

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 21, 2003 - 5:30 P. M., Board Room

Dr. David G. Thibodaux, 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, May 21, 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 Sam. Cox led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized the 2002-2003 Retirees. Their combined years of service to the students of the Lafayette Parish School System totals to 1,361 years.

Also recognized were the overall winners of the Very Special Arts Festival for 2002-2003. The overall winner for visual arts was Thomas Lachin, Lafayette High School, and the overall winner for craft arts was Britney Taylor, P. Breaux Middle School.

The Board recognized Jacob LeBouef, sixth grade student at Broussard Middle for placing second in the Craftsman National Science Teachers Association Young Inventors Awards Program in Region V for his invention of a convertible crutch chair.

Also recognized were the Career and Technical Education State Honors and Award winners in the following categories: **Carencro High School FFA Horse Judging Team:** Amanda Magnon, Lauren Pellerin, Britni Marks, Tara Guidry and advisor Dwayne Martin; **Comeaux High School FFA State Floriculture:** Jessie Castille and advisor Robert Gautreaux; **Acadiana High School FFA Land Judging:** Michael Guidry, Matthew Guidry, Courtney Albarado, Amanda Melancon, Dalton Breaux, Spencer Champagne and Brandon Broussard and advisor Phillip Broussard; **Acadiana High School Family & Consumer Sciences "Power of One":** Chelsea Hughes, Emily Laughlin, Britney Darnell and advisor Nadine Carlson ; Youngsville Middle School

Family & Consumer Sciences STAR: Kayla Champagne, Lindsey York and advisor Dawn Gary; and W.D. Smith Career Center Ford/AA Auto Skills Competition: Jude Latiolais, David Vannoy, Gabriel Cooper, Joseph Landry, Nicholas Simon, Alex Moreau, Dustin Robinson, Ryan LeBlanc and advisor Phillip Broussard.

The Board congratulated Coach Duane Belfour from Lafayette High School on being selected as Division I Class 5A State Boys Soccer Coach of the Year.

Also congratulated were the 2003 Elementary Fitness Meet winners: Hailey Menard, Broadmoor Elementary; Amber Lauchner, Plantation Elementary; Allyson Reech, Haley Hanson, Aaron Thornton and Devante Babin, Prairie Elementary; Joanna LaPucha, E.A. Martin Middle; Travis Clark and Blair Landry, Gallet Elementary; and Trae Bernard, Live Oak Elementary. **State Fitness Participants** were: Joanna LaPucha and Taylor Vincent, E.A. Martin Middle; Amber Lauchner, Plantation Elementary; Shanelle Zenon, N. P. Moss Middle; Devante Babin, Prairie Elementary and Justin Narcisse, Acadian Middle.

The Board also recognized the Comeaux Lady Spartan Softball Team as 2003 State Class 5A Runners-up.

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

a. Regular Board Meeting of 5/7/03

Motion (Guidry, Wilson) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 7, 2003 be approved. Motion carried. b. Special Board Meeting of 5/21/03

Motion (Wilson, Guidry) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 21, 2003 be approved. Motion carried. Hardy and Sam requested that they be recorded as voting NO.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

a. None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF BILLS ... March, 2003

- General Fund \$9,503,896.48
- Special Revenues 175,038.76
- Adult Education 70,462.33
- Consolidated Other Federal 44,208.08

- Special Education 269,439.73
- Bond Sinking Fund 3,602.31
- Consolidated School District #1 1,683.30
- Self-Funded Construction 80,337.63
- Construction Account 1999 Bond -0-
- Construction Account 2001 Bond 965.50
- IASA Title I (Federal Programs) 202,318.73
- Child Development 397,563.66
- IASA Title II/Title IV/Title VI 24,321.31
- School Food Service 1,511,974.76
- Capital Improvement 61,288.49
- Employee Insurance Fund 1,496,919.38
- LPSB General & Auto Loss Fund 53,797.94
- LPSB Workmen's Compensation 152,343.31

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$14,050,161.70

Motion (Sam, LaCombe) that the Board approve the ratification of bills for March, 2003. Motion carried.

B. OTHER REPORTS

- a. None

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

- a. Curriculum Update

Burnell Lemoine, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, informed the Board that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) had renewed Lafayette Charter High School's contract for ten (10) years.

