

**REPORT FROM THE
82nd ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION OF THE
LOUISIANA SCHOOL BUS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION
PARAGON CASINO RESORT
711 PARAGON PLACE
MARKSVILLE, LA.**

The convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Henry J. Yearby. He welcomed everyone to the 82nd State Convention.

President Yearby gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Yearby introduced the Executive Board Members and the Officers of the Louisiana School Bus Operators Association. He requested each person stand and state what parish they represent and if they held a parish office. Miss Gloria Hill from Bossier Parish announced she had been operating a bus for 47 years.

President Yearby gave the Welcoming speech.

Mr. Charles Bujol spoke on behalf of the Louisiana School Employee's Retirement System. – The fiscal year of 2021 was 27.45% return. The FY2020-21 actuarial valuation showed a funded ratio increase from 74.14% to 75.70%. The asset value of LSER'S reached a record high of \$2.24 billion. He stated that your retirement is in very good standing.

Associates Members Benefit Advisors Representative gave a report on AMBA and the Benefits they offer our members. He had a display in the hall and glad to talk to any member.

Mr. Lonnie Hudson – Assistant Transportation Supervisor for Monroe City Schools. He reported on his school district as well as others. What was happening throughout the state and well as Monroe City Schools. He said he would work with the bus operators because as a past bus operator he knew of their problems.

The proposed By-Laws passed. This will be mailed or emailed to all Parish Officers. This is also available for print out on our website.

Mary-Patricia E. Wray – Lobbyist spoke on the bill that failed by just a small margin. This bill hopefully will be brought back up this session. She also said that she is trying to bring up more changes for the bus operators. She wants to have a meeting with the

Legislative Committee and get their input on this matter.

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Rep. Malinda White – Dist. 75 – Spoke on how important the bus operators are to the State Louisiana. She supported us in the last session and she would give her support to us again.

Rep. Rodney Schamerhorn – Dist. 24 – Spoke on his years of operating a school bus and how rules and regulations have changed. I support the LSBOA in any way I can. Rep. Schamerhorn said he realized how much expenses are the contract operator. The average bus operator can't afford a note and expense of operating a bus. Your school boards are seeing this also with the bus fleet they have now. If I can help in anyway go to my website or contact Kathy Jarrell or Susan.

Memorial Presentation to the Jeffrey Faulk Family – A plaque was presented to Jeffery Faulks children in his memory. Gisele Durocher spoke on Mr. Jeffery's accomplishments and the positions he held in this association and well as LSERS.

Mr. Donald Ryder, Jeff Davis Parish was the winner of the gift card from the LSBOA. Ms. Salley Meade, Vernon Parish was the winner of the weekend get away donated by the Paragon Casino-Resort.

Attending the Convention:

Guest and VIP's	33
Members	106

Total of 139 to have lunch

I apologize for the report being short. I had to do most by memory. I had the recorders on for the meeting to start and someone turned them off. I was counting voting delegates at the time the meeting started and taking care of the paperwork for the elections. I will start double checking for the future meetings.

Susan B. Wise
Executive Secretary - Treasurer

