

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 2, 2002 - 5:30 P. M., Board Room

Dr. James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent, 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, January 2, 2002 at 5:30 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

On behalf of the Superintendent and the Board, Easton presented to LaCombe a plaque for his services as Board President for the year 2001.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

a. NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD PRESIDENT FOR 2002

The Chair called for nominations for President for a one-year term.

Sam placed in nomination Cox for President for a one-year term. Hefner seconded the nomination.

Hardy placed in nomination Thibodaux for President for a one-year term. LaCombe seconded the nomination.

Thibodaux declined the nomination for President.

It was moved by Guidry, seconded by Thibodaux and carried that the nominations for President be closed and that Cox be elected President for 2002 by acclamation.

Easton congratulated the new President and turned the meeting over to Cox.

b. NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 2002

The Chair called for nominations for Vice-President for a one-year term.

Wilson placed in nomination Hefner for Vice-President for a one-year term. Thibodaux seconded the nomination.

It was moved by Thibodaux, seconded by LaCombe and carried that the nominations for Vice-President be closed and that Hefner be elected Vice-President for 2002 by acclamation.

OFFICIAL LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Judith Cox, President District 8
- Michael C. Hefner, Vice President District 5
- John Earl Guidry District 1

- Carl LaCombe District 2
- Rickey Hardy District 3
- Edward Sam District 4

- Beverly Wilson District 6
- David G. Thibodaux District 7
- Kay S. Gibson District 9

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

a. Regular Board Meeting of 12/5/01

Motion (LaCombe, Guidry) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 5, 2001 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Motion (Hefner, Wilson) that the Special Board Meeting of December 20, 2001 be added to the agenda. Motion carried.

b. Special Board Meeting of 12/20/01

Motion (Hefner, Thibodaux) that the minutes, as corrected, of the Special Board Meeting of December 20, 2001 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF BILLS ... October, 2001

- General Fund \$7,659,279.74
- Special Revenues 22,109.63
- Adult Education 34,373.05
- Special Education 240,979.11
- Bond Sinking Fund 300.00
- Consolidated School District #1 235.88
- Self-Funded Construction 134,591.34
- Construction Account 1998 Bond -0-
- Construction Account 1999 Bond 113,625.34
- Construction Account 2001 Bond 400,583.90
- IASA Title I (Federal Programs) 69,643.93
- Child Development -0-
- IASA Title II/Title IV/Title VI 63,133.49
- School Food Service 408,619.35
- Capital Improvement 186,717.47
- Employee Insurance Fund 1,487,746.93
- LPSB General & Auto Loss Fund 45,626.27
- LPSB Workmen's Compensation 163,475.44

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$11,031,040.87

Motion (Gibson, Thibodaux) that the Board approve the ratification of bills for October, 2001 as presented. Motion carried.

B. OTHER REPORTS

a. None

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Curriculum Update - Integrated Science Middle School Program

Tim Tate, Math Supervisor, updated the Board on the Integrated Science Middle School Program.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

C. OTHER REPORTS

The Chair asked the Vice-President to continue the meeting.

The Vice-President called for a 10 minute recess.

The Vice-President reconvened the meeting.

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

That the Board approve the following personnel changes:

PERSONNEL CHANGES

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- MENARD, Valerie, BS-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - Elem. - Acadian Middle (**Eff. 12/17/2001 - 05/31/2002**)
- FAULK, Jeffery, BA-ULL, 16 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Elem. - Alice Boucher Elem. (**Eff. 12/03/2001 - 05/31/2002**)
- PEREZ, Eloise, PHD-USL, 16 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Resource - Alice Boucher Elem. (**Eff. 11/30/2001 - 05/31/2002**)
- HEBERT, Lucie, BS-ULL, 1 Yr. Exp., Teacher - Elem. - Ernest Gallet Elem. (**Eff. 12/17/2001 - 05/31/2002**)
- LEDET, LaSantra, BS-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - Elem. - Ernest Gallet Elem. (**Eff. 12/17/2001 - 05/31/2002**)
- LOPEZ, Vonda, BA-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - Resource - Lafayette Middle (**Eff. 12/17/2001 - 05/31/2002**)
- SEEGER, Lynn, BA-LSU, No Exp., Teacher - Elem. - Live Oak Elem. (**Eff. 01/03/2002 - 05/31/2002**)
- CONQUE, Colleen, BA-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - Elem. - S. J. Montgomery Elem. (**Eff. 12/17/2001 - 05/31/2002**)
- TROTTER, LaKeshia, BA-OOSC, No Exp., Teacher - Hearing Impaired - S. J. Montgomery Elem. (**Eff. 12/17/2001 - 05/31/2002**)
- SOIREZ, Jill, BS-ULL, No Exp., Teacher (Half-Time) - Vocal Music - Myrtle Place Elem. (**Eff. 12/03/2001 - 05/31/2002**)
- RICHARD, Jaleh, BS-ULL, 1 Yr. Exp., Teacher - French - Northside High (**Eff. 12/03/2001 - 05/31/2002**)
- SHEARER, Andrea, BA-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - Elem. - Ridge Elem. (**Eff. 12/17/2001 - 05/31/2002**)
- RONKARTZ, Byron, BA-MSU, 19 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Alter. - Scott Middle (**Eff. 01/14/2002 - 05/31/2002**)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

