



Louisiana Special School District

Louisiana Special School District Board of Directors

Special Board Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2022 at 10:30 AM

Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired

2888 Brightside Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70820

Student Activity Center, Room 196

Agenda Item I

The July 25, 2022 special meeting of the Special School District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:38 AM by Ms. Kristy Flynn, Board Vice President. Members present at the meeting included: Ms. Maria Annis, Dr. Edward Bell, Ms. Sherry Crosby, Mr. Kenny Davis, Mr. Ronnie Morris, Ms. Mary Smith, Ms. Vickie Smith, and Ms. Melodie Sparks as proxy for Ms. Alishia Vallien. Members not in attendance: Mr. David Burton, Ms. Michele Jones, Ms. Muslow-Hicks, and Ms. Alishia Vallien were absent.

Public comment was given by Mr. Nigel Burkhalter, Ms. Jana Broussard, Ms. April Gremillion, Ms. Penny Kendrick, Mr. Jimmy Challis Gore, Ms. Jeri Pilk, Ms. Melanie Hall, Dr. Heather Laine, and Ms. Gloria Ramos.

Agenda Item II

1 A motion was made by Mr. Morris for the board to enter into Executive Session to discuss Agenda item II, SSD Personnel Committee Superintendent Performance Investigation Findings. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Smith and all approved without objection. The board entered into executive session at 10:48 AM.

2 Dr. Bell motioned to exit executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Flynn and all approved without objection. The board exited executive session at 12:05 PM.

3 Mr. Morris motioned to deny Dr. Ernest Garrett, III a contract as the superintendent of the Special School District and to effectively end his employment with the district immediately. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bell and all approved without objection.

4 Dr. Bell motioned to direct Mr. Chas Griffin and Ms. Katherine Granier to send the findings of the personnel committee to the Office of the Inspector General, the Division of Administration, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, and the District Attorney. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Smith and all approved without objection.



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- 5 Dr. Bell motioned to have the Personnel Committee work on delineating a process for a superintendent search before the August 9 meeting and bring it to the board for consideration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Crosby and all approved without objection.

Agenda Item III

- 6 Ms. Crosby motioned to defer Agenda Item III to the August 9 meeting. Dr. Bell seconded the motion and all approved without objection.

With no other business before the board, Ms. Flynn adjourned the meeting at 1:25 PM.