

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, May 8, 2002 - 4:00 P.M., Board Room

Judy H. Cox, President, Presiding

The School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, met in special session at its regular meeting place, the Lafayette Parish School Board Administrative Building, Board Room, Lafayette, Louisiana, on Wednesday, May 8, 2002 at 4:00 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

I UPDATE OF ALFREDA TRAHAN, ET AL VS LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD CASE #10903

The Chair called the meeting to order.

After some discussion, the Chair recessed the meeting until after the Board Workshop of May 8, 2002.

The Chair reconvened the meeting, and the Chair requested that each section of the proposed draft be voted on individually.

Lane Roy, Board Attorney, read each item as follows:

Introduction

Motion (Guidry, Hefner) that the Board approve the Introduction. Motion carried. Thibodaux requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

I. Currently Offered Programs

Motion (Hefner, Thibodaux) that the Board approve I. Currently Offered Programs. Motion carried.

II. J. Wallace James Elementary School - Arts and Technology

Motion (Gibson, Sam) that the Board approve II. J.Wallace James Elementary School - Arts and Technology and amend as follows: A. 5. Students who move into the J.Wallace

James Elementary School attendance zone after July 15, 2002 will attend that school, unless accepted into a different school of choice. **The attendance zone for students residing in Tracts 8-A, 8-C, 2-A, 11-A, 9-B is the J.Wallace James Elementary School. Motion carried.**

### III. L.J. Alleman Middle School - Arts Academy and Edgar Martin Middle School - ESL

Motion (Sam, Hefner) that the Board approve III. L.J. Alleman Middle School - Arts Academy and Edgar Martin Middle School - ESL and amend as follows:

In order to make classroom space available at L.J. Alleman Middle, the "English as a Second Language" (ESL) program, will be moved to Edgar Martin Middle School **beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.** Motion carried.

### IV. Truman Elementary - Pre-K Montessori School

Motion (Thibodaux, Hardy) that the Board approve IV. Truman Elementary - Pre-K Montessori School and amend as follows: The title will read **Truman Elementary - Pre-K-1 Montessori School** ; Item B. Current students (approximately 200) in **Second** through Fourth Grade will be reassigned as follows; Item B. 3. (Last sentence) Through the use of "Interdistrict Choice" and "Controlled Choice" the racial makeup of the new school **will follow court approved ratios; add Item 5. If application for Montessori Pre-K program does not fill Truman Elementary to its capacity, then the displaced second grade students in one or more of the above listed tracts will be reassigned to Truman Elementary in the academic school year of 2004-2005 based on the availability of space.** Motion carried.

### V. Alice Boucher and J.W. Faulk Elementary Schools

Motion (LaCombe, Hefner) that the Board approve V. Alice Boucher and J.W. Faulk Elementary Schools. Motion carried.

### VI. Vermilion Elementary

Motion (Hefner, Gibson) that the Board approve VI. Vermilion Elementary School becoming a pilot school beginning in the school year of 2002-2003 to 2003-2004. At the end of that period an evaluation will be conducted to see if substantial achievement gains have been made in accordance with the State Accountability Model. Adequate resources will be provided as needed to give the school every opportunity to succeed. Periodic assessments will be made and reported to the Board each semester. Motion carried.

### VII. L. Leo Judice Elementary - Pre-K and Westside Elementary - Kindergarten to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Motion (Guidry, Sam) that the Board delete this item. Motion carried.

### VIII. Ridge Elementary

Motion (Guidry, Thibodaux) that the Board approve VIII. Ridge Elementary. Motion carried.

#### IX. Additional Schools of Choice

Motion (Hefner, Sam) that the Board approve IX. Additional Schools of Choice and amend as follows: Lafayette Middle School - Oil, Gas, and Petroleum (Math/Science).

Hefner withdrew motion pending receipt of budget documents.

#### X. Majority to Minority Transfers

Motion (Gibson, LaCombe) that the Board approve X. Majority to Minority Transfers. Motion carried.

#### XI. Annual Evaluation of Use of Facilities and Student Populations

Motion (Sam, Hardy) that the Board approve XI. Annual Evaluation of Use of Facilities and Student Populations. Motion carried.

#### XII. Application for Schools of Choice

Motion (Thibodaux, LaCombe) that the Board approve XII. Application for Schools of Choice. Motion carried.

#### XIII. Maps

Motion (Guidry, Wilson) that the Board approve XIII. Maps. Motion carried.

#### IX. Additional Schools of Choice

Motion (Hefner, Sam) that the Board approve IX. Additional Schools of Choice and amend as follows: Lafayette Middle School - Oil, Gas, and Petroleum (Math/Science). Motion carried. Thibodaux requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

Under the NAACP An Alternative Joint Modification Plan the Board approved the following:

#### XIV. Class Sizes

Motion (Guidry, Sam) that the Board approve XIV. Class Sizes establishing teacher-pupil ratios at 15:1, the level at which substantial educational research guarantees significant improvement in student performance especially for "at-risk" minority students, we propose capping K-5 class sizes for "at-risk" students at eighteen (18). In other words, if a class exceeds eighteen (18) students, another teacher will be provided. Motion carried.

#### XV. Consistent Programming for "At-Risk" Students

Motion (Sam, Hardy) that the Board approve XV. Consistent Programming for "At-Risk" Students as amended: In addition, the district will adopt a standardized curriculum with all appropriate enrichment parish-wide for all children, particularly for K-3. Motion carried.

#### XVI. Incentive Pay

Motion (Thibodaux, Hardy) that the Board approve the concept of XVI. Incentive Pay and authorize staff to come back to the Board to implement with specific recommendations for implementation parish-wide with specific and immediate emphasis on low performing schools. Motion carried.

#### XVII. Professional Development

Motion (Guidry, Thibodaux) that additional staff development can and should be provided for teachers and administrators in "at-risk" situations. Specifically, diversity and sensitivity training should be required. Motion carried.

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

SIGNED:

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

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