

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, April 4, 2001 - 5:30 P. M., Board Room

Carl LaCombe, President, Presiding

The School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at its meeting place, the Lafayette Parish School Board Administrative Building, Board Room, Lafayette, Louisiana, on Wednesday, April 4, 2001 at 5:30 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl LaCombe, President; David Thibodaux, Vice-President; Judy Cox, Kay Gibson, John Earl Guidry, Rickey Hardy, Michael Hefner, Beverly Wilson, Edward J. Sam, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

I. MEETING OPENINGS

The meeting was called to order by LaCombe and opened with a prayer by Guidry. LaCombe led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized and congratulated the Outstanding School Support Employee Award winners. Special recognition was given to Gretchen Stutes, Ossun Elementary, first place winner on the elementary level; Aritha Lewis, N.P. Moss Annex, first place winner on the middle school level; and Diana Simon, Acadiana High, first place winner on the high school level. These three O.S.S.E.A. winners will be honored at a Special BESE Board Meeting in the near future.

Also recognized was Dale Bayard, BESE District 7 Board Member, who provided the Board with public relations of education information.

The Board also recognized Kathleen Batiste, teacher assistant from Carencro Middle School as the A+PEL Volunteer of the Year.

Also recognized were the United Way Superintendent's Award Winners. In the highest per capita giving on the elementary level was Charles Burke Elementary School; the middle school level was Youngsville Middle School and the high school level was Lafayette Charter High School. Recognized for most employee dollars raised was Carencro High School (\$4,136) and for highest percentage increase was S. J. Montgomery Elementary School (160%).

III. CORRECTIONS AND/OR APPROVAL OF BOARD/COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

a. Regular Board Meeting of 3/21/01

Motion (Hardy, Wilson) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 21, 2001 be

approved as presented. Motion carried.

b. Special Board Meeting of 3/21/01

Motion (Sam, Wilson) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 21, 2001 be approved as presented.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

a. Board Insurance Committee and Employee Insurance Advisory Committee of 4/02/01

Motion (Hefner, Hardy) that the Board receive the report of the Board Insurance Committee and Employee Insurance Advisory Committee meeting. Motion carried.

b. Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearing(s) of 4/4/01

Motion (Cox, Gibson) that the minutes of the Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearings of April 4, 2001 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. APPROVAL OF BILLS

a. None

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. None

C. OTHER REPORTS

a. Sales Tax Report of February 28, 2001

Motion (Sam, Gibson) that the Board receive the Sales Tax Report of February 28, 2001 as presented. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Curriculum Update

Phyllis Bartlett, Federal Programs Coordinating Teacher, Title I/Staff Development, presented to the Board the Summer 2001 In-service Offerings.

b. Course Description Guide for 2001

Harriett Taylor, Supervisor of Student Services, presented the Board copies of the Course Description Guide for 2001 which has a listing of courses available for secondary students in the Lafayette Parish School System.

c. Directory of Services for 2001

Taylor also handed out copies of the Lafayette Parish School System's Directory of Services for 2001. This guide is a brief outline of each program or service provided by the school system.

d. Lease-Purchase Financing of AS400 Computer and Regular and Special Education Buses

Jules Gaudin, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, presented the Board with information regarding the Lease-Purchase Financing of AS400 Computer and the regular and special education buses.

Gaudin also handed out information regarding the Minimum Foundation Program Level 3 Legislative Enhancement. This information is regarding the pay raise allocation for certificated personnel.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

- a. None

C. OTHER REPORTS

- a. Agreement to Retain the Services of the Reapportionment Consultant

Hefner presented to the Board a draft contract from Campaign & Opinion Research Analysts, Inc. to assist the Lafayette City-Parish Council and the Lafayette Parish School Board with redistricting of the city-parish council and school board election districts.

Motion (Gibson, Sam) that the Board add Agreement to Retain the Services of the Reapportionment Consultant as Action Item K. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

That the Board approve the following personnel changes:

PERSONNEL CHANGES

RESIGNATIONS:

- ! BORDELON, Jackie, Teacher - Elem. - G. T. Lindon Elem. (Eff. EOD 03/01/2001)
- ! DICKSON, Hugo, Teacher - Elem. - Ridge Elem. (Eff. EOD 03/19/2001)

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- ! ARCENEUX, Leona, BA-USL, No Exp., Teacher - BD - N. P. Moss Annex (Eff. 03/07/2001 - 05/30/2001)
- ! ROMERO, Jennifer, BS-ULL, No Exp., Speech Therapist - G. T. Lindon/Youngsville Middle (Eff. 04/02/2001 - 05/30/2001)

SERVICE RETIREMENTS:

