to comply with ECER-S.
In comparison to other schools, all have accommodation.
Possibility of losing funds due to health related issues.

Avoyelles High School:

- (5) Replace storage building - (for maintenance equipment for school), \$24,000. It is noted that all other high schools currently have storage buildings.
- (6) Faculty parking - to provide limestone for parking around campus, \$5000.

Riverside Elementary School:

- (7) Catwalk repair, \$5000
- (8) Handicap ramp cover - \$2500
- (9) Fence repair - Pre-K area, \$2500
- (10) Bathroom in Non-Cat Pre-K room, \$10,000, will help with handicaps and ECER-S compliance.

Marksville High School:

- (11) Internet wiring - is needed in order that students will have access to the lab comparable to other high schools in the parish, \$10,000.
- (12) Air conditioning gym, \$75,000.
All other high school gyms in the parish have air conditioning.

This committee recommends that the remaining school (Cottonport Elementary School) submit requests for air conditioning in the gymnasiums.

Marksville Elementary School:

- (13) Handicap ramps on 6th grade portables, \$6000.
- (14) Fence repair near cafeteria, \$5000.
- (15) Water fountains - replace fountains as needed, \$13,000

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- (16) Repair exterior doors, \$8000.

Lafargue Elementary School:

- (17) Kitchen equipment. Approved, \$15,000.
Need more information on steamer.
Approve double oven.

The following items were previously approved by the Federal Judge:

- (1) Upgrade gymnasium dressing rooms with underfunded QSCB funds, \$75,000.
(2) Upgrade interior of old home economics cottage with underfunded QSCB funds, \$50,000.
(3) Catwalk and fencing to accommodate expansion of County Agent building, \$27,000.
(4) Pre-K classroom addition for underfunded QSCB dollars, \$100,000.

Other items were presented to the committee and due to the need of further information or Federal Court approval, these items were tabled to a future meeting.

Board Member Screening Committee

The Avoyelles Parish School Board Member Screening Committee met on Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Craig W. Foster, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Bonnette, Finance Director; Steve Marcotte, Supervisor of Maintenance; Shelia Blackman-Dupas, Board Member; Ricky Juneau, Board Member; and Lynn Deloach, Board Member.

The committee considered items reviewed by the Needs Assessment Committee as follows: Items one through three and five through twelve were unanimously approved.

The committee requested that item number four be held until a tour of the campus is conducted by committee members.

Upon motion by Ricky Juneau, seconded by Dr. Jim Guillory, the Finance Committee recommended to accept the above reports and Item Number 4, pending Mrs. Shelia Dupas' signature of approval on Item Number 4. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Upon motion by Ricky Juneau, seconded by Dr. Jim Guillory, the Finance Committee recommended to invite a representative from a parish who is participating in a self-insurance plan and to invite a health insurance consultant regarding analysis of a self-insurance plan to the next Finance Committee meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman
Finance Committee

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With regards to the following motion, "Upon motion by Ricky Juneau, seconded by Dr. Jim Guillory, the Finance Committee recommended to accept the above reports and Item Number 4, pending Mrs. Shelia Dupas' signature of approval on Item Number 4. MOTION CARRIED", Assistant Superintendent Craig Foster stated that Ms. Dupas visited Plaucheville Elementary School and she has agreed that the improvement to the school should be implemented. Mr. Foster stated that she met with the Finance Director and she signed-off on the matter.

Board Member Freeman Ford stated that the report should be amended to read: The committee considered items reviewed by the Needs Assessment Committee as follows: Items **one through three and five through seventeen were unanimously approved.**

Board Member Lizzie Ned questioned a time line for the needs assessment for Cottonport Elementary School and Bunkie Elementary School.

Assistant Superintendent Craig Foster stated that the request has been received and the committee should meet in the near future.

Mrs. Ned stated that Bunkie Elementary School was first on the list for needs at the elementary level which the Board was due to address. Mrs. Ned was very concerned about this matter and felt it was an injustice to Bunkie Elementary School.

Mr. Kojis stated that the architect had resigned from his firm which caused unforeseen problems.

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Ricky Juneau, the Board adopted the Finance Committee Report with the changes as presented by Mr. Ford. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mr. Craig Foster, Assistant Superintendent, presented a copy of revised Green Factor Committee Assignments. Mr. Foster also provided the Board with a copy of the minutes from the June 15th Board meeting as it relates to the Green Factor committees. Mr. Foster stated that the issue at hand as discussed at the last School Board meeting pertained to whether school personnel could serve on the committee.

Board Member Lizzie Ned stated that the Board should involve input from the community and from the stakeholders. Mrs. Ned said that the Board should reach out to the public in order to receive their input. Mrs. Ned said that it was not her understanding that the committee should be made up of personnel in the school system and that they were already in a position to provide their input.

Board Member Freeman Ford stated that he also felt that personnel in the school system should not be placed on these committees in order to allow all committee members to speak freely about these matters.

Board Member Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. stated that the formation of these committees is a concern to him for more than one reason. Mr. Mayeux said that the Board had agreed that each district would be represented and each member would recommend an individual with an equitable racial balance of the district. Mr. Mayeux stated that he has a concern with excluding school personnel from these committees. He recommended that the Board consider a compromise by excluding decision making people, such as allowing individuals at the central office level to serve

2. Dr. Jim Guillory, President, addressed the committee regarding a request for the Needs Assessment Committee to set a date to meet in early September to discuss the district's needs in order to review physical and equipment needs.

Assistant Superintendent Craig Foster advised the committee that the Needs Assessment Committee will meet on Thursday, September 9, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the School Board Office.

3. Upon motion by Dr. Jim Guillory, seconded by Lynn Deloach, the Building and Lands Committee recommended to advertise for bids for three (3) Pre-K classrooms at Plaucheville Elementary School. MOTION CARRIED.

The Building and Lands Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Ricky Juneau, Chairman
Building and Lands Committee

On motion by Ricky Juneau, seconded by Freeman Ford, the Board adopted the Building and Lands Committee Report, excluding Item Number 3, pending approval from the Federal Judge.

Ayes: Freeman Ford, Carlos A. Mayeux, Shelia Blackman-Dupas, Dr. Jim Guillory, Ricky Juneau, Lizzie Ned, Van Kojis and Robert Dunbar.

Nays: None.

Abstained: Lynn Deloach

17. Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
August 17, 2010

The Finance Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, August 17, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman; Van Kojis, Ricky Juneau, and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. Ms. Shelia Blackman-Dupas and Dr. Jim Guillory, President, were absent. Also present were Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; Mike Lacombe and Chris Veade.

1. Upon motion by Ricky Juneau, seconded by Van Kojis, the Finance Committee recommended to approve requests for overnight travel as presented by Superintendent Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

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2. Mrs. Sharon Hargis, Food Service Supervisor, presented an update report on USDA Required School Lunch Match. Mrs. Hargis stated that required match of MFP funding was frozen at 12.5% in 1987-1988. Due to a number of LEA's being included in the MFP formula, the Louisiana Department of Education moved to an annual calculation of the match amount which is based on Free and Reduced Price lunch data. The required match amount of fiscal year 2010-2011 is \$61,106.00.

3. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, discussed information regarding Fiscal Risk Assessment by the State. Mrs. Bonnette reviewed the annual report with the committee and reported that the Board is in compliance with all fiscal matters.

4. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented information on self-funded health insurance. The committee recommended to table this item until the next Finance Committee meeting.

5. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented a report on investments. Mrs. Bonnette stated that the total interest for fiscal year 2009-2010 is \$69,281.43.

6. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine presented a Screening Committee Report, for the committee's consideration. Mr. Lemoine reviewed all items, as follows:

Board Member Screening Committee Meeting

The Avoyelles Parish School Board Member Screening Committee met on Monday, August 16, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Craig W. Foster, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; Steve Marcotte, Supervisor of Maintenance; Dr. Jim Guillory, Van Kojis, and Freeman Ford, School Board Members.

The Board Member Screening Committee approved the following items. It was agreed upon that the dual enrollment registration fees/tuition for half of the second college course at Louisiana Technical College would be a one (1) year pilot program.

District Needs Committee Report

The Avoyelles Parish School Board Assessment Committee met on Tuesday, August 10, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. with the following members present: Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Craig W. Foster, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; and Steve Marcotte, Supervisor of Maintenance.

The committee reviewed the following requests:

Cottonport Elementary School: \$75,000, Air conditioning to gymnasium. Committee approved this item.

All Schools: \$363,677.96; DETEL rewiring internal connections to be funded with additional e-rate funds. The committee agreed to approve this item to be funded with a combination of remaining QSCB/district funds. Committee approved this item.

All Schools: Maximum approximate cost of \$22,500. The Superintendent explained that the Avoyelles Parish School Board currently has a Memo of Understanding with the Louisiana Technical College for free dual enrollment courses for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch regarding college courses. The State pays for the first dual enrollment course, however, funding is needed for additional dual enrollment courses. Committee approved this item.

DETEL: \$15,112.34; Marksville High School - Wiring to CNA building. Quote number 3043. Necessary to begin school. Committee approved this item.

Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Ricky Juneau, the Finance Committee recommended to accept the Screening Committee Report. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mrs. Sharon Hargis, Food Service Supervisor, presented a report on the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant and Rapides Grant. Mrs. Hargis stated that the Avoyelles Parish School Board Food Service Department received the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable funding for the 2010-2011 school year for Bunkie Elementary School, Cottonport Elementary School, Lafargue Elementary School, Marksville Elementary School, Plaucheville Elementary School, and Riverside Elementary School in the amount of \$277,950.00.

The Rapides Foundation added Plaucheville Elementary School, Avoyelles High School, and Cottonport Elementary School to the Diet and Physical Activity grant. A total of seven (7) schools are now participating in the grant. The grant total is \$70,000.00

Mrs. Hargis also addressed the committee regarding a change in at-cost meals prices in the cafeteria. The Finance Committee recommended that the at cost meal lunch prices be raised from \$3.10 to \$3.30. Student and employees' meals will stay the same.

The Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman
Finance Committee

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Ricky Juneau, the Board adopted the Finance Committee Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

18. Mrs. Lizzie Ned, Chairman of the Bus Committee, advised the Board that the Bus Committee held a meeting on September 7, 2010 and will present a report during the October 5, 2010 meeting.

19. Mr. Ricky Juneau, Vice-President, addressed the Board regarding the sale of the former Marksville Middle School.

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The Bus Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Lizzie Ned, Chairperson
Bus Committee

On motion by Lizzie Ned, seconded by Ricky Juneau, the Board adopted the Bus Committee Report as presented by Chairperson Ned. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

Finance Committee Report
September 14, 2010

The Finance Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman; Van Kojis, Ricky Juneau, Dr. Jim Guillory, President; and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. Mrs. Shelia Blackman-Dupas was absent. Also present were Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; and Michael Lacombe, Candidate for School Board.

1. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented a bid-opening committee report for fiscal agent of the Board for the period November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2012.

Report of the Bid-Opening Committee
Fiscal Agent of the Board

A committee met on Tuesday, August 31, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of opening fiscal agent bids for the two-year period November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2012.

Members serving on the committee were: Dr. Jim Guillory, Board President; Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Finance Committee Chairman; Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Susan Welch, Supervisor of Secondary Education; and Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance.

The committee acknowledged receipt of two (2) bids: Capital One and The Cottonport Bank.

The committee recommended to take the bids under advisement.

Red River Bank forwarded a letter advising that they will not submit a bid for fiscal agent at this time.

Upon motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Van Kojis, the Finance Committee recommended to accept the bid-opening report on fiscal agent of the Board. MOTION CARRIED.

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2. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented an evaluation committee report on fiscal agent of the Board for the period November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2012.

Report of the Evaluation Committee
Fiscal Agent of the Board

The fiscal agent bid-opening committee met on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing bank officials who submitted a bid for fiscal agent services, with the following present: Dr. Jim Guillory, President; Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Finance Committee Chairman; Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Mary Bonnette, Finance Director; and Susan Welch, Supervisor of Secondary Education.

Banks in attendance were Capital One Bank and The Cottonport Bank.

A list of questions were discussed regarding bank contacts, ACH services, security pledging, the transition process, as well as interest paid on deposits.

After careful review and consideration, the committee recommended to award the fiscal agent contract for the two-year period November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2012 to The Cottonport Bank for the following reasons:

- ▶ Interest rate on Deposits: The Cottonport Bank - bid reflected a minimum of 1.13%. Capital One Bank: Bid current rate of .70% with a minimum of .50%.
- ▶ Service: Both banks appear to have adequate experienced personnel to manage the accounts.
- ▶ Charges: The Cottonport Bank - bid reflected no charge for services.
Capital One: Has various charges for services.
- ▶ Collateral Pledging: Both banks will comply with pledging requirements.

After careful review, the evaluation committee recommended to award the fiscal agent for a two year period to The Cottonport Bank.

Upon motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Ricky Juneau, the Finance Committee recommended to award the bid to The Cottonport Bank to serve as fiscal agent of the Board for the period beginning November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2012. MOTION CARRIED.

The committee thanked both banks for submitting proposals.

3. Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Ricky Juneau, the Finance Committee recommended to approve requests for overnight travel as presented by Superintendent Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine reviewed the September 9, 2010 Needs Assessment Committee meeting minutes with the committee explaining that prior to the meeting Finance Director Mary Bonnette shared the available funds for fiscal year 2010-2011 indicating a balance available of \$212,360. Mr. Lemoine stated that many district funded projects have been encumbered along with QSCB projects leaving little funds available for spending. He reminded the committee that several months ago the Board voted to leave a balance of \$600,000 which is included in the budget. He recommended that the items requested per the recent Needs Assessment Committee meeting be tabled until funds are made available.

Avoyelles Parish School Board Proposed Budget
Special Sales Tax Fund
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011

Beginning Balance 7/1/2010	1,954,533
Projected Revenues 2010-2011	
Sales Tax and Interest	1,833,000
Net Revenues and Carryover	3,787,533
Less Stipulated Board Savings	600,000
Less Fixed Cost Expenditures	1,915,833
District Fund Allotment	1,271,700
Less Encumbered District Fund Expenditures	<u>1,059,340</u>
Remaining District Fund Balance	
2010-2011 School Year	<u>212,360</u>

	<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>2nd Semester</u>
District Fund Allotment	635,850	635,850
Expenditures/Encumbrances To Date	<u>635,850</u>	<u>423,490</u>
Fund Balance per Semester	\$0	<u>212,360</u>

Needs Assessment Committee Meeting Number 1

(1) Limestone, \$6000, Plaquemine Elementary School; (2) Cutoff valve, \$1850, Plaquemine Elementary School; (3) Repair driveway, \$6500, Plaquemine Elementary School; (4) Three classroom Pre-K, \$130,000, Plaquemine Elementary School; (5) Replace storage building, \$24,000, Avoyelles High School; (6) Faculty parking, \$5000, Avoyelles High School; (7) Catwalk repair, \$5000, Riverside Elementary School; (8) Handicap ramp cover, \$2500, Riverside Elementary School; (9) Fence repair, \$2500, Riverside Elementary School; (10) Bathroom non-

categorical Pre-K room, \$10,000, Riverside Elementary School; (11) Internet wiring, \$10,000, Marksville High School; (12) Air conditioning - gym, \$75,000, Marksville High School; (13) Handicap ramps, sixth grade, \$6000, Marksville High School; (14) Fence repair - cafeteria, \$5000, Marksville Elementary School; (15) Water fountains, \$13,000, Marksville Elementary School; (16) Repair exterior doors, \$8000, Marksville Elementary School; and (17) Kitchen equipment, \$15,000, Lafargue Elementary School. Sub Total: \$325,350.00. Approved by Board on July 20, 2010.

Needs Assessment Committee Meeting Number 2
District Purchase Orders

The Needs Assessment Committee met on August 10, 2010.

The committee reviewed the following:

- Air Conditioning Gymnasium at Cottonport Elementary School in the amount of \$75,000
- Mower Repair at Marksville High School in the amount of \$3200.
- Dual Enrollment Course Tuition (Louisiana Technical College, \$22,500 (all schools)
- Detel: \$12,567.92 (\$2500 over budget)
- Detel: \$15,112.34

The following items were previously approved by the Federal Judge:

- (1) Upgrade gymnasium dressing room with underfunded QSCB funds - \$75,000 - Marksville High School
- (2) Upgrade interior of old home economics cottage with underfunded QSCB funds - \$50,000 - Marksville High School
- (3) Catwalk and fencing to accommodate expansion of County Agent building - \$27,000 - Marksville High School
- (4) Pre-K classroom addition for underfunded QSCB dollars - \$100,000 (Lafargue Elementary School may be eliminated.

Other items previously approved by Federal Judge: \$252,000.00
Grand Total: \$1,059,340.00

Needs Assessment Committee Meeting Number 3

The Avoyelles Parish School Board Assessment Committee met on Friday, September 9, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Craig W. Foster, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; and Steve Marcotte, Supervisor of Maintenance.

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Mrs. Mary Bonnette presented the District Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The committee reviewed items requested by schools. The committee agreed to table items until funding is available.

Items requested by schools were as follows:

Bunkie Elementary School: sign from Capital Signs and Awning, LLC in the amount of \$4,988.00. Comments: two more quotes needed. Item was tabled.

Avoyelles High School: lockers from Schoollockers.com in the amount of \$9,023.45. Comments: maintenance department will look into district wide; need two more quotes. Item was tabled.

Avoyelles High School: Wellness Center. Comments: Table for more information, such as cost estimate.

Marksville High School: sign from Rainey Electronics in the amount of \$4,000. Comments: No funds available. Item was not approved.

The Needs Assessment Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Dr. Jim Guillory expressed to the committee his frustrations regarding the delay of project approval.

The Superintendent requested that Mrs. Bonnette prepare a report listing district spending at each school for the past two years.

Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Ricky Juneau, the Finance Committee recommended to approve the Needs Assessment Committee Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented the results of the State survey indicating a comparison of average of teachers' salaries for 2009-2010.

6. Mr. Bret Clesi and Mr. Patrick Burns of Clesi Burns, HR Management Consulting, addressed the Finance Committee regarding self-funded health insurance. Mr. Clesi and Mr. Burns reviewed the pros and cons of self-funded plans and informed the Board of several steps necessary to become self funded. They also informed the committee that an analysis of premiums versus actual cost would be necessary, which could take approximately two months.

Mr. Burns recommended to approach a carrier with an employee census and then compare the current year premium.

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They explained that most employees who participate in self-insured plans will purchase an excess policy for claims greater than \$125,000. They also stated that self-funded plans tend to be less costly since most insurances will have a 4% - 5% profit margin plus their administrator's fee. In contrast, with self-funded health plans, there are no fees.

Mrs. Bonnette recommended that the firm submit a written quote and that the Finance Committee review all quotes submitted.

Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., the Finance Committee recommended that Mrs. Mary Bonnette compare all quotes and discuss quotes at the next Finance Committee meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, addressed the Finance Committee, regarding health insurance for terminated employees (active date versus end of year).

Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Ricky Juneau, the Finance Committee recommended to continue existing practice. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman
Finance Committee

With reference to the Needs Assessment Committee reports, Board Member Freeman Ford stated that in the future, there should be clarification on items that did not reach the level of the Board Member Screening Committee.

Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine stated that in the future, he will submit the reports at the level reached per item.. Also, Mr. Lemoine stated that he will add a statement qualifying that Screening Committee Number 3 did not pass the Superintendent's review committee.

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Van Kojis, the Board adopted the Finance Committee Report along with the changes suggested by the Board members. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Carlos Mayeux, Chairman of the Finance Committee, welcomed the personnel of The Cottonport Bank for submitting a bid proposal and serving as fiscal agent of the Board effective November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2012.

A motion was offered by Freeman Ford, seconded by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., that the Superintendent confer with District Attorney Charles Riddle, along with Attorney Lisa Taylor and Mr. Allen Holmes, as per instructions from the Federal Judge to provide information regarding the threshold amount for repairs and renovations at the schools. Also, that this report be presented to the Board at its October 5th meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

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Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine announced that the Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, to discuss an Education for Jobs bill. Mr. Lemoine stated that he received information yesterday that Avoyelles Parish's one time allocation (stimulus dollars) will be approximately 1.3 million dollars and that this Education for Jobs bill money must be utilized in the schools for employee compensation in some manner. Mr. Lemoine encouraged all Board members to attend this meeting. He also stated that the money can be encumbered into next school year. Also, he noted that this money will only be allocated to the district one time.

President Jim Guillory stated that he would like for the Superintendent to provide him with a legal document on the Education for Jobs bill.

Mr. A.J. Roy, President of The Cottonport Bank, expressed his thanks to the Board for allowing his bank to serve as fiscal agent. Mr. Roy said that he will work hard for the Board and looked forward to working with the members, Superintendent, and Finance Director Mary Bonnette.