- WILTZ, Sueline, from Administrator In-Charge - N. P. Moss Annex to Principal I - N. P. Moss Annex (Eff. 01/03/2002 - 01/02/2006)
- FORSYTH, Ouida, from Reading Excellence Grant Supervisor to Resource Coordination Supervisor: Early Childhood Development Program (Eff. 01/03/2002 - 01/02/2006)
- MENARD, Eileen, from Teacher - Elem. - Broadmoor Elem. to Partners In Education (Eff. 01/03/2002 - 01/02/2004)

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- BULLER, Julie, Resource Coordinator Teacher/Coordinator - Early Childhood Development Program (Eff. 01/02/2002)
- BOUDREAUX, Melissa, Teacher - Pre-K - Early Childhood Development Program - G. T. Lindon Elem. (Eff. 01/03/2002 - 05/31/2002)
- HOOVER, Tonya, Truancy Intervention Specialist - N. P. Moss Annex (Eff. 01/03/2002)
- MARTIN, Alveldrea, Tea. Asst. - N.E.S.T. (Eff. 12/20/2001)

TRANSFER:

WEST, Patricia, from Teacher - Outreach - Itinerant to Teacher Coordinator Truancy Assessment Service Center - N. P. Moss Annex (Eff. 01/03/2002)

CLERICAL DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:

DOSS, Cheryl, Sec. I - Plantation Elem. (Eff. 12/20/2001)

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:

LAWRENCE, Sharon, LPN/Tea. Asst. - Acadiana High (Eff. 12/17/2001)

SERVICE RETIREMENT:

ANDRUS, Leola, Tea. Asst. - Comeaux High (Eff. 12/01/2001)

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:

THIBEAUX, Patrick, Plumber II (Licensed) (Eff. 01/03/2002)

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:

COMEAX, Sr., Allen, Custodian - Prairie Elem. (Eff. 12/20/2001)

- B. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT AT CARENCRO HEIGHTS/VERMILION ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Clerical Assistant at Carencro Heights/Vermilion Elementary Schools.

- C. PERMISSION TO CREATE THE POSITION OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT AT THE DISTRICT WIDE MEDIA CENTER

That the Board grant permission to create the position of Clerical Assistant at the District Wide Media Center.

- D. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT AT THE DISTRICT WIDE MEDIA CENTER

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Clerical Assistant at the District Wide Media Center.

- E. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF PRINCIPAL II AT THE W.D. SMITH CAREER CENTER

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Principal II at the W.D. Smith Career Center.

- F. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE TITLE I PROGRAM SUPERVISOR I: RESEARCH AND EVALUATION JOB DESCRIPTION

That the Board approve the revisions to the Title I Program Supervisor I: Research and Evaluation job description.

- G. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: CGPGG - SICK LEAVE BANK (MEDICAL LEAVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

That the Board approve revisions to Policy File: CGPGG - Sick Leave Bank (Medical Leave Assistance Program).

- H. APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF JEWELRY MAKING TOOLS AND SUPPLIES FOR COMEAUX HIGH SCHOOL

Bids were received from

- Stuller Settings
- Gesswein

That the bid of Stuller Settings on items 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 26, 27, 29-32, 35, 37-41, 44-48, 50, 51, 54, 56, 58, 59, 62-76, 80, 86, 93, 95-98, 103, 104, 108 and 110 be accepted; that the bid of Gesswein on items 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, 22-25, 28, 33, 34, 36, 42, 43, 49, 52, 53, 55, 57, 60, 61, 77-79, 81-85, 87-92, 94, 99-102, 105, 106, 107 and 109 be accepted.

I. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 01-02-1363 AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

That the Board adopt Resolution 0102-1363 African-American History Month

RESOLUTION 01-02-1363

WHEREAS, the children of each community are our nation's greatest resource; and,

WHEREAS, our ideal as a nation has been and continues to be *e pluribus unum* -- out of many comes one; and done on January 2, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish School Board believes that students should be educated for life in a diverse society; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People strives to insure educational equality for citizens, especially minority students; and,

WHEREAS, African-Americans have made numerous and significant contributions to this nation and the world; and,

WHEREAS, textbooks and other instructional materials have often failed to give adequate coverage to the achievements and contributions of African-Americans; and,

WHEREAS, February has been designated nationally as African-American History Month to provide an opportunity for all Americans to deepen their understanding of the African-American experience; and,

WHEREAS, the designation of African-American History Month nationally provides an opportunity for all Americans to deepen their understanding of the African-American experience; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby proclaim February 1 through 28, 2002 as

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

and that the schools are urged to observe this proclamation through appropriate activities which focus on assisting all students in gaining a greater understanding of the contributions which African-Americans have made and continue to make toward improving society.

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 January 2, 2002 at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana, this 2nd day of January, 2002.

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

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

J. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 01-02-1364 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

That the Board adopt Resolution 01-02-1364 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

RESOLUTION 01-02-1364

WHEREAS, contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. have had a significant impact on the Civil Rights Movement of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, all people of all creeds, colors, ethnic backgrounds and socio-economic levels can benefit from the principles that Dr. King preached; and,

WHEREAS, in this time of increasing violence, Dr. King's emphasis on nonviolence and calls for peace are even more poignant; and,

WHEREAS, in this time when many are again attempting to focus on ethnicity and race as primary considerations, the message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that people should "...not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character..." can and should provide enlightened guidance; and,

WHEREAS, in this time when so many seemed determined to tear apart the fabric of our society, Dr. King's plea for all Americans to transcend the things which separate and divide us so that we might reach that spiritual plateau where we can celebrate our common humanity assumes an even greater urgency; and,

WHEREAS, in this time when so many choose to criticize and belittle this country, Dr. King's references to America and "...the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of

Independence..." as positive ideals devoutly to be embraced and good ideas enthusiastically to be pursued can and should provide refreshing insight into the wonder and glory of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, students and the general public will be able to participate in a variety of activities sponsored by the Lafayette Martin Luther King Holiday Committee; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby support January 21, 2002, the national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and directs our administrators and teachers to remember this famous American through appropriate classroom and school activities which focus upon his dream of unity and brotherhood of all Americans.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana, this 2nd day of January, 2002.

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

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K. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 01-02-1365 - SCHOOL NURSE DAY

RESOLUTION 01-02-1365

WHEREAS, it is important that we recognize the efforts of school nurses and their association with the students of our schools; and,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the care of and contributions being made to the overall development of our children by school nurses; and,

WHEREAS, we express our gratitude and appreciation for the expertise of school nurses in our school environment and in acknowledgment of their vital role as professionals; and,

WHEREAS, January 23, 2002 has been designated by the National Education Association as a day of honor for our school nurses; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board hereby proclaim January 23, 2002 as

SCHOOL NURSE DAY

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 January 2, 2002 at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana, this 2nd day of January, 2002.

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

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L. APPROVAL OF 2002-2003 ADMINISTRATIVE AND SCHOOL CALENDARS

That the Board approve the school and administrative calendars for 2002-2003.

Wilson requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

M. APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHING CARENCRO HIGH SCHOOL AS A VOTING PRECINCT

That the Board approve Carencro High School as a voting precinct effective December 31, 2001.

N. APPROVAL OF ACT OF CONVEYANCE AND GRANT OF SERVITUDE

That the Board approve the Act of Conveyance and Grant of Servitude to the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government.

Motion (Hardy, Sam) that the Board approve Action Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, M, and N, and that Action Item L be pulled for discussion. Motion carried. Thibodaux requested that he be recorded as voting NO on Action Items C and D.

L. APPROVAL OF 2002-2003 ADMINISTRATIVE AND SCHOOL CALENDARS

Motion (Wilson, LaCombe) that the Board approve the school and administrative calendars for 2002-2003. Motion carried.

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

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURN

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

SIGNED:

/s/Judy H. Cox, President /s/James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer

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