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PUBLIC NOTICES — Ouachita

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Ouachita Parish students making the prestigious list of National Merit Scholars. The next congratulations go to Kristen Gix, who was recognized as a 2024 Louisiana Exemplary Educator by the Department of Education.

Finally yet importantly, we honored a staunch supporter of the Ouachita Parish School Board, Ms. Viola Duncan, for diligently attending every board meeting for over 40 years.

Chief Darrius Stewart presented the second item of business with his announcement of the North Louisiana Teen Summit that he will be hosting at the Monroe Civic Center on June 15, 2024 for students 13 to 19 years old.

Board Member Greg Manley presented the third item of business, Discussion of and potential contractual action against Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc. relating to the delayed progress of Sterlington Middle School Project. Rice Gregory of Rice Gregory & Associates explained the delayed progress by giving a Time Line Summary of the project as well as the Terms of the Contract, recommending the Board place the contractor in default. Bill Brasher, who represented the contractor, said the slow progress was due to issues with the steel erector on the project. After much discussion, Greg Manley made the motion to move that the Ouachita Parish School Board declare the general contractor, Don M. Barron, Inc., to be in default of the contract concerning the Sterlington Middle School construction project, and to authorize the Superintendent to issue any required notices related thereto. Dabo Graves seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The fourth item of business, Consider approval of Statement of Voluntary Participation - RE: East Town & Country Drainage Improvement Project, was introduced by Elmer Noah and presented by Joshua Hays from Lazenby & Associates. Mr. Hays explained this project is being funded by FEMA and the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency and requires a signed Voluntary Participation Agreement and permission for Right of Way to proceed. After discussion, Greg Manley made a motion to sign the Agreement and give them the Right of Way, seconded by Dabo Graves. Motion passed without opposition.

The fifth item of business, Consideration and selection of Engineer for Baseball and Softball turf fields at WOHS, was introduced with Mike Batey making a motion to select Simpson Sports as Engineer, seconded Jerry Hicks. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Batey presented the sixth item of business, Consideration and selection of architect for Good Hope Middle additions and improvements making a motion to select TBA Studios as architect for the project, seconded by Harold McCoy. Shere May abstained stating "I am recusing myself out of an abundance of precautions as I have a family member employed by a related company." She also added, "With that being said, we have used TBA for many years. The quality of their work is beyond question." The motion passed unanimously with the remainder of the board voting yes.

Carrie Ferguson and Jennifer Nichols presented the seventh item of business, Policy GAMB, Employee Dress Code and Policy JCDB, Student Dress Code, and KFA, Public Conduct on School Property, for approval. Harold McCoy made a motion to approve these three policies, seconded by Jerry Hicks. Motion carried without opposition.

Jason Thompson presented items #8, Consideration and approval to change the title of Assistive Technology Facilitator to Assistive Technology Coordinator and the job description requirements. Harold McCoy made the motion to approve this change, seconded by Mike Batey. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #9, Consideration and approval to add "Professionalism/Performance/Competency" section to all previously approved job descriptions for all certified employees was presented by Jason Thompson. Jerry Hicks made the motion to approve the change, seconded by Harold McCoy. Motion passed without opposition.

Regina Mekus presented Item #10, Financial Report for period ending March 31, 2024. The report includes 3 years of data for comparison. She stated we are in the 9th month of the year with a current general fund balance of \$45,600,000, which is 113% of last year, and District I M & O is at 97% from last year. Ms. Mekus informed the board we will begin spending down the fund balance from where it grew during the pandemic and there will be a budget revision in June.

Jared Peters presented Item # 11, Consider approval of change order to Bid #30-23 Security Access Points-Highland Elementary Canopy. Jerry Hicks made a motion to approve the change order, seconded by Mike Batey. Motion carried unanimously.

go by and see the artwork.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Guice thanked Jason Thompson and his staff in Personnel for an outstanding Job Fair with over 300 attendees. He also gave the Board an update on classroom camera installations and the School Bus ac installations.

There being no further business, Jerry Hicks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dabo Graves. Motion carried and adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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ATTEST:

Todd Guice, Secretary

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The Ouachita Parish School Board met in special session on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at two (2:00) o'clock p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Ouachita Parish School Board office.

Note: There were no comment cards completed for any agenda business item addressed in this meeting. Additionally, there were no remote requests for any agenda business item addressed in this meeting.

Presence of the following members was verified through roll call: Tommy Comeaux, Shere May, Mike Batey, Jerry R. Hicks, Harold McCoy, Dabo Graves, and Greg Manley.

President Comeaux called the meeting to order as he welcomed visitors and guests, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Shere May, and the Invocation offered by Greg Manley.

Shere May made the motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Jerry Hicks. Motion carried by all members.

Jared Peters introduced the only item of business under VII. Evaluation of Bids #1 for Drew, Kirohi, Robinson Parking Lot. Mike Batey made a motion to approve the Bid as written and accept the amount of \$718,226 from Amethyst Construction. Shere May seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jared Peters added that a deduct change order would be made post board meeting to remove Robinson Elementary from the bid. He also updated the board on bid #45-24, Woodlawn Elementary and Middle Parking Lots with the lowest responsive bidder being Amethyst Construction for \$839,597.50, and bid # 47-24, Lakeshore Elementary Parking Lot with the lowest responsive bidder being BGW Construction at \$429,403.62.

There being no further business, Jerry Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:04, seconded by Greg Manley. Motion passed without opposition.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the filing of petitions for annexation of the properties listed herein into the corporate limits of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana. The Planning Commission of the City of West Monroe held public hearings on Monday, February 19, 2024, to consider said annexation petitions and has forwarded its recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe.

ANNX-24-60000001 by Bah Nathan Village, LTD. for property located at 118 N. Hilton Street (Parcel #101491). Requesting Annexation into the West Monroe City Limits per West Monroe Code of Ordinances Section 12-2003. The Planning Commission sends with a FAVORABLE Recommendation.

Public Hearings will be held to consider the adoption of Ordinances annexing the said properties into the corporate limits of the City of West Monroe at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be held at 6 pm, on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at West Monroe City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana.

Accommodations will be made for the hearing impaired and non-English speaking individuals provided that notice is received by the City of West Monroe no later than noon on July 2, 2024. Requests for accommodations should be made to West Monroe City Clerk, Cindy Emory, West Monroe, Louisiana (318-396-2600).

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