4. Mr. Ricky Juneau, Chairman of the Building and Lands Committee, presented the following report:

Building and Lands Committee Report
September 14, 2010

The Building and Lands Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Ricky Juneau, Chairman; Robert Dunbar, Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Lynn Deloach, Dr. Jim Guillory, President; and Craig W. Foster, Assistant Superintendent. Also present were Lizzie Ned and Van Kojis, Board Members; Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor; and Michael Lacombe.

1. The Building and Lands Committee discussed a proposal from Albert L. Hayward, Sr. with Community Development Corporation regarding use of Bunkie Middle School.

Upon motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Robert Dunbar, the Building and Lands Committee recommended that Attorney James Lee review the proposal submitted by Albert Hayward, Sr. with Community Development Corporation and advise the Building and Lands Committee in a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Mrs. Lizzie Ned, Board Member, addressed the Building and Lands Committee regarding flooring for the Bunkie Elementary School Gymnasium.

The matter was referred to the Needs Assessment Procedure Committee.

3. Mr. Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the Building and Lands Committee regarding the procedure to lease the Mansura Middle School Gymnasium.

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President Kojis stated that the current policy states that the Superintendent or members of his staff may apply for grants, but once the grant is received then it will be presented to the Board for approval to accept or deny. He stated that the certain criteria must be met when applying for grants.

Board Member Freeman Ford stated that he voiced his objection during the committee meeting. Mr. Ford stated that he is concerned with applying for the grant(s) prior to Board approval.

Superintendent Lemoine stated that grants are placed on the Executive Committee agenda for discussion. Mr. Lemoine further stated that grants are a tremendous asset to this school district and that he and his staff will continue to aggressively secure grants. He further stated that he has no problem with reporting grants to the Board, but he is cautious that the Board would review the policy and make sure the members understand the parameters of what the Board is asking in order that there is no deviation from the requests. Mr. Lemoine further stated that these grants will be brought back before the Board. He stated that as a reminder that when these committee reports are presented, Board members have the ability at a full Board meeting to question these reports, not to approve of certain items, and request further information.

Board Member Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. stated that at the committee meetings, members are advised of these matters. Mr. Mayeux further stated that that the current policy seems to be working.

11. Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

Finance Committee Report
March 29, 2011

The Finance Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman; Cindy Hill, Michael Lacombe, and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. Mrs. Shelia Blackman-Dupas and President Van Kojis were absent. Also present were Darrell Wiley, James Gauthier, and Rev. Mary Hayward-Jones, Board Members; Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; and administrators.

1. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine reviewed budget concerns with the committee which are (1) third year of no growth in the Minimum Foundation Program, (2) increased retirement and health contributions, (3) loss of ARRA, (4) loss of EduJobs funding, (5) unfunded mandates, and (6) changes to student enrollment reporting. Superintendent Lemoine also reviewed the estimated revenues of \$37,389,677 and an estimated shortage of approximately \$1.4 million.

Superintendent Lemoine illustrated a method of allocating funds directly to schools which is a type of school-based budgeting. He expressed to the committee that he and the staff will review ideas to lessen the shortage to the schools and committed to update the

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committee as information becomes available.

2. Upon motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Cindy Hill, the Finance Committee recommended to approve requests for overnight travel as presented by Superintendent Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine addressed the Finance Committee regarding funding for Student of the Month.

After discussing costs of monthly student rewards, it was recommended that the Superintendent review possible funding with federal funds.

4. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, on behalf of Mrs. Irma Andress, Supervisor of Federal Programs, discussed the E-Rate proposal for the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. Bonnette informed the committee that this budget, which has been previously approved, totals \$573,878 with a district cost of 15%.

5. Mrs. Sharon Hargis, Food Service Supervisor, requested permission to extend bids for summer feeding until June 30, 2011.

Upon motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Cindy Hill, the Finance Committee recommended to extend bids for summer feeding until June 30, 2011. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Mrs. Sharon Hargis, Food Service Supervisor, acknowledged a mandate from the USDA which requires all School Boards to increase school lunch prices. A maximum increase of 10 cents per year is recommended by USDA for 2012. The committee agreed to review the School Food Service budget with the central office staff and have a recommendation for the April 5th Board meeting.

7. Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Vice-President, addressed the Finance Committee regarding the payment fee for the demographer for the reapportionment plan.

Upon motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Cindy Hill, the Finance Committee recommended to discuss this matter at the April 5, 2011 School Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented a Needs Assessment Committee Report for the committee's review. Mrs. Bonnette reviewed district spending requests with the committee illustrating a total of \$182,407.

Upon motion by Cindy Hill, seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Finance Committee recommended to accept the Needs Assessment Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

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9. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented food service budget revisions for 2011-2012.

The committee commended the food service staff on the success of the program.

Upon motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Cindy Hill, the Finance Committee recommended to approve the food service budget revisions for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine presented a report on Student Data Software proposals.

Mr. Lemoine stated that as previously reported, proposals were accepted for student data software. A committee composed of the Superintendent, Mike Tanner, and Mary Bonnette reviewed proposals, contacted references of all three vendors and after careful consideration, recommended purchasing JPAMS student software with EdGEAR at an approximate cost of \$139,000.

Upon motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Cindy Hill, the Finance Committee recommended to purchase JPAMS Software from EdGear in the amount of \$139,000 to be funded from the General Fund. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented a report on QSCB Projects. Mrs. Bonnette reviewed the total projects approved versus funding sources indicating a shortage of approximately \$377,333.

Upon motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Cindy Hill, the Finance Committee recommended to fund excess QSCB projects with contingency funds. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Mr. Michael Lacombe, Member of the Finance Committee, addressed the committee regarding employees' pay raises.

After discussion, the committee felt the need to do more research on this item and refer the matter to the next Finance Committee meeting.

The Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman
Finance Committee

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Board adopted the Finance Committee Report as presented, excluding Items 1, 3, 6, and 7, for further discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

Needs Assessment Committee
Meeting 4
Room -C
1:30 P.M.

The Avoyelles Parish School Board Assessment Committee met on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent
Craig W. Foster, Assistant Superintendent
Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance
Steve Marcotte, Supervisor of Maintenance
Tanya Smith, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent

The committee reviewed the following requests:

- 24) Bunkie Elementary School: \$4,988
Sign in front of school.
Committee approved this item
- 25) Avoyelles High School: \$9,023
Lockers – Tabled – additional quote has been submitted.
- 26) Avoyelles High School:
Wellness Center – Tabled – additional quote has been submitted.
- 27) Marksville High School: \$4,000
Sign – N/A \$4,000
Committee previously approved this item
- 28) Bunkie Elementary School: \$12,300
Intercom bell system.
Committee approved this item (not to exceed \$12,300)
- 29) Bunkie Elementary School:
Fence extension – Tabled – need additional information.
- 30) Bunkie Elementary School:
Gym floor- Tabled – need additional information (rationale).
- 31) Bunkie Elementary School: \$3,000
Outdoor slabs for basketball courts.
Committee approved this item (not to exceed \$3,000)

- 32) Bunkie Elementary School: \$15,000
Storage building.
Committee approved this item (but not to exceed \$15,000)
- 33) Marksville High School: \$10,000
Bleacher repair.
Committee approved this item (\$10,000 per school) High School, first two per year
- 34) Cottonport Elementary: \$11,495
Vertical blinds – Tabled for clarification.
- 35) Cottonport Elementary: \$5,659
Student desks
Committee approved this item (not to exceed – pending two or more quotes).
- 36) Cottonport Elementary: \$100,000
Tabled
- 37) Marksville Elementary: \$19,000
New roof main and primary wings
Committee approved this item
- 38) Marksville Elementary: \$8,145
Wiring – Tabled for funding source (e-rate)
- 39) Marksville Elementary: \$2,960
Risers
Committee approved this item
- 40) Lafargue Elementary: \$10,000
Bleacher repair (denied due to lack of need)
New floors in halls (denied due to lack of need)
Resurface parking lot (denied for further information)
- 41) Lafargue Elementary:
Hallway floors (denied to lack of need)
- 42) Plaucheville Elementary:
Gym window repair – Tabled – need more information and additional funding

- 43) Plaucheville Elementary: \$3,209
Fire alarm system in autism portable building – Tabled
- 44) Plaucheville Elementary: \$2,000
Intercom in portable / gymnasium
Committee approved this item (approved up to \$2,000)
- 45) Plaucheville Elementary:
Electrical plugs in library. N/A
- 46) Plaucheville Elementary:
New air conditioner / heater in library. N/A
- 47) Plaucheville Elementary:
Air conditioner / heater in gymnasium – Tabled
- 48) Plaucheville Elementary:
Hallway in cafeteria / autism - Tabled
- 49) Riverside Elementary: \$10,000
Pavillion
Committee approved this item (not to exceed \$10,000)
- 50) Avoyelles High School: \$200,000
Weight room
Committee approved this item (need additional information, court approval, funding source).
- 51) Avoyelles High School: \$9,000
Lockers
Committee approved this item (not to exceed \$9,000)
- 52) Avoyelles High School: \$125,000
Bleacher repair
Committee approved this item (additional fund source – contingency fund)
- 53) Avoyelles High School:
Track – Tabled – additional funding
- 54) Avoyelles High School: \$10,000
Gymnasium bleachers

- 55) Bunkie High School: \$85,000
Security cameras (obtain additional quotes and send to all high schools).
- 56) Avoyelles High, Bunkie High and Marksville High: \$20,000
Pressbox improvements.
Committee approved this item
- 57) Marksville High School: \$5,500
Remodeling windows in front office
Committee approved this item
- 58) Marksville High School:
Paint home ec building – Tabled
- 59) Marksville High School: \$250,000
Upgrade sound system, lighting, curtains and waterproof auditorium
(need additional information, court approval and funding source)
- 60) Marksville High School: \$8,000
Catwalk, sidewalk from gym to cafeteria.
Committee approved this item
- 61) Marksville High School:
Additional security cameras – Tabled for district needs.
- 62) Marksville High School: \$137,407
Additional exterior lighting on campus – Tabled for district needs.

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with Board policy and procedures.

Upon motion by Darrell Wiley, seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Board agreed to adjourn for approximately five minutes for a recess. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board reconvened in open public session and continued the discussion regarding disciplinary issues.

Board Member Shelia Dupas left at this point in the meeting due to an early morning appointment.

10. Mr. Wilfred Ducote, Sales Tax Collector, stated that sales tax collections for the month of August 2011 totaled \$479,455.86. Mr. Ducote said that of this amount the 1% sales tax generated \$319,637.24 and the ½% sales tax generated \$159,818.62.

