

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 2, 2003 - 5:30 P. M., Broussard Middle

Dr. David G. Thibodaux, President, Presiding

The School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at Broussard Middle on Wednesday, April 2, 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 Thibodaux. Guidry led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized Progressive Baptist Church's recent donation of computers and other supplies to Vermilion Elementary. Preston Welcome, liaison of Progressive Baptist Church, informed the Board that the golf ministry had worked with Principal Connie Thomas to address the needs of the school.

Also recognized, was Dan Richey, State Coordinator with Governor's Program on Abstinence. He informed the Board that the abstinence program is about raising awareness levels of epidemic diseases and giving teenagers hope for the future.

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

a. Regular Board Meeting of 3/19/03

Motion (Hardy, LaCombe) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 19, 2003 be approved. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

a. None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. a. None

B. OTHER REPORTS

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

Motion (Hefner, Hardy) 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

Patricia Sonnier, Elementary Supervisor of Instructional Services, provided the Board an update on Mathematics in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. She reported that the 2002 Summer Remediation Fourth Grade LEAP Program had been very successful with 61% of students passing the course. Also, with the addition of two Mathematics Lead Teachers, approximately 1,000 mathematics demonstration lessons have been presented in teachers classrooms. Additionally, teachers who work with Project LiFT in third, fourth and fifth grades have received practical ideas allowing the teachers to go directly to the classroom and present to students.

b. QZAB Program Status

Jules Gaudin, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, informed the Board that the QZAB Program was being placed on hold pending an IRS review of the program.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

a. None

C. OTHER REPORTS

a. Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Motion (Hefner, Guidry) that the Board add Approval of Funding Employee Assistance Program as an Action Item. Motion carried.

b. Lafayette Parish Association of Educators (LPAE)

Joycelyn Olivier, President of Lafayette Parish Association of Educators, shared with the Board concerns that her organization has with implementation of new programs, teacher salaries, and the supplies and materials budget for schools.

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

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RESIGNATION:

THOMPSON, Deanna, Teacher - Math - Lafayette High (Eff. EOD 02/13/2003)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

MATERNITY LEAVE:

CALAIS, Kitchia, Tea. Asst. - L. Leo Judice Elem. (Eff. 03/25/2003 - 05/30/2003)

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

ETSSE - ZACHERY, Janice, Tea. Asst. - L. J. Alleman Middle (Eff. 04/03/2003) AC# 01.0160200711219.006

ETSSE - STANSBURY, Dala, Tea. Asst. - Comeaux High (Eff. 04/07/2003) AC# 01.1603.711219.022

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

WILTZ, Sarina, Tea. Asst. - Charles Burke Elem. (Eff. 02/03/2003 - 05/30/2003)

CHILD NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

RESIGNATION:

LAWRENCE, Dorena, Child Nutrition Tech. - Acadiana High (Eff. EOD 03/01/2003)

SERVICE RETIREMENT:

CHAMPAGNE, Vernice, Child Nutrition Tech. - Acadiana High (Eff. 02/28/2003)

DISABILITY RETIREMENT:

DIXON, Shirley, Child Nutrition Tech. - Comeaux High (Eff. 01/22/2003)

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

RESIGNATION:

BERNARD, Wallace, Small Engine/Ground Mechanic I - Maintenance Dept. (Eff. EOD 03/17/2003)

B. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: AFC - EMERGENCY CLOSING

That the Board approve revisions to Policy File: AFC - Emergency Closing which outlines how the school district handles early dismissal of schools when an emergency situation threatens the safety of students and staff.

C. APPROVAL OF POLICY FILE: EBBG - ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE POLICY

That the Board approve Policy File: EBBG - Environmental Compliance Policy which outlines the procedures of managing potentially hazardous materials.

D. APPROVAL OF LAFAYETTE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FIVE (5) YEAR RENEWAL

That the Board approve Lafayette Charter High School five (5) year renewal process with Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

E. APPROVAL OF AFFILIATED SITE AGREEMENT FOR SPORTS MEDICINE WITH UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

That the Board approve the affiliated site agreement for sports medicine with University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Wilson requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

F. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

That the Board approve revisions to the Lafayette Parish School System Student/Parent Handbook.

G. APPROVAL OF STATE-MANDATED FUNDING FOR AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS

That the Board approve state-mandated funding for agricultural students. Louisiana state law requires supplemental funding of \$50.00 per student per class

for instructional materials and supplies for students in vocational agricultural programs.

H. APPROVAL OF JOINT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE EDUCATION CHAMBER

That the Board approve the joint cooperative agreement between Lafayette Parish School System and The Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce a/k/a The Education Chamber. The goal is to assure a quality education for every child in every school, to close the achievement gap, and to assure the continued economic and cultural vitality of Lafayette Parish.

Hardy requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

I. APPROVAL OF FUNDING THE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

That the Board approve funding the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

Hefner requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

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

E. APPROVAL OF AFFILIATED SITE AGREEMENT FOR SPORTS MEDICINE WITH UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

Motion (Wilson, LaCombe) that the Board approve the affiliated site agreement for sports medicine with University of Louisiana at Lafayette and that the physical therapists contracts be included in the agreement. Motion carried.

H. APPROVAL OF JOINT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE EDUCATION CHAMBER

Motion (Hefner, Cox) that the Board approve the joint cooperative agreement between Lafayette Parish School System and The Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce a/k/a The Education Chamber as revised.

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

I. APPROVAL OF FUNDING THE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

Motion (Hefner, Guidry) that the Board approve funding the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for the remaining fiscal year and that it not exceed \$45,000, and that the funds come from the General Fund Reserve.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Voting for were LaCombe, Hardy, Sam, Hefner, Wilson, Cox, Gibson, Guidry and Thibodaux. 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 Public. 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 Hefner 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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