

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Wednesday, February 20, 2002 - 5:30 P.M., Board Room

Judy H. Cox, 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, February 20, 2002 at 5:30 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy H. Cox, President; Rickey Hardy, Carl LaCombe, Edward Sam, David Thibodaux and Beverly Wilson, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Hefner, Vice-President (Business), Kay Gibson (Out-of-Town), and John Earl Guidry (Illness)

I. MEETING OPENINGS

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion (Hardy, LaCombe) that Approval of the Head Start Budget Application for 2002-2003 be added to the Action Items as Item P. Motion carried.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized Janine Neck, Lafayette High School teacher, who was presented with a plaque by Joan Pequet, President of the Louisiana and National Council on Economic Education, honoring her for being selected as a semi-finalist from Region IV - Southwest in this year's National Council on Economic Education (NCEE)/Nasdaq Educational Foundation National Teaching Awards program.

Also recognized was Tyler Mitchell, student at Vermilion Elementary, for being the third place winner in the Department of Education's Health Kids Month Art Contest.

The Board also recognized the 2002 National Merit Semi-Finalists who are now finalists. These Lafayette High School students are: Erin C. Couvillion, Elizabeth W. Griffin, Charles E. Reeves, Megan L. Repar, Megan S. Schneider, Jennifer A. Sibille, Eric M. Slack and Mark A. Thomas.

Also recognized was Willard Hanks, Head Football Coach of Acadiana High School, for being named 5A State Football Coach of the Year by the Louisiana Sports Writers.

A presentation by Kim Bare, RN, Program Director of the Northside High School Health Center, was made to the Board regarding the success that has been experienced since the Health Center opened at the school. Many students and faculty members have taken advantage of the health services offered.

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

a. Regular Board Meeting of 2/6/02

Motion (Hardy, Thibodaux) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 6, 2002 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

b. Special Board Meeting of 2/20/02

Motion (Sam, Thibodaux) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of February 20, 2002 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

a. None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

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

- General Fund \$7,453,614.15
- Special Revenues 8,466.94
- Adult Education 34,008.34
- Consolidated Other Federal 2,811.11
- Special Education 243,574.65
- Bond Sinking Fund -0-
- Consolidated School District #1 -0-
- Self-Funded Construction 34,120.74
- Construction Account 1999 Bond 80,871.17
- Construction Account 2001 Bond 523,766.44
- IASA Title I (Federal Programs) 130,689.06
- Child Development -0-
- IASA Title II/Title IV/Title VI 364,672.58
- School Food Service 368,646.18
- Capital Improvement 252,107.62
- Employee Insurance Fund 1,309,767.63

- LPSB General & Auto Loss Fund 18,527.47
- LPSB Workmen's Compensation 119,113.72

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$10,944,757.80

Motion (Thibodaux, Hardy) that the Board approve the ratification of bills for December, 2001. Motion carried.

B. OTHER REPORTS

- a. Approval of Cash and Investment Report as of December 31, 2001

Motion (Sam, Thibodaux) that the Board accept the Cash and Investment Report as of December 31, 2001. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

- a. Curriculum Update - CLK (Computers for Louisiana's Kids)

Raul Meneses, Service Technician with Lafayette Charter High School's CLK (Computers for Louisiana's Kids) Program, presented a report to the Board about the importance of the CLK Program helping students with computer training, repair and recycling programs designed to provide students with marketable job skills. Thousands of refurbished computers have become available, providing needed technology for Louisiana schools and valuable training for our students.

- b. Maintenance Insurance Program

Jules Gaudin informed the Board that by having a maintenance insurance program the school system could expect to reduce maintenance costs by 20% by reducing the number of maintenance contracts on various types of equipment. The Board requested this item be scheduled in a Board Workshop to be determined at a later date.