Also, Mr. Ducote stated that sales tax collections for the month of September 2011 totaled \$500,993.15. He said that of this amount the 1% sales tax generated \$333,995.43 and the ½% sales tax generated \$166,997.72.

11. Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

Finance Committee Report
September 13, 2011

The Finance Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman; Michael Lacombe, Van Kojis, President; and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. Ms. Cynthia "Cindy" Hill and Shelia Blackman-Dupas were absent. Also present were Darrell Wiley, Board Member; and Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance.

1. Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Finance Committee recommended to approve requests for overnight travel as presented by Superintendent Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented the Needs Assessment Ad Hoc Committee Report for the committee's consideration. The committee met on Thursday, September 8, 2011.

✓ Upon motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Van Kojis, the Finance Committee recommended to approve the Needs Assessment Ad Hoc Committee Report as presented in order to further desegregate efforts to have equity amongst schools for better educational opportunities for students. MOTION CARRIED.

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3. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, addressed the Finance Committee regarding requesting authority to settle a workers' compensation lawsuit.

Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Finance Committee recommended to place this item on the next Board agenda in order for the Board to go into Executive Session.

The Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman
Finance Committee

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Board adopted Items 1 and 3 in the Finance Committee Report. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Cynthia "Cindy" Hill, the Board approved the Needs Assessment Ad Hoc Committee Report. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The following resolution was offered by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. and seconded by Michael Lacombe:

Resolution

A resolution approving an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement between the Parish School Board of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana and DeLage Landon Public Finance, LLC, in a principal amount not to exceed \$774,060 for the acquisition of school buses, authorizing the execution of said Agreement, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana (the "Lessee"), is acquiring ten (10) Blue Bird School Buses which are urgently needed to provide adequate transportation for the students of the Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in order to pay the cost of the Project, the issuer intends to enter into an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement with DeLage Landon Public Finance, LLC (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Lessee wishes to enter into the Agreement to provide funding for the acquisition of the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is the further desire of the Issuer to authorize the execution of the Agreement;

Needs Assessment Committee

Meeting # 5

2011 / 2012 (School Year)

Room – C

9:00 A.M.

The Avoyelles Parish School Board Needs Assessment Committee met on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present:

Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent
Craig W. Foster, Assistant Superintendent
Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance
Steve Marcotte, Supervisor of Maintenance
Tanya Smith, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent

The committee reviewed the following requests:

- 65) District Wide: \$100,000
School Buses
Committee approved this item (budget up to \$50,000 per semester)
- 66) Avoyelles High School: \$4,128
Paint/clean windows (denied) maintenance will repair/paint.
- 67) Avoyelles High School: \$11,460
Install/paint wrought iron fence – Tabled – look for alternative means.
- 68) Avoyelles High School: \$9,345
Pole lights (denied) look for alternative lighting.
- 52) Avoyelles High School: \$50,000
Bleacher purchase for football field
Committee approved this item (purchase in phases)
- 50) Avoyelles High School: \$60,000
Weight room
Committee approved this item (not to exceed \$60,000)
- 69) Marksville High School: \$15,000
Asbestos abatement/replacement catwalk
Committee approved this item
- 70) Marksville High School: \$15,000
Central A/C heat in Home Ec Cottage
Committee approved this item

- 71) Marksville High School: \$5,000
Paint/repair interior Home Ec
Committee approved this item
- 72) Marksville High School: \$2,000
Upgrade restroom in Home Ec
Committee approved this item
- 73) Marksville High School: \$5,000
Additional security cameras – (denied) taken under advisement additional
research necessary for all schools
- 74) Marksville High School: \$155,000
Upgrade/replace sound system, lighting, curtains in auditorium
(denied) need three (3) quotes
- 75) Bunkie Elementary School: \$2,722
Phones for classrooms
Committee approved this item
- 76) Bunkie Elementary School: \$1,000
Repair hurricane fence
Committee approved this item
- 77) Bunkie Elementary School: \$7,170
Student desks
(denied) refer to P.O. #64
- 78) Cottonport Elementary School: \$7,700
Student desks
(denied) refer to P.O. #64
- 64) All schools: \$20,000
Student desks (district will purchase up to 200 desks per year)
Committee approved this item
- 79) Cottonport Elementary School: \$11,495
Window blinds
(denied)
- 80) Marksville Elementary School: \$4,500
Landscaping
Committee approved this item – need three (3) quotes

81) Plaucheville Elementary School: \$27,992

Additional costs for additions to the new three (3) classroom building.

Committee approved this item – will provide environment comparable with other Pre-K classrooms within the parish

21) District: \$21,669

Dual enrollment tuition

Committee approved this item – district to pay ½ tuition upon completion

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Mr. Freeman Ford questioned Ms. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, whether the payroll will be set up by January 1, 2012. She clarified that the sales taxes will be collected beginning January 1, 2012, and the School Board won't see the revenue until February 20, therefore, the Board will have to decide when the money will be used within the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

14. Mr. Wilfred Ducote, Sales Tax Collector, was unable to attend the meeting, but the sales tax collection was available for all Board members to review. Sales tax collections for the month of October 2011 totaled \$581,164.83. Of this amount, the 1% sales tax generated \$387,443.22 and the 1/2% sales tax generated \$193,721.61. The increased amount was allegedly attributed to holiday sales and possibly oil and gas.

15. Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

Finance Committee Report
November 8, 2011

The Finance Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman; Michael Lacombe, Shelia Blackman-Dupas, Cynthia "Cindy" Hill, and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. President Van Kojis was absent. Also present were James Gauthier, Board Member; and Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance.

1. Upon motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Cindy Hill, the Finance Committee recommended to approve requests for overnight travel as presented by Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Upon motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Shelia Blackman-Dupas, the Finance Committee recommended to advertise for proposals for an insurance consultant for policy periods beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented a budget update for 2011-2012 fiscal year and a report on the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Mrs. Bonnette reviewed the 2010-2011 results of operation which consisted of total revenues of \$34,814,354, total expenditures of \$34,213,509 with a surplus of \$600,845 and an ending fund balance of \$4,147,036.

She also presented a proposed budget revision for 2011-2012 consisting of total revenues of \$35,901,805, total expenditures of \$36,543,943, with an estimated deficit of \$642,138 resulting in an estimated ending fund balance of \$3,504,898.

An explanation of the deficit provided was the recent 5% health insurance increase along with increased fuel prices.

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Upon motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Shelia Blackman-Dupas, the Finance Committee recommended to approve the budget update for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the budget revision for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Mr. Craig Foster, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Needs Assessment Committee Report, as follows:

Board Member Screening Committee Report

The Avoyelles Parish School Board Screening Committee met on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Craig W. Foster, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Bonnette, Finance Director; Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor; Van Kojis, Board President; Freeman Ford, Board Member; and Michael P. Lacombe, Board Member.

Mr. Dwayne Lemoine reviewed the proposed Capital Improvement Plan for the Avoyelles Parish schools for the next five years. Mr. Lemoine advised the committee that future capital improvement projects for the next five years include (1) Avoyelles High School, four classroom addition to the new wing (\$350,000); (2) Riverside Elementary School, Kindergarten restrooms (\$80,000); (3) Marksville Elementary School, interior renovations (\$250,000); (4) Cottonport Elementary School, renovate two-story Kindergarten building (\$350,000); and (5) Marksville High School, update of the auditorium (\$200,000).

In addition, Superintendent Lemoine discussed external factors to ensure success, namely, (a) District Funds (School Board must dedicate \$100,000 annually from district funds to capital project funds; (b) Section Sixteen Leases (School Board must agree to lease all section sixteen lands and commit all revenues generated to capital project funds; (c) Sales Tax Growth Projections (Sales tax collections must continue to grow at a rate of 3% annually; and (d) School Board (School Board must agree to the capital project plan for the next five years). Superintendent Lemoine further discussed revenue sources for the next five years to include: (a) 3% annual increase to ½ cent sales tax (\$310,000 estimated); (b) Section 16 land leases (\$500,000 estimated); and (c) Special Sales Tax Dedicated Funds (\$500,000) - Projected Revenue Sources: \$1,310,000.

Mr. Craig Foster added that the timeline of projects may be subject to change.

Mr. Freeman Ford expressed concern over accepting sixteenth section revenue proposals.

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Upon motion by Freeman Ford, seconded by Van Kojis, the committee recommended to approve the concept of the proposal of the five year Capital Improvement Plan. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Cindy Hill, the Finance Committee recommended to adopt the Board Member Screening Committee report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine advised the Finance Committee of an assessment in the amount of \$51,876.96 to the United States Department of Labor, as a result of a recent audit of immigrant wages.

Superintendent Lemoine stated that Universal Placement was charging teachers these costs associated with their visas for their first year. He explained that it is encumbered upon School Boards to collect from Universal Placement.

6. Mr. Craig Foster, Assistant Superintendent, advised the Finance Committee that he had received a call from Senator Mary Landrieu regarding scheduling a visit to Avoyelles High School on Monday, November 13, 2011, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Mr. Foster invited Board members to attend.

The Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman
Finance Committee

Mr. Freeman Ford questioned the difference between the surplus and the ending fund balance as noted in Item 3 of the Finance Committee Report. Ms. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, stated the surplus is the revenue minus expenditures. The ending fund balance is carried forward, so the surplus of \$600,845 is included in the ending fund balance of \$4,147,036.

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Finance Committee Report was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes: Van Kojis, Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Darrell Wiley, James Gauthier, Shelia Blackman-Dupas, Lizzie Ned, Michael Lacombe, and Cynthia "Cindy" Hill.

Nays: Freeman Ford.

16. Mr. Freeman Ford, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented the following report:

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follows: Norris Insurance Consultants offered a one-year or three-year contract for \$12,996 per year (the same price as the past three years). Risk Consulting and Expert Services offered a one-year contract for \$18,746 or a three-year contract for \$16,250 per year.

The Committee agreed to review the proposals on January 18, 2012.

Upon motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Finance Committee recommended to approve the bid-opening committee report regarding proposals for an insurance consultant. MOTION CARRIED.

Ad Hoc Committee Report
January 18, 2012

A committee met on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing proposals for an insurance consultant for the policy period beginning July 1, 2012. Members of the committee were as follows: James Gauthier, Board President; Michael Lacombe, Board Vice-President; Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee; Van Kojis, Member of the Finance Committee; Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Jaimie Lacombe, Chief Accountant; and Mary Bonnette, Finance Director.

The committee reviewed four areas of each proposal on a scale based on price, qualifications, references and bid method. The scores were totaled and it was agreed that Norris Insurance Consultants had the highest score.