Patsy Williams, Homeless Supervisor, informed the Board that 532 students have been assisted through the Homeless, Neglected and Delinquent Program. This program assists homeless families to find homes and assists them in enrolling in schools. The children are provided with school supplies, uniforms and enrichment programs. The program helps families to become self-sufficient and stable.

- b. Budget Adoption Timeline

Motion (Guidry, Gibson) that the Board approve the Budget Adoption Timeline as presented. Motion carried.

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:

- BROUSSARD, Donald, Teacher - Alt. Ed. - L. J. Alleman Middle (**Eff. EOD 05/30/2003**)
- CORMIER, Marsha, Teacher - First - Carencro Hghts. Elem. (**Eff. EOD 05/30/2003**)
- MATTE, Kammie, Teacher - Resource - K. Drexel Elem. (**Eff. EOD 05/30/2003**)
- SWANZY, Karen, Teacher - Kdgn. - Live Oak Elem. (**Eff. EOD 05/30/2003**)
- COLLINS, Terrica, Teacher - Pre-K - Truman Elem. (**Eff. EOD 05/30/2003**)
- PHILLIPS, Sacha, Teacher - First - Vermilion Elem. (**Eff. EOD 05/30/2003**)
- CLIMER, Stanley, Teacher - Physical Science - Charter High (**Eff. EOD 05/30/2003**)

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

HOGSETT, Patrice, Teacher - BD - Judice Middle (**Eff. 05/13/2003 - 05/30/2003**)

SERVICE RETIREMENTS:

- RAGGIO, Gloria, Teacher - Math - Acadiana High (**Eff. 05/31/2003**)
- HAMILTON, Daniel, Teacher - Ind. Arts - Carencro Middle (**Eff. 05/31/2003**)
- HAMILTON, Carolyn, Teacher - Kdgn. - S. J. Montgomery Elem. (**Eff. 05/31/2003**)
- KELLER, Mary, Teacher - Visually Impaired - Itinerant (**Eff. 05/31/2003**)

CLERICAL DEPARTMENT

RESIGNATIONS:

- WEEKLEY, Mary Anne, Cler. Asst. - J. W. James Elem. (**Eff. EOD 05/23/2003**)
- HERTZOCK, Lucretia, Sec. I - Myrtle Place Elem. (**Eff. EOD 05/22/2003**)

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RESIGNATIONS:

- JOSEPH, Scarlette, Tea. Asst. - L. J. Alleman Middle (Eff. EOD 04/30/2003)
- BOLLIICH, Ben, Tea. Asst. - Broussard Middle (Eff. EOD 05/30/2003)

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

BOURQUE, Lyndi - Tea. Asst. - Judice Middle (Eff. 04/07/2003 - 5/30/2003)

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

DISABILITY RETIREMENT:

GUILLORY, Karen, Bus Driver (Eff. 10/01/2002)

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

TRANSFER:

MM1 - THIBODEAUX, Peter, from - Ground Maintenance Worker - Maintenance Dept. to Small Engines/Mechanic I - Maintenance Dept.(Eff. 05/22/2003) AC# 01.01224.0000.711606.000

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

RESIGNATION:

CELESTINE, Clifton, Custodian - Woodvale Elem. (Eff. EOD 05/22/2003)

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- JCS - SIMON, Penny, Custodian - P. Breaux Middle (Eff. 05/22/2003) AC# 01.01602.0000.711804.010
- JCS - CALAIS, Clayton, Custodian - Carencro High (Eff. 05/22/2003) AC# 01.01603.0000.711804.020
- JCS - EDWARD, Jonas, Custodian - Comeaux High (Eff. 05/22/2003) AC# 01.01603.0000.711804.022

TRANSFER:

JCS - FLUGENCE, James, from Itinerant Custodian to Custodian - E. A. Martin Middle (Eff. 05/22/2003) - AC# 01.01602.0000.711804.046

B. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES MANAGER III AT PLANTATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Child Nutrition Services Manager III at Plantation Elementary School.

C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 05-03-1405- NATIONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS MONTH AND NATIONAL EMPLOYEE FITNESS MONTH

That the Board adopt Resolution 05-03-1405 - National Physical Education and Sports Month and National Employee Fitness Month.

