

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 16, 2003 - 5:30 P. M., L. J. Alleman Middle School

Dr. David G. Thibodaux, President, Presiding

The School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at L. J. Alleman Middle School on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 at 5:30 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

I. MEETING OPENINGS

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

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized Darrel Comb, Assistant Principal, Carencro High School, as Assistant Principal of the Year for Louisiana by McDonald's, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Louisiana Association of Principals.

The Board also recognized Lerrri Cockrell, Teacher, Vermilion Elementary and Dolores Cormier-Zeno, Teacher, Broussard Middle, for achieving certification in the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

The Board congratulated Robin Olivier, Counselor, Lafayette Charter High School, for earning her certification as a National Certified School Counselor.

The Board also congratulated Kimberly Ziegler, Lafayette High School senior, for being selected as a candidate for the United States Presidential Scholars Program and Elizabeth Staten, Regional Toyota Finalist.

The Board also congratulated the winners of the Superintendent's United Way Awards. They were as follows: **Highest Per Capita:** Charles Burke Elementary, \$49.31 per employee; L. J. Alleman Middle, \$26.18 per employee; and Lafayette Charter High, \$75.00 per employee; **Most Dollars Raised:** Carencro High School, a total of \$3,459.00; and **Highest Percentage Increase in Giving:** Lafayette High School, a 28% increase.

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

a. Regular Board Meeting of 4/2/03

Motion (Cox, Sam) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 2, 2003 be approved. Motion carried.

b. Special Board Meeting of 4/16/03

Motion (Hefner, LaCombe) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 16, 2003 be approved. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

a. None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. APPROVAL OF BILLS

a. None

B. OTHER REPORTS

a. Approval of Sales Tax Collection Report for February, 2003

Motion (Guidry, Hefner) that the Board approve the Sales Tax Collection Report for February, 2003. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Curriculum Update

Susan Chiquelin, Director of Special Education, gave the Board an overview of the Special Education Program. She provided the Board with information on the Special Education Performance Profile, State MFP Child Count and the Report of Children and Youth with Disabilities Receiving Special Education. She informed the Board that Lafayette Parish School System has a wide range of special education services available to preschool, elementary and secondary school age children, and that the school system was doing a good job of keeping children in school.

b. Debt Service and Bond Proceeds at Various Interest Rates

Jules Gaudin, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, provided the Board with scenarios of terms on bonds issued for ten (10), fifteen (15), twenty (20) and thirty (30) years.

c. Response to LPAE Union Presentation on Supplies and Material Budgets for Lafayette Parish School System

Jules Gaudin, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, provided the Board with information regarding responses to LPAE Union's presentation on supplies and material budgets for the Lafayette Parish School System.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

a. None

C. OTHER REPORTS

a. None

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

PERSONNEL CHANGES

RESIGNATIONS:

- BOUDREAUX, Robin, Teacher - NCPH - J. W. Faulk Elem. (Eff. EOD 03/31/2003)
- BARBATO, Barbara, Teacher - Second - Live Oak Elem. (Eff. EOD 03/08/2003)
- MOUILLE, Sonya., Teacher - Fifth - Scott Middle (Eff. EOD 04/11/2003 instead of 03/21/2003)
- MORROW, Patricia, Teacher - English - Scott Middle (Eff. EOD 03/31/2003)

RESCINDED LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

TE5 - ROBERTS, Melissa, BA-OOSC, 3 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Fifth - Scott Middle (Eff. 04/14/2003 instead of 03/21/2003) - AC# 01.1602..711201.062

SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY:

COMEAX, Peggy, Teacher - Lafayette High (Eff. 04/28/2003 and 04/29/2003)

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT RENEWAL:

- SONNIER, Mary, Asst. Prin. - Comeaux High (Eff. 08/08/2003 - 08/07/2007)
- HAWKINS, Keicia, Asst. Prin. - Lafayette High (Eff. 08/08/2003 - 08/07/2007)
- HEBERT, Jed, Asst. Prin. - S. J. Montgomery Elem. (Eff. 08/02/2003 - 08/01/2007)
- KERLEGAN, Kimberly, Asst. Prin. - Plantation Elem. (Eff. 08/06/2003 - 08/05/2007)