The committee agreed to review this with the Finance Committee for an evaluation at the next meeting.

Upon motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Shelia Blackman-Dupas, the Finance Committee recommended to approve this item and to contract with Norris Insurance Consultants for a three-year period as stated in their proposal. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman
Finance Committee

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Van Kojis, the Board adopted the Finance Committee Report of January 24, 2012 as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance Committee Report
January 31, 2012

The Finance Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

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Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman; Shelia Blackman-Dupas; Van Kojis; Michael Lacombe; James Gauthier, President; and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. Also present were Freeman Ford, Lizzie Ned, and Cindy Hill, Board Members; Craig Foster, Assistant Superintendent; and Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance.

1. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine reviewed a seven-year plan, as instructed by Federal Judge Dee Drell, with committee members, explaining that revenues of \$1.82 million are available for use with the original five-year plan. He gave Board members a deadline of February 10, 2012, to prioritize a list of each school's needs to be brought before the Needs Assessment Committee.

2. Mr. Craig Foster, Assistant Superintendent, presented a Needs Assessment Committee Report of January 31, 2012, for the committee's approval.

Board Member Screening Committee Report

The Avoyelles Parish School Board Member Screening Committee met on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Craig W. Foster, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Bonnette, Finance Director; Steve Marcotte, Supervisor of Maintenance; Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Board Member; Lizzie Ned, Board Member; and Darrell Wiley, Board Member.

Mr. Craig W. Foster reviewed justification for these items.

A motion was offered by Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Darrell Wiley to approve item number ninety-four (94) up to \$3,864. Ms. Lizzie Ned abstained.

A motion was offered by Mr. Darrell Wiley and seconded by Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. to approve items number eighty-three (83) through eighty-eight (88). Ms. Lizzie Ned abstained.

A motion was offered by Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Darrell Wiley to approve items number ninety (90), ninety-one (91) and ninety-three (93). Ms. Lizzie Ned abstained.

Item number ninety-two (92) was removed for clarification.

A motion was offered by Mr. Darrell Wiley and seconded by Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. to approve item number ninety-six (96). Ms. Lizzie Ned abstained.

A motion was offered by Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Darrell Wiley to approve items number ninety-seven (97) and ninety-eight (98). Ms. Lizzie Ned abstained.

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A motion was offered by Mr. Darrell Wiley and seconded by Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. to approve items ninety-nine (99) and one hundred (100). Ms. Lizzie Ned abstained.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Van Kojis questioned Mrs. Lizzie Ned as to the reason for her abstention on all items.

Mrs. Ned stated that she had previously requested other items that she felt were higher in priority to the items currently being requested.

Mr. Michael Lacombe stated that there are several items that are safety issues at the schools that need to be addressed.

Mrs. Shelia Blackman-Dupas stated that Board members should be able to work together. She said that she supported Mrs. Ned's position.

Mr. Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor, stated that the ceiling at Bunkie High School Library is a potential liability to the Board. Mrs. Dupas said that the AVAP driveway is in need of repair. Mr. Marcotte stated that this concern is being addressed.

Upon motion Shelia Blackman-Dupas, seconded by Van Kojis, the Finance Committee recommended to adopt the Needs Assessment Report of January 31, 2012.
MOTION CARRIED.

3. Mrs. Shelia Blackman-Dupas, Committee Member, addressed the Finance Committee regarding transportation costs of students assigned to AVAP.

Estimated annual cost of \$100,500 to provide such transportation to AVAP was reviewed with the committee.

Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine requested a funding source for this item.

Mrs. Shelia Dupas suggested that the Board reallocate existing school budgeted funds. She felt that this was a necessary expenditure. Mr. Lemoine stated that he understood that Mrs. Dupas suggested that we reallocate existing school-based budgeted funds, but he is concerned about the projected general fund budget.

Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. suggested to look at the next budget update in order to determine whether funds are available.

Board Member Shelia Blackman-Dupas offered a motion to provide transportation to all AVAP students for the remainder of the school year at a cost of approximately \$40,000.

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The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Freeman Ford stated that he would like to look at this item on the 2012-2013 budget.

4. Upon motion by Shelia Blackman-Dupas, seconded by Van Kojis, the Finance Committee recommended to approve requests for overnight travel. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman
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Board Member Lizzie Ned stated that, in reference to the Needs Committee Assessment Report, she thought her abstention from voting counted as "No" votes. However, Mr. Charles Riddle, Attorney for the Board, clarified that an abstention vote does not count at all—it is neither "Yes" nor "No". Therefore, the votes are considered unanimous in said report. Discussion ensued that the wording of the Board's policy regarding abstention votes and unanimous votes needs to be changed for clarity in the future.

Board Member Shelia Blackman-Dupas also made comments regarding transportation issues of AVAP students, and she requested that these comments be made part of the record as follows: "This Board chooses not to transport regular education students who are sent to AVAP, and this practice has resulted in the removal of that particular population of students from this system. They are not being educated. Presently, more than 50% of students currently assigned have technically failed due to excessive absences. We use as our motto 'No Child Left Behind' but in effect that is exactly what we are practicing, 'leaving students behind.' Ninety-nine percent of the affected students are minorities, several of whom were assigned to AVAP last year. At the Finance Committee, Mrs. Mary Bonnette presented an estimated cost of \$40,000-60,000 to transport these students for the remainder of the school year. I made a motion to transport them, but the motion failed due to a lack of a second, primarily because of funding. Having the MFP funds allocated for these students to follow them, which was my suggestion, would create a hardship for the schools that these students came from. What are we really doing as a Board? Is there ever any intention of educating them, or was the intent to use them for funding to educate the vast majority of the school system?" She continued in saying that 26 out of 51 students assigned to AVAP who are either sitting at home or who are attending only two to three days a week, and she questioned whether those students are being reported on the rolls for MFP purposes.

A motion was offered by Board Member Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Van Kojis, that the Board adopt the Finance Committee Report of January 31, 2012, as presented.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

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Ayes: Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Van Kojis, James Gauthier, Michael Lacombe, Darrell Wiley, and Cindy Hill.

Nays: Shelia Blackman-Dupas, Freeman Ford, and Lizzie Ned.

16. Mr. Darrell Wiley, Chairman of the Education Committee, presented the following report:

Education Committee Report
January 24, 2012

The Education Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Darrell Wiley, Chairman; Shelia Blackman-Dupas; Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr.; Michael Lacombe; James Gauthier, President; and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. Also present were Van Kojis and Cindy Hill, Board Members; Randy Littleton, Supervisor of Elementary Education; Luke Welch, SIS Coordinator; and Judd Dupuy, Teacher.

1. Mr. Judd Dupuy, Teacher, presented a report on the district's Virtual School Program. The committee received a progress update of the district's Virtual School Program from Mr. Dupuy. The committee recommended that a report be provided each semester.

The Education Committee accepted the report as presented by Mr. Dupuy.

2. Mr. Randy Littleton, Supervisor of Secondary Education, reported on a SCRL Grant Application. Mr. Littleton provided an update on the progress of the SCRL Grant for approximately \$1.6 million in the Avoyelles High School feeder pattern.

3. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine addressed the committee regarding a report on a Temporary Assistance Plan for Marksville High School. The Education Committee did not take any action.

4. Mr. Luke Welch, SIS Coordinator, presented an update on the Student Progress Center. Mr. Welch presented a report by school on the usage of the Student Progress Center by parents. The Education Committee accepted the report.

5. Mrs. Shelia Dupas, Member of the Education Committee, discussed transportation of expelled students to AVAP.

Upon motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Shelia Blackman-Dupas, the Education Committee recommended to study the cost of providing transportation to expelled students and refer this matter to the Finance Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Mrs. Shelia Dupas addressed the Education Committee regarding information for enrichment dual enrollment program and LA Gear UP at the high school level. Mrs. Dupas discussed communication problems in schools with student information pertinent to dual enrollment and LA Gear Up.

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Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine informed the committee that BESE recently voted on the 2012-2013 MFP which will contain no growth funding for the fourth year as well as unfunded mandates, resulting in an estimated \$2,000,000 decrease in funding. He also explained that he and the staff will continue to recommend methods to reduce expenditures.

Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Finance Committee recommended to approve the 2011-2012 General Fund revised budget. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, addressed the committee regarding an insurance update.

Mr. John Norris and Ms. Carmel Breaux of Norris Insurance Consultants reviewed a proposed calendar of events which will take place to obtain insurance coverage for 2012-2013. Their recommendation is to bid the general liability, auto, errors and omissions, nurses and student accident coverage. They recommended to attempt to negotiate rates for next year with the current carrier.

Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Shelia Blackman-Dupas, the Finance Committee recommended to advertise for bids for general liability, auto, errors and omissions, nurses and student accident coverage as recommended by Norris Insurance Consultant. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Assistant Superintendent Craig Foster presented a Needs Assessment Committee Report, as follows:

Board Member Screening Committee Report
February 28, 2012

The Avoyelles Parish School Board Screening Committee met Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Darrell Wiley, and Lizzie Ned, Board Members; Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Craig Foster, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; and Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor.

Mr. Dwayne Lemoine reviewed justification for these items. A motion was made by Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Darrell Wiley to accept the Seven-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Minority School</u>	<u>Board Points</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Implementation Year</u>
1 - Riverside Elementary School Restroom facility in	Yes	72	-\$80,000	1

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Kindergarten building

7 - Bunkie Elementary School Gym Upgrade (Coaches Office/ Equipment Room Addition, Wood Floors, Permanent Stage, and Moveable Seating)	Yes	25	-\$229,000	1
11 - Bunkie High School Construct 4 classrooms to remove 4 portables (Brewer Plan)	Yes	66	-\$350,000	2
3 - Avoyelles High School Construct 4 classrooms to remove 4 portables	No	66	-\$350,000	2
4 - Cottonport Elementary School Upgrade Kindergarten building	Yes	57	-\$350,000	4
2 - Marksville Elementary School Upgrade of main building	Yes	58	-\$250,000	5
5 - Marksville High School Auditorium upgrade Construct	No	58	-\$200,000	6

Spending recommendations: -\$1,768,000.00; Budgeted amount: \$1,820,000.00; Balance: \$52,000.00

The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. and Darrell Wiley.

Nays: Lizzie Ned.

Ms. Lizzie Ned expressed concern that she needed to review the plans with her constituents.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Shelia Blackman-Dupas, the Finance Committee recommended to accept the report. MOTION CARRIED.