- c. FICA Alternative Program

Jules Gaudin informed the Board that implementing the FICA Alternative Plan will save the General Fund the employer's share of FICA Tax (6.2%) on substitute wages which is currently approximately \$157,000. The Board requested this item be scheduled in a Board Workshop to be determined at a later date.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

a. None

C. OTHER REPORTS

a. None

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

That the Board approve the following personnel changes:

PERSONNEL CHANGES

RESIGNATIONS:

- MANUEL, Ashley, Teacher - Elem. - Acadian Middle (**Eff. EOD 02/06/2002**)
- HAMILTON, Kenneth, Teacher - M/M - Northside High (**Eff. EOD 02/08/2002**)

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- WEBSTER, Claudia, BS-LSU, No Exp., Hearing Impaired - Lafayette High (**Eff. 02/01/2002 - 05/31/2002**)
- ARCENEUX, Joyce, BS-SU, 34 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Sev. Prof. - Live Oak Elem. (**Eff. 01/09/2002 - 05/31/2002**)
- JOHNSON, Ashley, BA-XU, 1 Yr. Exp., Teacher - Resource - Scott Middle (**Eff. 02/04/2002 - 05/31/2002**)

SABBATICAL LEAVE:

TAYLOR, Carol, Teacher - Elem. - J. W. Faulk Elem. (**Eff. 03/08/2002 - 05/31/2002**)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT:

TRAHAN, Amy, Grants Writer (**Eff. 02/21/2002 - 02/20/2004**)

DECEASED:

PITRE, John, Teacher - PE - Carencro Hghts. Elem. (**Eff. 01/31/2002**)

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- DORIAN, Madeline, Tea. Asst. - W. D. Smith Career Center (**Eff. 02/14/2002 - 05/31/2002**)

- SAMPE', Lisa, BS-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - Pre-K - W. D. Smith Career Center (Eff. 01/31/2002 - 05/31/2002)

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

SWANZY, Karen, Teacher - Pre-K - Alice Boucher Elem. (Eff. 02/25/2002 - 05/31/2002)

HIPPY PROGRAM

RESIGNATION:

LeJEUNE, Dawn, Home Instructor (Eff. EOD 02/15/2002)

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RESIGNATION:

LaFLEUR, JR., John, Tea. Asst. - Acadian Middle (Eff. EOD 02/05/2002)

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- EASON, David, Tea. Asst. - Acadian Middle (Eff. 02/08/2002)
- BOUMANS, Phyllis, Tea. Asst. - Ernest Gallet Elem. (Eff. 02/07/2002)
- ELLIOTT, Margaret, Tea. Asst. - S. J. Montgomery Elem./Youngville Middle (Eff. 02/21/2002)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

LEGER, Jenifer, Tea. Asst. - Ridge Elem. (Eff. 2002-2003)

CLERICAL DEPARTMENT

RESIGNATION:

DOSS, Cheryl, Sec. I - Plantation Elem. (Eff. EOD 01/23/2002)

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- MOSLEY, Genevieve, Cler. Asst. - Acadian Middle/Northside High (Eff. 02/21/2002)
- ANZALONE, Lisa, Cler. Asst. - Ridge Elem./Youngville Middle (Eff. 02/21/2002)

SERVICE RETIREMENT:

THIBEAUX, Regina, Sec. I - P. Breaux Middle (Eff. 02/07/2002)

CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- TRAHAN, Lily, Tech. - Carencro High (**Eff. 02/21/2002**)
- LeBLANC, Sherry, Tech. - L. Leo Judice Elem. (**Eff. 02/21/2002**)
- MENARD, Russella, Tech. - Ossun Elem. (**Eff. 02/21/2002**)
- ALEXANDER, Dorothy - Tech. - Westside Elem. (**Eff. 02/21/2002**)

EXTENSION OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

OZENNE, Velma, Tech. - Broadmoor Elem. (**Eff. 01/14/2002 - 05/31/2002**)

TRANSFER:

BOB, Amy, from Child Nutrition Manager II - Broussard Middle to Child Nutrition Manager III - P. Breaux Middle (**Eff. 02/21/2002**)

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

RESIGNATIONS:

- RHODES, Charles, Head Custodian II - N. P. Moss Middle (**Eff. EOD 03/08/2002**)
- RUBIN, Joseph, Custodian - Woodvale Elem. (**Eff. EOD 02/28/2002**)

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:

CONYERS, William, Custodian - Ossun Elem. (**Eff. 02/07/2002**)

O. PERMISSION TO GRANT A PAY INCREASE FOR ALL SUPPORT EMPLOYEES

That the Board grant a pay increase for all Support Employees.

Hardy requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

B. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF SECRETARY I AT P. BREUX MIDDLE SCHOOL

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary I at P. Breaux Middle School.

C. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF SECRETARY I AT PLANTATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary I at Plantation Elementary School.

D. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: GBRI - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL PERSONAL LEAVES AND ABSENCES (FOR ILLNESS AND EMERGENCIES)

That the Board approve the revisions to Policy File: GBRI - Professional Personnel Personal Leaves and Absences (For Illness and Emergencies).