- ! ARDOIN, Rheba, Teacher - Lang. Arts/SS - Acadian Middle (Eff. 05/31/2001)
- ! LeBLANC, Priscilla, Teacher - SLS - Broussard Middle (Eff. 05/31/2001)

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT RENEWALS:

- ! DOUCET, William, Asst. Prin. - Charles Burke Elem. (Eff. 08/11/2001 - 08/10/2005)
- ! DUAY, Christine, Asst. Prin. - Ernest Gallet Elem. (Eff. 08/11/2001 - 08/10/2005)
- ! POOLE, David, Asst. Prin. - Scott Middle (Eff. 08/03/2001 - 08/02/2005)
- ! McNULTY, Madeleine, Asst. Prin. - Plantation Elem. (Eff. 08/11/2001 - 08/10/2005)
- ! COX, Kay, Asst. Prin. - Woodvale Elem. (Eff. 07/08/2001 - 07/07/2005)

CHILD NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

LANTIER, Carol, Child Nutrition Manager - E. A. Martin Middle (Eff. 03/27/2001 - 05/30/2001)

SERVICE RETIREMENT:

BOSS, Val, Child Nutrition Technician - Evangeline Elem. (Eff. 05/31/2001)

CLERICAL DEPARTMENT

TRANSFERS:

RICHARD, Lisa, Clerical Asst. - Truman - Secretary I - Judice Middle (Eff. 4/5/2001)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:

DeBAILLON, Shelley, PE Tea. Asst. - Ernest Gallet Elem. (Eff. 03/22/2001)

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

SERVICE RETIREMENT:

JOHNSON, Elvin, Bus Driver (Eff. 05/31/2001)

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

! RIDEAUX, David, Custodian - Ridge Elem. (Eff. 04/05/2001)

! JOLIVETTE, Weldon, Custodian - Woodvale Elem. (Eff. 04/05/2001)

B. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT AT TRUMAN ELEMENTARY

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Clerical Assistant at Truman Elementary.

C. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Transportation Supervisor. Hardy requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

D. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Bids were received from

! School Specialty Rowley Group

! Childcraft Education U.S. Toy

! Cajun Office Supplies VIRCO Manufacturing Corporation

! Lakeshore Basics Kaplan School Supply

! ABC

That the Board award the bids for the purchase of Educational Instructional Furniture and Equipment as follows: Part A- catalog fixed discount to VIRCO Manufacturing Corporation; Part B - individual line items 1-9, VIRCO Manufacturing Corporation and Part B - individual line items 10, Cajun Office Supply.

E. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

Bids were received from

! Bell's Sporting Goods Riddell Equipment

! BSN Sports

That the bid of Bell's Sporting Goods on items 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 14 be accepted and that the bid of Riddell Athletic Equipment on items 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 be accepted.

F. APPROVAL OF 2001 SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MIDDLE AND SECONDARY STUDENTS

That the Board approve the 2001 Summer School for Middle and Secondary Students.

Hardy requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

G. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION - NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - 4-01-1322

That the Board adopt Resolution - 4-01-1322 - National Library Week.

RESOLUTION - 04-01-1322

WHEREAS, our nation's libraries and librarians play a vital role in connecting millions of people

with the resources they need to live, learn and work in the 21st Century; and,
WHEREAS, libraries are changing and dynamic places; and,
WHEREAS, librarians are techno-savvy on the forefront of the information age; and,
WHEREAS, in a world that's information rich, they are information smart and help ensure a society where everyone is information literate, you'll find the right answer at your library; and,
WHEREAS, libraries are places of opportunity, are part of the American dream and are a place for education and self-help; and,
WHEREAS, because they offer free access to all, they bring opportunity to all; and,
WHEREAS, libraries bring you to the world, libraries are unique, in person and online, provide access to nearly anything on the Web or in print as well as personal service and assistance in finding it; and,
WHEREAS, awareness and support must be increased for libraries by increasing the visibility of libraries in a positive context and by communicating clearly and strongly why libraries are both unique and valuable; and,
WHEREAS, librarians must be brought to the table at public policy discussions on key issues such as intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the digital divide; and,
WHEREAS, more individuals must be recruited to the profession of librarianship; and,
WHEREAS, the entire library community will be stronger when speaking with one unified voice; and,
WHEREAS, libraries and library supporters across America and beyond are celebrating National Library Week with The Campaign for America's Libraries, "at your library"; now,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School System does hereby proclaim April 1-7, 2001 as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

and encourage all residents to use their library for the purpose of improving their lives and to come see what's new at your library.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Lafayette Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at its Regular Board Meeting of April 4, 2001 at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana this 4th day of April 2001.

/s/James H. Easton, Ed.D, Secretary-Treasurer

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

H. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION - EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS WEEK - 4-01-1323

That the Board adopt Resolution 4-01-1323 - Educational Office Professionals Week.