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The Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman
Finance Committee

Board Member Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. reviewed with the Board the presentation by Mr. Craig Foster concerning the Needs Assessment Committee Report. He advised the Board that the vote indicated the motion failed due to Board Member Lizzie Ned not in favor of the motion because of her concern of not having more time to review the plans with her constituents. Mr. Mayeux further added that he was greatly disappointed as a member of the Needs Assessment Committee that the report was not approved, especially considering the amount of time and planning devoted to this report.

Board Member Lizzie Ned stated that her reason for not voting in favor of the Needs Assessment Committee Report was because she received the blueprint on the day of the meeting. Mrs. Ned stated that she represents the community and that she was of the opinion that it is fair to receive input from the citizens prior to making a decision.

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Van Kojis, the Board adopted the Finance Committee Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Darrell Wiley, the Board adopted a resolution in support of the Louisiana School Boards Associations' proposed legislative action in support of equity in funding the MFP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. On motion by Freeman Ford, seconded by Cynthia "Cindy" Hill, the Board granted permission to advertise for the positions of Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance, principals, and assistant principals. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. On motion by Freeman Ford, seconded by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., the Board granted permission to advertise for an auditor for fiscal year 2011-2012. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. On motion by Shelia Blackman-Dupas, seconded by Darrell Wiley, the Board granted permission to advertise for bids for (1) milk, milk products, and juice, (2) bread and bakery products, (3) grease trap maintenance, (4) non-hazardous waste disposal service, (5) supplies and equipment, (6) staples, meats, and canned goods, and (7) produce. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine presented personnel changes for the Board's consideration, as follows:

PERSONNEL CHANGES

PLAUCHEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Resignation of Patricia Wells, Title I paraprofessional, effective at the end of the day March 7, 2012.

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Report of the Bid-Opening
Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012

A committee met on April 10, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. consisting of Mrs. Demetria Alexander, Mrs. Thelma Prater, Mr. Wilfred Ducote, and Mrs. Mary Bonnette for the purpose of opening bids for the annual financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

One bid was received from Ducote and Company, LLC for the following:

Audit: \$27,500 - \$28,500

Agreed-upon procedures: \$7,500

Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Finance Committee recommended to award the bid to Ducote and Company, LLC. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented an update report on insurance bids. She informed the committee that the insurance bidding is on schedule and that agents met over the Easter break to select insurance carriers.

The Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman
Finance Committee

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Freeman Ford, the Board accepted the Finance Committee Report as presented by Chairman Mayeux. MOTION CARRIED.

Finance Committee Report
April 24, 2012

The Finance Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 4:15 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman; Shelia Blackman-Dupas, Van Kojis, Michael Lacombe, James Gauthier, President; and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. Also present were Freeman Ford, Darrell Wiley, Lizzie Ned, and Cindy Hill, Board Members; Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; and Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor.

1. Chairman Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. reviewed the Needs Assessment/Screening Committee Report of April 19, 2012, as follows:

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Board Member Screening Committee Report

The Avoyelles Parish School Board Member Screening Committee met on Thursday, April 19, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Craig W. Foster, Assistant Superintendent; Steve Marcotte, Supervisor of Maintenance; James Gauthier, Board Member; Shelia Blackman-Dupas, Board Member; and Cindy Hill, Board Member. Also in attendance were Michael Lacombe, Board Member; Van Kojis, Board Member; and Tanya Smith, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent.

Mrs. Shelia Blackman-Dupas stated that the committee wished to keep what was originally proposed with the addition of bleachers only. Mr. Michael Lacombe expressed concern over the upcoming budget deficit and all Board Members present agreed that none of the Seven-Year Capital Plan would be completed if teachers in the parish had to be cut. It was requested that pricing be obtained to have bleachers installed in the Bunkie Elementary School project.

Upon motion by James Gauthier, seconded by Cindy Hill, the Board Screening Committee agreed to table the Seven-Year Capital Improvement Plan pending more information for the renovation of the Bunkie Elementary School Gymnasium.

Seven-Year Capital Improvement Plan Proposal

(1) Riverside Elementary School restroom facility in Kindergarten building, \$80,000.00; (2) Bunkie Elementary School Gymnasium upgrade (coaches office/equipment room addition, wood floors, permanent stage, and moveable seating), approximately \$230,000; (3) Bunkie High School - construct four classrooms to remove four portables (Brewer Plan), \$350,000.00; (4) Avoyelles High School - construct four classrooms to remove four portables, \$350,000.00; (5) Cottonport Elementary School - upgrade Kindergarten building, \$350,000.00; (6) Marksville Elementary School - upgrade of main building, \$250,000.00; and (7) Marksville High School - auditorium upgrade, \$200,000.00.

Spending recommendations: \$1,768,000.00; Budgeted amount, \$1,820,000.00; and Balance, \$52,000.00.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Ayes: James Gauthier, Shelia Blackman-Dupas, and Cindy Hill. Nays: None.

The Board Member Screening Committee has agreed to meet on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, prior to the Finance Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

No action was taken by the committee.

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Upon motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Finance Committee recommended to accept the Needs Assessment/Screening Committee Report of April 19, 2012. MOTION CARRIED.

Board Member Shelia Blackman-Dupas said she disagreed with the content of the committee report. Mrs. Dupas stated that she did not intend to add bleachers only.

Board Member Lizzie Ned questioned the reason why all Board members were not informed of the Board Member Screening Committee meeting. She felt that since the discussion centered around Bunkie Elementary School, she would have wanted to be aware of the meeting as she represents this school. Mrs. Ned also questioned the presence of five (5) Board members. She asked whether a notice was published in the newspaper.

Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine stated that although the meeting was scheduled for the afternoon, Mr. Foster changed the time that day from the afternoon to the morning. He also said that committee members present at the April 17th Finance Committee meeting and the Building and Lands Committee meeting were made aware of the Board Member Screening Committee meeting on April 24, 2012. Superintendent Lemoine further stated that he inquired with the District Attorney regarding a quorum of members at such meetings, and the District Attorney advised him that there was no problem with five or more members' presence for discussion since this serves as an Ad Hoc Committee, not policy-making. Superintendent Lemoine further stated that all Board members are involved in the Seven-Year Plan and that Block spending is over as a result of the Judge's instructions. He reminded the committee that each Board member represents every child and every school in this district.

Board Member Freeman Ford stated that he felt that proper notice was not given, and that the Board was in violation of the open meetings law.

The Superintendent advised that District Attorney Charles Riddle could be invited to attend a meeting to explain his opinion on this.

Mrs. Dupas asked that Judge Dee Drell be contacted to explain the needs assessment format regarding the whole Board participation.

Board Member Cindy Hill questioned whether minutes were reviewed with the recording. Mrs. Dupas stated that she received a copy of the tape. Mr. Lacombe asked whether this committee meeting notice was published. Mr. Lemoine stated "no," but the paper is notified in advance.

Mr. Ford alluded to a recent meeting of a group of concerned citizens in Bunkie regarding projects at Bunkie Elementary School and that suggestions were made at the meeting to rearrange funding district-wide to accommodate the funding for projects at Bunkie Elementary School.

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Mrs. Dupas said that the proposal was cut off and that no opportunity was given to this group and that Mrs. Ned was not even invited to the meeting.

Mr. Ford reminded the Board that no action was taken.

The Superintendent responded by saying that no other schools were provided opportunities to discuss recommended needs and that on at least two occasions the Board was made aware of the Bunkie Elementary School situation. Mrs. Dupas said that no thought was put into the information sent to them. Mrs. Ned said that the architect did what the committee asked him to do (with pennies), and that the Brewers Plan was completely ignored. She said the committee never received answers regarding proposals to improve the BELA Gymnasium. Mrs. Ned also mentioned that the Bunkie Elementary School gymnasium is not comparable to Plaquemine Elementary School and Lafarge Elementary School gymnasiums, for example.

Board Member Mike Lacombe said that at least \$1million was spent to upgrade the Bunkie Elementary facility and a wonderful job was done, however, it appears that this is not enough.

A heated discussion followed between Mrs. Dupas and Mr. Lacombe. Mrs. Dupas stated that Bunkie Elementary School was neglected for so long, which was answered by Mr. Lacombe that \$1 million was spent recently at this location. Mrs. Dupas expressed her opinion that Mr. Lacombe should not have been included in the April 19th committee meeting, since he appears to persuade members.

Mrs. Ned disagreed with comments made and reminded the committee that the Federal Judge had advised the Board to spend money in Bunkie schools that had been starved in the past.

Mr. James Gauthier commented regarding Board members attending committee meetings. He stated that when he became a Board member he attended all committee meetings in order to be more informed. Mrs. Dupas disagreed and repeated that we need to have Judge Drell explain this to Board members. Mr. Ford again stated his concern over notice given.

Board Member Cindy Hill questioned whether Architect Jim Guillory was given a specific amount of \$52,000 to spend on the Bunkie Elementary School project.

2. The Superintendent asked the committee to allow the April 24th Needs Assessment/Board Screening Committee Report, which occurred earlier that afternoon, as follows:

Board Member Screening Committee Report

The Avoyelles Parish School Board Member Screening Committee met on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Mary Bonnette, Finance Director; Steve Marcotte, Supervisor of Maintenance; James Gauthier, Board Member; Shelia Dupas, Board Member; Cindy Hill, Board Member; Michael Lacombe, Board Member; Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Board Member; and Tanya Smith, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. Steve Marcotte explained that the cost of additional bleachers would involve adding on to the building at a total cost of \$306,860, which increased the cost of the total project to Bunkie Elementary School by \$72,620. The Superintendent stated that the original \$52,000 appropriated to extra costs would not be enough and funding would needed to be located elsewhere.

Board Member Shelia Dupas stated that she had concerns of the minutes of previous meetings. She said that bleachers were in addition to what was already there. Her understanding was that Mrs. Lizzie Ned should have been contacted. Mrs. Shelia Dupas also said that the committee agreed to leave \$52,000 in an open budget since the Board could either accept or reject it and that it was strange that the amount that this comes to is \$52,000. Mr. Steve Marcotte corrected Mrs. Dupas by pointing out that the total cost was \$20,000 for retractable bleachers and \$52,620 for the building addition to accommodate the bleachers, for a total of \$72,620. Mrs. Shelia Dupas stated that Mr. Steve Marcotte should not be at these committee meetings and that he acts like a school board member. Mrs. Dupas felt that we are in an ethics violation due to a quorum being present.

The Superintendent said he reviewed the minutes and listened to the tape and felt that the minutes were correct. The Superintendent stated that Mr. Marcotte's presence is necessary at the meetings for the purpose of reviewing the procedures and clarifying the purpose of the committee. He said that Mrs. Dupas suggested the architect was coached. He also contacted the District Attorney who had no problems with the amount of board members present.