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

DISABILITY RETIREMENT:

JONES, Barbara, Tea. Asst. - P. Breaux Middle (Eff. 11/01/2002)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

MATERNITY LEAVE:

CALAIS, Kitchia, Tea. Asst. - L. Leo Judice Elem. (Eff. 02/17/2003 - 05/30/2003)

CHILD NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:

WW1 - MERCIER, Adam, Warehouse Worker I - Child Nutrition Department (Eff. 04/14/2003)
AC# 70...711801

DISABILITY RETIREMENT:

ABSHIRE, Earline, Child Nutrition Tech. - P. Breaux Middle (Eff. 07/19/2002)

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

RESIGNATIONS:

- WILLIAMS, III, Harold, Custodian - Comeaux High (Eff. EOD 03/31/2003)
- BONNET, Tyrone, Custodian - Vermilion Elem. (Eff. EOD 04/01/2003)

B. APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR ASSESSMENT

That the Board approve the job description for Program Coordinator for Assessment.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

C. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR ASSESSMENT

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Program Coordinator for Assessment.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

D. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO JOB DESCRIPTION FOR INSTRUCTIONAL SUPERVISOR FOR LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

That the Board approve revisions to the job description for Instructional Supervisor for Library/Media Center.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

E. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SUPERVISOR FOR LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Instructional Supervisor for Library/Media Center.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

F. PERMISSION TO CREATE THE POSITION OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

That the Board grant permission to create the position of Staff Development Specialist.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

G. APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

That the Board approve the job description for Staff Development Specialist.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

H. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Staff Development Specialist.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

I. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF SMALL ENGINE/GROUND MECHANIC

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Small Engine/Ground Mechanic.

J. APPROVAL OF COLLABORATIVE SUMMER SCHOOL FOR 2003 AT BROADMOOR ELEMENTARY (NEW)

That the Board approve the collaborative summer school program for 2003 between Lafayette Parish Adult Education FAME 1st, Lafayette Parish Adult Education ESL, Refugee and Migrant Education Grant and Title III.

Gibson requested that this item be pulled from the agenda.

K. APPROVAL OF 2003 EXTENDED LEARNING SUMMER PROGRAM FOR PRE-K-FIFTH GRADE (NEW)

That the Board approve the 2003 Extended Learning Summer Program for Pre-K-Fifth Grade.

Gibson requested that this item be pulled from the agenda.

L. APPROVAL OF 2003 SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MIDDLE AND SECONDARY STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-12

That the Board approve the 2003 Summer School for Middle and Secondary Students in grades 5-12 who need to repeat one or more subjects.

M. APPROVAL OF 2003 LEAP 21 SUMMER REMEDIATION SCHOOL FOR GRADES 4TH AND 8TH

That the Board approve the 2003 LEAP 21 Summer Remediation School for grades 4th and 8th.

N. APPROVAL OF 2003 GEE 21 SUMMER REMEDIATION PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

That the Board approve the 2003 GEE 21 Summer Remediation Program for High School Students which will offer fifty (50) hours of summer remediation in the core curriculum areas of Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies to assist students in passing the GEE 21 (exit exam).

O. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)

That the Board approve the Special Education Extended School Year (ESY) for eligible children with disabilities.

P. 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 as developed by the Office of Career and Technical Education.

Q. APPROVAL OF ELEMENTARY SCIENCE K-5 TEXTBOOKS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

That the Board approve the Elementary Science K-5 Textbooks as recommended for adoption by the Elementary Science Committee.

R. APPROVAL OF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE AND MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPUTER LITERACY TEXTBOOKS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

That the Board approve the Middle and High School Science and Middle School Computer Literacy Textbooks as recommended by the middle and high school committees.

S. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 04-03-1402 - SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK

That the Board adopt Resolution 04-03-1402 - School Food Service Employee Appreciation Week.

RESOLUTION 04-03-1402

"SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK"

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program has served our Nation and Lafayette Parish loyally for fifty-eight (58) years through advanced practices and nutrition education; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish School Food Service Association has selected the week of May 05-09, 2003, for the observance of its twenty-sixth School Food Service Employee Appreciation Week to express acknowledgment of the contributions to the children of Lafayette Parish by some 200 employees of the School Food Service profession, who perform their invaluable tasks day-after-day in Lafayette Parish Cafeterias; and,

WHEREAS, School Food Service Employee Appreciation Week will give the general public the opportunity to recognize the fact that these employees greatly influence the health and well-being of our school children; and,

WHEREAS, there is evidence that their significant contribution to the total education of the child through nutrition education and serving of nutritionally adequate meals daily to 30,000 school children; and,

WHEREAS, the growth of professionalism among School Food Service employees, through the State Certification Program, is increasingly evident; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish School Food Service Association urges local and civic groups to give appropriate recognition to School Food Service employees; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board in official session does hereby publicly recognize and commend School Food Service employees of Lafayette Parish for their skill, devotion and dedication to the total education of the children of the parish; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby urge and request the Superintendent of Schools, the office staff, principals and teachers to offer their services to the sponsors and to cooperate and support in any way possible to insure the success of this twenty-sixth observance in Lafayette Parish.

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 16, 2003, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana, this 16th day of April, 2003.

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

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T. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 04-03-1403 - ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL WEEK

That the Board adopt Resolution 04-03-1403 - Administrative Professional Week.

RESOLUTION 04-03-1403

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 recognizes 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 20-26, 2003; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby proclaim April 20-26, 2003 as

ADMINISTRATIVE 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 provide unselfish service to school and community and to the promotion of the importance of the educational office position.

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Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana this 16th day of April, 2003.

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

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U. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 04-03-1404 - TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

That the Board adopt Resolution 04-03-1404 - Teacher Appreciation Week.

RESOLUTION - 04-03-1404

WHEREAS, teachers personify America's belief that universal public education is a key to meeting the challenges of our changing world; and,

WHEREAS, teachers strive to make every classroom an exciting, productive place to learn and grow; and,

WHEREAS, teachers reach out to foster the well-being of each student, regardless of ability, social or economic background, race, ethnic origin, or religion; and,

WHEREAS, teachers motivate individual students to find new directions in life and to reach high levels of achievement; and,

WHEREAS, teachers influence our lives long after our school days are only memories; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby proclaim the week of May 4-10, 2003,

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

and urges all citizens to observe this week by taking time to remember and salute the teachers who shape the future of our children, our community, and the community of nations.

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

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V. APPROVAL OF SALARY EQUITY ADJUSTMENTS FOR ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

That the Board approve Salary Equity Adjustments for Assistant Principals as recommended by the Administration.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

Motion (Guidry, Sam) that the Board approve Action Items A, I, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T and U, and that Action Items J and K be pulled for discussion. Motion carried.

J. APPROVAL OF COLLABORATIVE SUMMER SCHOOL FOR 2003 AT BROADMOOR ELEMENTARY (NEW)

Motion (Hardy, Hefner) that the Board approve the collaborative summer school program for 2003 between Lafayette Parish Adult Education FAME 1st, Lafayette Parish Adult Education ESL, Refugee and Migrant Education Grant and Title III. Motion carried.

K. APPROVAL OF 2003 EXTENDED LEARNING SUMMER PROGRAM FOR PRE-K-FIFTH GRADE (NEW)

Motion (Hardy, Hefner) that the Board approve the 2003 Extended Learning Summer Program for Pre-K-Fifth Grade. 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

Personnel Matter. . . Case #LH

This item was pulled from the agenda.

IX. ADJOURN

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

SIGNED:

/s/David G. Thibodaux, Ph.D., President /s/James H. Easton, Ed.D., Secretary-Treasurer

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