State of Louisiana November 15, 2016

Parish of Lafourche Thibodaux, Louisiana

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Control was called to order on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 5:30pm with the following:

PRESENT: Lonnie Granier

Harvey Clement

Talisha Chiquet

Robert Rome

Selma Malcombe

Judy Bazare

ABSENT: Angelique Torres

Daniel Lorraine, Council Liaison

Also present were Mrs. Laura Sanders, Director, Mrs. Sherry Lucas, Finance Manager and Mrs. Dana Clement, Administrative Assistant.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Clement.

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 26, 2016 regular meeting was made by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mrs. Malcombe, and carried unanimously.

Public wishing to address the Board: N/A

Finance Report:

Mrs. Lucas reported we ended October with approximately $10.2 million and our balance today is $9.8 million. Thibodaux HVAC Project has final payment of $45,892 pending. Our 2016-17 e-Rate has been approved, and we’ll receive credits of $100,657 against our telephone and internet expenses. With no other business a motion was made by Mrs. Bazare, seconded by Mr. Clement, to accept the Finance Report. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Report:

Mrs. Sanders reported managing the daily operations of the library system; all Branches did a fantastic job with their Veterans’ programs and were well attended by our communities. A motion was made by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mrs. Bazare, to accept the Director’s Report. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Orders:

1. Election of Officers:

Mrs. Sanders conducted the Election of Officers for the Library Board of Control for 2017. Mrs. Bazare nominated Lonnie Granier for President, Mrs. Sanders asked Mr. Granier if he accepted and he agreed. After asking 3 times if there were any more nominees for President and there were none, Mrs. Sanders closed the floor for President and announced Lonnie Granier as the President for 2017.

Again, in a repeated effect, Mrs. Sanders opened the floor for Vice-President. Mr. Clement nominated Judy Bazare for Vice-President and she accepted. Mrs. Sanders asked 3 times if there were any more nominees for Vice-President and there were none. Mrs. Sanders closed the floor, announcing Judy Bazare as the Vice-President for 2017. Both Mr. Granier and Mrs. Bazare thanked the board for their support and confidence.

New Business:

1. Discussion on health insurance coverage for Lafourche Parish Library Employees:

A short discussion took place to alert the Board that no insurance company has been announced yet due to the Parish President and Parish Council not coming to an agreement on a provider. Proposals were denied at the last 2 council meetings. The issue goes to Council again on Nov. 22nd.

2. Discussion and approval of publishing Board meetings agendas & minutes on our website:

Mrs. Sanders explained to the Board, after recently attending an Open Meeting and Public Records conference with Daryl Purpera, Louisiana Legislative Auditor, at the State Library in Baton Rouge, we were told that our minutes need to be put on our website 20 days after completion. After some discussion, Mrs. Bazare moved, seconded by Mrs. Malcombe, to put LBC minutes on our website with watermark “Pending Approval” and once approved by the Board, they’ll be replaced with official approved minutes. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

A vote was passed by unanimous roll call vote to go into Executive Session at 6:10pm to discuss strategic planning. At 6:40pm a motion was made by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mrs. Bazare, to take the board out of Executive Session.

With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Bazare, seconded by Mrs. Malcombe, and carried unanimously. The Library Board of Control was adjourned at approximately 6:45pm.