Mrs. Dupas also asked why Mrs. Ned was not contacted to review the plans. Mr. Lemoine responded that he indeed called her to do so. Mrs. Ned made it clear to the Superintendent that if the plans were not as comparable to Lafargue Elementary School or Plaucheville Elementary School, then she was not interested.

Mrs. Cindy Hill said she is not in agreement with the current addition to \$306,000. Mrs. Dupas also stated that her biggest issue was \$52,000.

Upon motion by Cindy Hill, seconded by James Gauthier, the Finance Committee recommended to reject the Seven-Year Capital Improvement Plan as proposed. MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Hill stated that her reason is due to excess expenditures.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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Board Member Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr. noted that he was not present at the Needs Assessment Committee meeting of April 24, 2012.

Mrs. Dupas commented that she said that we need to leave the budget open.

Mrs. Hill stated that there was only four committee members that were present and that no quorum existed.

Mrs. Ned asked to correct the last paragraph regarding the call from the Superintendent to review the proposed plan for improvements at Bunkie Elementary School. Mrs. Ned stated that she wanted to pick up a plan and the Superintendent would not allow her to do so since there was only one set and was available at the School Board Office. Mrs. Ned stated that she was hoping to take the plan to her constituents for review.

Superintendent Lemoine reminded the Board that the minutes simply stated the meeting, rather than the telephone conversation.

Mrs. Dupas added to the minutes in paragraph 4, as follows: "Mrs. Dupas stated, "No, he wasn't coached. He did exactly what was told to him."

Upon motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Finance Committee agreed to accept the committee report with corrections and in addition noted that the committee voted against the proposed Seven-Year plan. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Upon motion by Shelia Blackman-Dupas, seconded by Van Kojis, the Finance Committee recommended to approve requests for overnight travel as presented by Superintendent Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Cindy Hill noted that the funding amount to Ms. Alaina Sampson's request to attend a JAG Conference was omitted and the Superintendent indicated that he would supply this information to the Finance Committee at a later date.

4. Mr. Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the Finance Committee regarding a change order for the new gymnasium/multipurpose building at LaSAS needed an increased amount of \$14,128.00. He explained that the change order involves additional items including shelving which are within the QSCB funded project budget.

Upon motion by Shelia Blackman-Dupas, seconded by Van Kojis, the Finance Committee recommended to approve a change order for the new gymnasium/multipurpose building at LaSAS in the increased amount of \$14,128.00. MOTION CARRIED.

5. In other discussion, Mr. Van Kojis questioned whether we need to present the fact that the Seven-Year Program was rejected. Mr. Lemoine said that this is in order and after the May 1st meeting Judge Dee Drell is to be notified.

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Mr. Ford stated that if something is rejected twice then it starts back over in the process. Mr. Lemoine responded that there is a time limit to submit information to the United State Justice Department. Mr. Ford expressed concern about informing the Judge about the Board's actions. Mr. Ford suggested that the Superintendent provide notification to Judge Drell regarding the Board's actions through District Attorney Charles Riddle.

The Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Carlos A Mayeux, Jr., Chairman
Finance Committee

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Van Kojis, subject to review of the tapes of this meeting by Assistant Superintendent Craig Foster and his corrections, the Board adopted the Finance Committee Report as follows:

Ayes: James Gauthier, Michael Lacombe, Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Van Kojis, Darrell Wiley, and Cindy Hill.

Nays: Freeman Ford, Shelia Blackman-Dupas, and Lizzie Ned.

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Shelia Blackman-Dupas left to attend the Avoyelles High Scholar's Banquet.

12. Mr. Van Kojis, Chairman of the Building and Lands Committee, presented the following report:

Building and Lands Committee Report
April 17, 2012

The Building and Lands Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at 5:10 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following in attendance:

Van Kojis, Chairman; Darrell Wiley, Cindy Hill, James Gauthier, President; and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. Mrs. Lizzie Ned was absent. Also present were Board Members Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Darrell Wiley, and Michael Lacombe, Board Members; Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor; and James Lee, Assistant District Attorney.

1. A discussion to acquire by lease or purchase the Bordelonville School site and buildings ensued as a follow-up to meetings in Bordelonville on March 26, 2012 and April 4, 2012 by concerned citizens of the Bordelonville community. Board Member Carlos Mayeux, District 3, gave an overview of the meetings and pertaining issues. The Steering Committee from Bordelonville represented by James Armand, Michael Bordelon, and Adam Cline presented questions to the committee and Assistant District Attorney James Lee relative to their interest in being able to utilize the school site for educational and recreational activities.

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Avoyelles Parish School Board met in regular session Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

James Gauthier, President; Michael Lacombe, Vice-President; Freeman Ford, Darrell Wiley, Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Shelia Blackman-Dupas, Lizzie Ned, and Van Kojis.

Absent: Cynthia "Cindy" Hill.

An Invocation was offered by Board Member Lizzie Ned.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America led by Vice-President Michael Lacombe.

1. A motion was offered by Darrell Wiley, seconded by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., that the Board adopt the minutes of the special Board meeting held Tuesday, August 28, 2012, as printed and mailed to Board members and published in The Weekly News, official journal of the Board. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: James Gauthier, Michael Lacombe, Darrell Wiley,
Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., and Van Kojis.

Nays: Freeman Ford, Shelia Blackman-Dupas, and Lizzie Ned.
(Mr. Ford, Mrs. Dupas, and Mrs. Ned stated that the reason they voted "nay" was because they were not in favor of Item 4 of the School Board Proceedings of August 28, 2012).

2. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine addressed the Board regarding the Avoyelles Correctional Center "Back to School Program". He introduced Assistant Warden Myrna Cooper and explained that this program donates school backpacks to students.

3. Mr. Wilfred Ducote, Sales Tax Collector, reported that sales tax collections for the month of July, 2012 totaled \$673,425.78. Mr. Ducote stated that of this amount, the 1.5% generated \$577,330.30 and the 0.25% generated \$96,095.48.

4. Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

Finance Committee Report August 21, 2012

The Finance Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman; Van Kojis, Michael Lacombe, James Gauthier, President; and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. Mrs. Shelia Blackman-Dupas was absent.

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Also present were Darrell Wiley, Board Member; Thelma Prater, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; and Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor.

1. Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Finance Committee recommended to approve requests for overnight travel as presented by Superintendent Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, updated the committee regarding the fiscal agent bid. Mrs. Bonnette explained that bids will be opened on August 29, 2012.

3. Mrs. Thelma Prater, Assistant Superintendent, presented a report of the Superintendent's Needs Assessment Committee Report and the Three Board Member Screening Report, as follows:

Superintendent's Needs Assessment Committee Report
July 30, 2012

The Superintendent's Needs Assessment Committee met on Monday, July 30, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the School Board Office, with the following members present:

Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Thelma Prater, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; and Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor.

Mrs. Mary Bonnette reviewed the 2012-2013 Budget with the committee which provides for \$128,638 per semester, as follows:

Balance available for the first semester before encumbrance		\$198,638
Less encumbrances previously approved:		
Bus lease payment (P.O. # 65)	50,000	
Dual enrollment fees (P.O. # 82)	10,000	
Desks - all schools (P.O. # 64)	<u>10,000</u>	
		\$128,638

A motion was offered by Dwayne Lemoine, seconded by Thelma Prater, to approve the 2012-2013 budget as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

The committee reviewed the following purchase orders:

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(1) Purchase Order Number 101

Upon motion by Thelma Prater, seconded by Mary Bonnette, the committee recommended to purchase an audiometer for the school nurses at Riverside Elementary School and Cottonport Elementary School at a cost of \$3,235. MOTION CARRIED.

(2) Purchase Order Number 102

Upon motion by Mary Bonnette, seconded by Dwayne Lemoine, the committee recommended to purchase a portable storage building at Plaucheville Elementary School for Pre-K educational materials and supplies at a cost of \$3,795. MOTION CARRIED.

(3) Purchase Order Number 103

Upon motion by Steve Marcotte, seconded by Mary Bonnette, the committee recommended to purchase a school sign for Avoyelles High School as provided for other schools in the parish at a cost of \$4,750. MOTION CARRIED.

(4) Purchase Order Number 104

Upon motion by Steve Marcotte, seconded by Mary Bonnette, the committee recommended to refinish the administration area flooring at Avoyelles High School at a cost of \$8,748. MOTION CARRIED.

(5) Purchase Order Number 105

Upon motion by Steve Marcotte, seconded by Dwayne Lemoine, the committee recommended to purchase limestone for the Avoyelles High School student parking area not to exceed a cost of \$3,700. MOTION CARRIED.

(6) Purchase Order Number 106

Upon motion by Dwayne Lemoine, seconded by Mary Bonnette, the committee recommended to repair a walk-in freezer at Riverside Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$7,200. MOTION CARRIED.

(7) Purchase Order Number 107

Upon motion by Steve Marcotte, seconded by Dwayne Lemoine, the committee recommended to purchase a new riding mower for the Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy for \$7,424. MOTION CARRIED.

(8) Purchase Order Number 108

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Upon motion by Dwayne Lemoine, seconded by Mary Bonnette, the committee recommended to replace the floor in the front and the back hallway at Lafargue Elementary School and cafeteria not to exceed \$16,500. MOTION CARRIED.

(9) Purchase Order Number 109

Upon motion by Dwayne Lemoine, seconded by Steve Marcotte, the committee recommended to construct a 125-foot catwalk at Marksville Elementary School near the cafeteria at a cost of \$6,500. MOTION CARRIED.

(10) A request was made to re-roof the Marksville Elementary School at a cost of \$225,000. Upon motion by Steve Marcotte, seconded by Mary Bonnette, the committee recommended to bring this matter to the Finance Committee for funding sources and Federal Judge approval. MOTION CARRIED.

(11) The committee discussed a request from Marksville Elementary School for 11 double exterior doors at a cost of \$62,700. A motion was offered by Dwayne Lemoine, seconded by Steve Marcotte, to table this item as it was in the original Seven Year Plan. MOTION CARRIED.

(12) Purchase Order Number 110

Upon motion by Steve Marcotte, seconded by Dwayne Lemoine, the committee recommended to approve a request from Marksville Elementary School to purchase 15 magnetic dry eraser boards at a cost of approximately \$7,125 and to utilize 30 boards previously donated by M.D. Descant Construction Company. MOTION CARRIED.

(13) Purchase Order Number 111

Upon motion by Dwayne Lemoine, seconded by Thelma Prater, the committee recommended to purchase two (2) metal exterior benches for Marksville Elementary School at a cost of \$1,100. MOTION CARRIED.