RESOLUTION - 4 -01-1323

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Association of Educational Office Professionals is a professional association of educational office employees dedicated to assisting in the provision of quality education to the students of Lafayette; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Association of Educational Office Professionals recognized that educational office employees are deeply committed to the position, the profession and the

people they serve; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Association of Educational Office Professionals recognizes that educational office employees serve in crucial and demanding roles in education; and, WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Association of Educational Office Professionals recognizes that educational office employees are seen as an essential part of the educational process for each student as they adjust to our very complex society; and, WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Association of Educational Office Professionals recognizes the observance of "Administrative Professionals Week" (formerly known as "Professional Secretaries Week") as proclaimed nationally by the organization known as the International Association of Administrative Professionals and which is scheduled for the week of April 23rd - 27th, 2001; now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parish Association of Educational Office Professionals hereby proclaim April 23rd - 27th, 2001 as

EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in Lafayette Parish to be dedicated to the recognition of the secretaries, clerical assistants, account clerks, data entry clerks, receptionists and other educational office support staff who provides unselfish service to school and community and to the promotion of the importance of the educational office position.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Lafayette Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is the true copy of a resolution adopted at its Regular Board Meeting of April 4, 2001, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana this 4th day of April, 2001

/s/James H. Easton Ed.D.

Secretary- Treasurer
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

I. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION - 4-01-1324 - REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION AND DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT OF LESSEE TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM PROCEEDS OF LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

That the Board adopt Resolution - 4-01-1324 - Reimbursement Resolution and Declaration of Official Intent of Lessee to Reimburse certain Capital Expenditures from proceeds of Lease-Purchase Agreements.

RESOLUTION 4-01-1324

Lessee: Parish School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana

Principal Amount Expected To Be Financed: \$1,300,000

WHEREAS, the above Lessee intends to acquire certain equipment and other property as

generally described below (hereinafter, the "Property");

1. An IBM AS400 Mainframe Computer System
2. School Busses

WHEREAS, the Lessee may pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to its receipt of proceeds of the lease-purchase agreement(s) described below ("Lease Purchase Proceeds") for such expenditures;

WHEREAS, the Lessee reasonably anticipates that it will make expenditures with respect to the Property in the principal amount not exceeding the amount stated above ("Principal Amount") for which the Lessee may or expects to enter into one or more Lease-Purchase Agreements with Banc One Leasing Corporation;

WHEREAS, Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service Regulations do not allow the proceeds of a tax-exempt borrowing to be spent on working capital;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, as follows:

Section 1: The Lessee finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2: This Resolution is adopted by the Lafayette Parish School Board for the purpose of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of Treasury Regulations. This Resolution does not bind the Lessee to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the purchase of the Property.

Section 3: The Lessee expects to pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to the receipt of the Lease Purchase Proceeds for the Property.

Section 4: The Lessee hereby declares its official intent to use the Lease Purchase Proceeds to reimburse itself for Property expenditures.

Section 5: This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Lafayette Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is the true copy of a resolution adopted at its Regular Board Meeting of April 4, 2001, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana on this 4th day of April, 2001.

/s/James H. Easton, Ed.D.

Secretary-Treasurer
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

J. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION - 4 - 01 - 1325 - AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS (12,000,000) OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2001, OF THE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

That the Board adopt Resolution - 4 - 01 - 1325 - Authorizing the Advertising for Sealed Bids for the Purchase of Twelve Million Dollars (12,000,000) of Public School Bonds, Series 2001, of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in

connection therewith.

Hefner requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

K. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF THE REAPPORTIONMENT CONSULTANT

That the Board receive the report and the proposed contract with the City/Parish Government regarding Campaign & Opinion Research Analysts, Inc.

Motion (Gibson, Cox) that the Board approve Action Items A, B, D, E, G, H, I and K, that Action Items C, F and J be pulled for discussion. Motion carried.

C. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR

Motion (Gibson, Sam) that the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Transportation Supervisor. Motion carried. Thibodaux requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

F. APPROVAL OF 2001 SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MIDDLE AND SECONDARY STUDENTS

Motion (Guidry, Sam) that the Board approve the 2001 Summer School for Middle and Secondary students. Motion carried.

J. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION - 4 - 01- 1325 - AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS (12,000,000) OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2001, OF THE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

After discussion by the Board, this action item was pulled from the agenda and postponed until a meeting in May.

VII. REPORTS

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were made by the public. No action was taken.

B. BOARD PRESIDENT/MEMBERS

Comments were made by the Board. No action was taken.

C. SUPERINTENDENT

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Hardy, seconded by Thibodaux and carried that the meeting adjourn.

SIGNED:

/s/Carl LaCombe

/s/James H. Easton

President
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Secretary-Treasurer
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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