RESOLUTION 05-03-1405

WHEREAS, the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports has designated the month of May, 2003 as National Physical Education and Sports Month and National Employee Fitness Month; and,

WHEREAS, National Physical Education and Sports Month is our country's celebration of Fitness and Sports and many agencies have initiated Fitness programs designed to improve our quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, National Physical Education and Sports Month is a time when we can do something special to direct deserved national attention to this extraordinary effort; and,

WHEREAS, the opportunities they provide have been instrumental in influencing millions of Americans to participate in Fitness and Sports activities; and,

WHEREAS, all employees will have the opportunity to participate in some type of physical fitness programs and activities; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that children learn the sports and other skills that lead to participation and enjoyment throughout life; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School System does hereby proclaim the month of May, 2003 as

NATIONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS MONTH

AND

NATIONAL EMPLOYEE FITNESS MONTH

in Lafayette Parish and urge our community to promote activities in recognition of this month.

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 May 21, 2003 at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana, this 21st day of May, 2003.

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

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D. APPROVAL OF OPTIONS (PREGED/SKILLS) STATE APPLICATION

That the Board approve Options (PreGed/Skills) state application which provides a successful path for those over-aged students who cannot earn a regular high school diploma within the standard four (4) year period typically allotted students to graduate from high school.

E. APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR FIRE ALARM/INTERCOM REPLACEMENT AT L. J. ALLEMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bids were received from:

- Ernest P. Breaux Electrical Inc.
- RFB Electric, LLC
- Magnon Electric, Inc.

That the Board accept the bid from RFB Electric, LLC in the amount of \$228,500 for the fire alarm/intercom replacement at L.J. Alleman Middle School.

F. APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE FOR FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE LABS

Bids were received from:

- Depco, Inc.
- Sivad, Inc.
- Synergistic-Systems (Pitsco)

That the Board accept the bid from Sivad, Inc. for the purchase of software and hardware for Family & Consumer Science Labs.

G. APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF POLE VAULT PADS

Bids were received from:

- Aluminum Athletic Equipment Company
- B S N Sports
- D & A Associates
- Hahn Enterprises, Inc.
- UCS, Inc.

That the Board accept the bid from B S N Sports for the purchase of pole vault pads.

H. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 05-03-1407 - IN SUPPORT OF REQUESTING LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO FUND INCREASES IN HEALTH INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

That the Board adopt Resolution 05-03-1407 - In Support of Requesting Louisiana Legislature to Fund Increase in Health Insurance and Retirement Contributions.

RESOLUTION 05-03-1407

WHEREAS, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education adopted on March 12, 2003 the Minimum Foundation Program Formula for distribution of funds to parish and city school systems for the 2003-04 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the adopted formula does not consider increases of approximately 19% in employee health insurance premiums for parish and city school systems for an estimated employer cost increase of \$76 million for FY 2003-04; and,

WHEREAS, the adopted formula does not consider the increases from 68% to 75% for the employer portion of active employee premiums to districts enrolled in Office of Group Benefits health insurance; and,

WHEREAS, the adopted formula does not provide funds to offset increases in Teacher Retirement System of Louisiana employer contributions from 13.1% to 13.8% for an estimated parish and city school system cost increase of \$18 million for 2003-04; and,

WHEREAS, the adopted formula does not provide funds to offset increases in Louisiana School Employees Retirement System employer contributions from 0% to 8.5% for an estimated parish and city school system cost increase of \$22 million for FY 2003-04; and,

WHEREAS, the projected cost for health insurance and retirement contribution increases for all school systems in the State is estimated by the State Department of Education to be approximately \$116 million for FY 2003-04; and,

WHEREAS, parish and city school systems will receive approximately \$25 million to offset these increases under the proposed Minimum Foundation Program formula for FY 2003-04; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish School Board expresses their unanimous support and agreement to fully fund the employer's contribution to retirement and group health insurance for parish and city school systems; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board respectfully requests that the Louisiana Legislature appropriate funds through a direct appropriation for the increase in the employer cost of insurance and retirement contributions to be allocated to parish and city school systems to finance these requirements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana School Boards Association, to the Governor of Louisiana, members of the Lafayette Legislative Delegation, to the State Superintendent of Public Education, and to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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 May 21, 2003 at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana, this 21st day of May, 2003.

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

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Motion (Guidry, Sam) that the Board approve Action Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H. 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 Hardy, seconded by Wilson 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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