

Regular VAL Charter Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 2024
VAL Administration (639 Harrison Street, Thibodaux, LA)

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

1) Opening of Meeting

a. Roll Call

Members present:

Shelba Harlan, President; Shontell Terrebonne, Vice-President; Curtis Bouvier, Treasurer (call-in); Monique Pitre; Travis Toups (call-in)

Members absent: Bernita Deville, Secretary; Michael Rieth; Cheryl Thomas; Donald Andras

Others present: Edmond Adams

- b. Pledge of Allegiance by Shelba Harlan
- c. Invocation by Shelba Harlan
- d. Public Participation Policy (no one from the public was in the audience and reading was dispensed with)
- e. Minutes of VAL Charter Board meeting held June 26, 2024 were unanimously approved on motion of Shontell Terrebonne and seconded by Monique Pitre.

2) School Director's Report

a. Student Enrollment Update

Mr. Adams reported he is pleased with VAL's current enrollment of 470, and that enrollment remains open.

b. Staff Changes

Mr. Adams announced there have been a few changes in teachers and paraprofessionals, and all positions have been filled except for a math position at VAL's South site.

c. Report on Sites

Mr. Adams' reported all is well at St. Mary Elementary and High school sites, along with the Central site, but there was a main water line break at the South site causing students to be sent home early today. He further noted other than a slight electrical issue at the South site, VAL sites sustained no damage from Hurricane Francine.

d. Finances/Budget Update

As announced at VAL's Finance Committee meeting, Mr. Adams stated VAL was able to provide its teachers with a \$2/hour pay increase this school year bringing their hourly rate of pay to \$27.

e. School Curriculum Changes

Mr. Adams informed board members that a new curriculum for grades K-3 is currently being reviewed for next school year.

3) School Board Business

a. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

b. New Business

i. Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire Adoption

In accordance with VAL's annual audit, completed copies of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire were distributed to members for review. Following review, on motion of Shontell Terrebonne, and seconded by Monique Pitre, the questionnaire was unanimously adopted by Resolution.

ii. Fingerprint-based Criminal History Record Information (CHRLI) Approval

Mr. Adams announced VAL has begun using a new system for its fingerprinting and background checks of new employees in which results are obtained electronically within a 24-48 hour period. He stated, with the new system, Louisiana State Police requires that confidentiality policies are in place for the protection of the information obtained. Copies of VAL's policies were made available to board members for review, and on motion of Shontell Terrebonne, seconded by Monique Pitre, VAL's policies were approved.

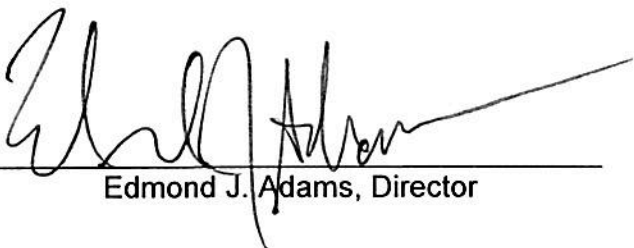
Following up on discussion at the Finance Committee meeting, Mr. Adams informed board members of the possibility of investing a portion of VAL's savings in a LAMP account, which is a non-profit cooperative endeavor available for Louisiana governmental entities. He informed the Board that LAMP's current interest rate is 5.29%, but due to his uncertainty about the process of investing or the ability to access the money if necessary, he is requesting permission to engage in obtaining more information. On motion of Shontell Terrebonne, and seconded by Curtis Bouvier, the Board approved Mr. Adams' request.

ii. Next Board Meeting Date, Time, Place

All board members agreed their next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at VAL's South site in Cut Off, with Finance Committee beginning at 5:30 pm and Board meeting at 5:45 pm.

4) Adjourn

There being no further business, on motion of Curtis Bouvier, seconded by Shontell Terrebonne, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.



Edmond J. Adams, Director