E. APPROVAL OF 2002 SUMMER DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM

That the Board approve the 2002 Summer Driver Education Program that will be offered at the five high schools. Tuition will be set at \$235.00 per student. The cost of the program continues to remain less than other driver education programs in the parish and Acadiana area.

F. APPROVAL OF 2002 SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MIDDLE AND SECONDARY STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-12

That the Board approve the 2002 Summer School for Middle (grades 5-8) and Secondary (grades 9-12) students that need to repeat one or more subjects.

G. APPROVAL OF 2002 LEAP 21 SUMMER REMEDIATION SCHOOL FOR GRADES 4 AND 8

That the Board approve the 2002 Leap 21 Summer Remediation School for Grades 4 and 8.

H. APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) SUMMER ENRICHMENT AND VOCATIONAL EXPLORATION PROGRAM

That the Board approve applying for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Summer Enrichment and Vocational Exploration Program for two summer school programs as developed by the Office of Career and Technical Education.

I. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: JCDAC-R - REGULATIONS FOR DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS USING ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND TOBACCO

That the Board approve revisions to Policy File: JCDAC-R - Regulations for Discipline of Students Using Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco.

J. APPROVAL OF REVISED BUDGET FOR GROUP INSURANCE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002

That the Board approve the revised budget for the Group Insurance Fund for the current fiscal year 2001-2002.

K. APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR ACADIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTRICAL PROJECT

Bids were received from

- E.P. Breaux Electrical, Inc.
- RFB Electric, Inc.

That the Board accept the low bid of RFB Electrical, Inc. in the amount of \$383,000 for the Acadian Middle School Electrical Project.

L. APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE SALES TAX AUDITING SERVICES

Proposals were received from

- Broussard & Hulin, Inc.
- The Gary W. Lambert Company
- Revenue & Taxation Services, LLC
- Revenue Recovery Group, Inc.

That the Board accept and award proposals to Broussard & Hulin, Inc. and The Gary W. Lambert Company to provide sales tax auditing services.

M. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE WAREHOUSE SUPPLIES

Bids were received from

- General Office Supply
- Office Depot
- Pyramid School Products
- Quill Office Products
- School Specialty
- Valiant
- Virco Manufacturing Corporation

That the Board accept the bid of General Office Supply on items 2, 4, 9, 10, 24, 60-62, 65, 104 and 105; that the bid of Office Depot on items 25, 35, 67 and 92 be accepted; that the bid of Pyramid School Products on items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13-17, 20, 26-29, 31, 36-59, 63, 64, 66, 68-91, 93-98, 100, 107, 110, 113, 118 and 119 be accepted; that the bid of Quill Office Products on items 12, 18, 21, 23, 106, 111, 112, 114, 116, 117 and 120 be accepted; that the bid of School Specialty on items 1, 19, 22, 30, 32-34, 99, 102, 103 and 126 be accepted; that the bid of Valiant on items 101 and 108 be accepted; and that the bid of Virco Manufacturing Corporation on items 121-125, 127 and 128 be accepted.

N. APPROVAL OF N. P. MOSS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND NEW SCHOOL ON W. WILLOW STREET AS FUTURE VOTING PRECINCTS

That the Board approve N. P. Moss Middle School and New School on W. Willow Street as future voting precincts.

P. APPROVAL OF HEAD START BUDGET APPLICATION FOR 2002-2003

That the Board approve the Head Start budget application for 2002-2003 in the amount of \$220,000.

Motion that the Board approve Action Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, and P and that Action Item O be pulled for discussion. Motion carried.

O. PERMISSION TO GRANT A PAY INCREASE FOR ALL SUPPORT EMPLOYEES

Motion (Hardy, Thibodaux) that the Board grant a 5.65% pay increase for all Support Employees.

After some discussion, Thibodaux called for the question.

Motion (Thibodaux/Board) that the Board grant a 5.65% pay increase for all Support Employees. Motion carried.

Motion (Wilson, Thibodaux) that the Board add to the agenda Social Studies Fair deadline.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Voting for were Wilson and Thibodaux. Voting against were LaCombe, Sam and Cox. Motion failed. Hardy abstained. Gibson, Guidry and Hefner were absent.

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 members. No action was taken.

C. SUPERINTENDENT

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel Matter/Superintendent (Potential Executive Session)- CANCELED

IX. ADJOURN

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

SIGNED:

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

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