(14) Purchase Order Number 112

Upon motion by Dwayne Lemoine, seconded by Steve Marcotte, the committee recommended to replace the intercom system at Marksville High School at a cost of \$15,935. MOTION CARRIED.

(15) A request was made by all four high schools for security cameras.

Upon motion by Dwayne Lemoine, seconded by Steve Marcotte, the committee recommended to table the request due to the fact that it prevents administrators from being visible on campus. MOTION CARRIED.

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(16) A request was made from Marksville High School to replace the sound system in the auditorium. Upon motion by Dwayne Lemoine, seconded by Steve Marcotte, the committee recommended to table this item due to the fact that it is in the Avoyelles Parish School Board Seven Year Plan. MOTION CARRIED.

(17) Purchase Order Number 113

Upon motion by Dwayne Lemoine, seconded by Steve Marcotte, the committee recommended to allow Avoyelles High School to install blinds at a cost not to exceed \$14,000. MOTION CARRIED.

(18) Purchase Order Number 114

Upon motion by Dwayne Lemoine, seconded by Steve Marcotte, the committee recommended to purchase a computer lab for Plaquemine Elementary School at a cost of \$28,110, pending a technology assessment review by the Avoyelles Parish School Board's technology department. MOTION CARRIED.

Assistant Superintendent Prater also presented the Three Board Member Screening Committee Report, as follows:

Three Board Member Screening Committee Report
August 20, 2012

The Screening Committee met Monday, August 20, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in Room C of the School Board Office with the following members present:

Freeman Ford, Van Kojis, and Michael Lacombe, Board Members; Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Thelma Prater, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; and Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor.

Mrs. Thelma Prater, Assistant Superintendent, presented the "Superintendent's Needs Assessment Committee Report" for the committee's review. The following action was taken by the committee as indicated in bold.

The committee reviewed the following purchase orders:

(1) Purchase Order Number 101

Upon motion by Thelma Prater, seconded by Mary Bonnette, the committee recommended to purchase an audiometer for the school nurses at Riverside Elementary School and Cottonport Elementary School at a cost of \$3,235. MOTION CARRIED.

(2) Purchase Order Number 102

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Upon motion by Mary Bonnette, seconded by Dwayne Lemoine, the committee recommended to purchase a portable storage building at Plaucheville Elementary School for Pre-K educational materials and supplies at a cost of \$3,795. MOTION CARRIED.

(3) Purchase Order Number 103

Upon motion by Steve Marcotte, seconded by Mary Bonnette, the committee recommended to purchase Avoyelles High School a school sign as provided for other schools in the parish at a cost of \$4,750. MOTION CARRIED.

(4) Purchase Order Number 104

Upon motion by Steve Marcotte, seconded by Mary Bonnette, the committee recommended to refinish the administration area flooring at Avoyelles High School at a cost of \$8,748. MOTION CARRIED.

Upon motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Van Kojis, the committee agreed to refinish the administration area flooring at Avoyelles High School at a cost of \$8,748. MOTION CARRIED.

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Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Michael Lacombe, the committee agreed to repair a walk-in freezer at Riverside Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$7,200. MOTION CARRIED.

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Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Freeman Ford, the committee agreed to purchase a new riding mower for the Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy for \$7,424. MOTION CARRIED.

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A motion was offered by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Van Kojis, that the committee replace the floor in the front and back hallway at Lafargue Elementary School and cafeteria not to exceed \$16,500. The vote was as follows: Ayes: Michael Lacombe and Van Kojis. Nays: Freeman Ford.

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A discussion was held regarding this item.

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A discussion was held regarding this item.

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Upon motion by Freeman Ford, seconded by Van Kojis, the committee agreed to purchase 15 magnetic dry eraser boards for Marksville Elementary School at a cost of approximately \$7,125 and to utilize 30 boards previously donated by M.D. Descant Construction Company. MOTION CARRIED.

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A discussion was held regarding this item.

(17) Purchase Order Number 113

Upon motion by Dwayne Lemoine, seconded by Steve Marcotte, the committee recommended to allow Avoyelles High School to install blinds at a cost not to exceed \$14,000. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was offered by Van Kojis, seconded by Michael Lacombe, to allow Avoyelles High School to install blinds at a cost not to exceed \$14,000. The vote was as follows: Ayes: Michael Lacombe and Van Kojis. Nays: Freeman Ford.

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Upon motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Van Kojis, the committee agreed to purchase a computer lab for Plaucheville Elementary School at a cost of \$28,110, pending a technology assessment review by the Avoyelles Parish School Board's technology department. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, on motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Van Kojis, the meeting was adjourned.

Thelma Prater
Assistant Superintendent

Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Finance Committee recommended to approve the Superintendent's Needs Assessment Committee Report of July 30, 2012, and the Three Board Member Screening Committee Report of August 20, 2012, contingent upon Mr. Ford's visit to Lafargue Elementary School and Avoyelles High School and approval of Purchase Order Number 108 and 113. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman
Finance Committee

A motion was offered by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Van Kojis, to adopt the Finance Committee Report as presented by Chairman Mayeux.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Freeman Ford, Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., James Gauthier,
Lizzie Ned, and Van Kojis.

Nays: Darrell Wiley, Shelia Blackman-Dupas, and Michael Lacombe.

5. Mr. Van Kojis, Chairman of the Building and Lands Committee, presented the following report:

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tend to have large litters and cub survival is very high. Ms. Davidson announced that a public meeting will be held tomorrow evening, October 3, 2012, at the School Board Office to inform citizens about the bear population and management of their habitat in the parish.

10. The next item on the agenda was put on hold until next month. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine reported that the Board was to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, Barton versus Avoyelles Parish School Board, but the attorney for the plaintiff was not present at this meeting tonight and requested to wait until next month to address the Board.

11. Mr. Wilfred Ducote, Sales Tax Collector, reported that sales tax collections for the month of August, 2012 totaled \$597,525.42. Mr. Ducote stated that of this amount the 1.5% generated \$512,514.50 and the 0.25% generated \$85,010.92. The total collected is an increase of \$33,058.64 compared to August, 2011 (this figure does not include the 0.25% tax revenue amount).

12. Mr. Wilfred Ducote, Supervisor of Transportation, presented a transportation data report for the months of August and September, 2012. Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine asked Mr. Ducote for an update on a bus accident which had occurred a few hours earlier. Mr. Ducote announced that three school buses were involved in an accident on the Moreauville-Plaucheville Cutoff Road a few hours ago. Approximately 110 students were on the buses. Administrators and principals from the schools were present on the scene and contacted the parents of the students. All students were evaluated, and about 11 students were transported to hospitals with minor injuries. The remainder of the students were either picked up by their parents or transported home on another bus. Toxicology tests are being performed on the bus drivers, and the investigation into this accident is ongoing.

13. Mr. Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

Finance Committee Report
September 18, 2012

The Finance Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Shelia Blackman-Dupas, Van Kojis, Michael Lacombe, James Gauthier, President; and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent. Also present were Darrell Wiley, Board Member; Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; and Sharon Hargis, Food Service Supervisor.

1. Upon motion by Van Kojis, seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Finance Committee recommended to approve requests for overnight travel as presented by Superintendent Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Mrs. Sharon Hargis, Food Service Supervisor, advised the Finance Committee that the Avoyelles Parish School Board has been approved to participate in the Fresh

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Fruit and Vegetable Program. Mrs. Hargis said that the total amount of the funding for the program is \$266,250. Also, all six elementary schools are eligible to participate.

3. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented a handout indicating the School Based Budgets for all schools in the school district.

4. Mrs. Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance, presented a salary committee update.

Board Member Freeman Ford suggested that the Board grant permission to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program as mentioned in Item Number 2 and accept these funds. President James Gauthier announced that this amounts to approximately \$75 per student.

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Michael Lacombe, the Board adopted Item Number 1 through Item Number 4 of the Finance Committee Report as presented by Chairman Mayeux. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Mrs. Thelma Prater, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Screening Committee Report, as follows:

Board Member Screening Committee Report
September 14, 2012

The Board Member Screening Committee met Friday, September 14, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Freeman Ford, Van Kojis, and Michael Lacombe, Board Members; Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; Thelma Prater, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Bonnette, Director of Finance; and Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor.

Mr. Freeman Ford stated that in accordance with Resolution Number 4 of the School Board Proceedings of September 4, 2012, he visited Lafargue Elementary School and Avoyelles High School for the purpose of viewing their repairs which was submitted to the Needs Assessment Committee, as follows:

- Replacing the floor in the front and the back hallway at Lafargue Elementary School and cafeteria not to exceed \$16,500.
- Installation of shades at Avoyelles High School at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.

Upon motion by Freeman Ford, seconded by Michael Lacombe, the committee recommended to replace the floor in the front and back hallway at Lafargue Elementary School and cafeteria not to exceed \$16,500. MOTION CARRIED.

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Upon motion by Freeman Ford, seconded by Van Kojis, the committee recommended to install shades at Avoyelles High School at a cost not to exceed \$14,000. MOTION CARRIED.

The committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Thelma P. Prater, Assistant Superintendent

On motion by Michael Lacombe, seconded by Van Kojis, the Finance Committee recommended to approve the Board Member Screening Committee Report. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of this report.

Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., Chairman
Finance Committee

On motion by Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., seconded by Darrell Wiley, the Board adopted Item Number 5 of the Finance Committee Report as presented by Chairman Mayeux. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Mr. Van Kojis, Chairman of the Building and Lands Committee, presented the following report:

Building and Lands Committee Report
September 18, 2012

The Building and Lands Committee of the Avoyelles Parish School Board met Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office with the following members present:

Van Kojis, Chairman; Darrell Wiley, Lizzie Ned, and Cindy Hill. Also present were Shelia Blackman-Dupas, Carlos A. Mayeux, Jr., and Michael Lacombe, Board Members; James Gauthier, President; and Dwayne Lemoine, Superintendent; James Lee, Assistant District Attorney; and Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor.

1. Mr. Steve Marcotte, Maintenance Supervisor, reviewed the appraisal for the Bordelonville School Facility. The official appraisal was \$20,000.

The committee did not take any action on this matter.

2. The Building and Lands Committee discussed a request from the Concerned Citizens of Bunkie and the Kingdom Life Fellowship Ministries concerning leasing the Bunkie Middle School Gymnasium.

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MAG. JUDGE KIRK

PROPOSED ORDER

Considering the foregoing Motion,

IT IS ORDERED that leave of court be granted to allow the supplementatl
submission of the minutes of meetings held by the Needs Assessment Committee of
the Avoyelles Parish School Board as previously ordered by this court.

This _____ day of _____, 2013.

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