

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, January 5, 2005 - 5:30 P. M., N. P. Moss Middle School

James H. Easton, Ed.D., Secretary-Treasurer, Presiding

The School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at N. P. Moss Middle School, Lafayette, Louisiana, on Wednesday, January 5, 2005 at 5:30 P.M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

I. MEETING OPENINGS

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

NOMINATION OF SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT FOR 2005

The Chair called for nominations for President for a one-year term.

Hardy placed in nomination David Thibodaux for President for a one-year term. Sam seconded the nomination.

Cox placed in nomination Kay Gibson for President for a one-year term. Wilson seconded the nomination. Gibson declined the nomination.

Gibson placed in nomination Michael Hefner for President for a one-year term. Wilson seconded the nomination.

Motion (Hardy, Gibson) that nominations for President be closed. Motion carried.

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

Easton congratulated Board President Thibodaux and turned the gavel over to him.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 2005

The Chair called for nominations for Vice-President for a one-year term.

Sam placed in nomination John Earl Guidry for Vice-President for a one-year term. LaCombe seconded the nomination.

Gibson placed in nomination Edward Sam for Vice-President for a one-year term. Cox seconded the nomination. Sam declined the nomination for Vice-President.

Motion (Hardy, LaCombe) that nominations for Vice-President be closed.

It was voted by acclamation that Guidry be elected Vice-President for a one-year term.

OFFICIAL LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS

David G. Thibodaux, President	District 7
John Earl Guidry, Vice-President	District 1
Carl J. LaCombe	District 2
Rickey Hardy	District 3
Edward J. Sam	District 4
Michael C. Hefner	District 5
Beverly Wilson	District 6
Judy H. Cox	District 8
Kay S. Gibson	District 9

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board congratulated Northside High School Viking football team for their outstanding performance in the Nokia Sugar Bowl Prep Classic Class 4-A finals in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Vikings are coached by Vincent DeRouen, and finished with a record of 13-2.

The Board recognized Patsy Williams, Supervisor of the Homeless Program, who informed the Board that Nettie McDaniel's fifth grade gifted enrichment students at P. Breaux Middle School wrote a book featuring homeless students who work with others to solve mysteries that occur on the school campus. The class edited, published and sold its work as a fundraiser for the Homeless Children and Youth Education Program. Their efforts gained them recognition by the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) organization as the Outstanding Class Working to Improve the Lives of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness.

Also recognized were the volunteers at Asbury's Needy Nook of Asbury Methodist Church of Lafayette. The volunteers were honored by the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) organization as the Outstanding Service and Leadership for its support of homeless program activities.

On behalf of the Board and Superintendent, Easton presented a plaque to outgoing President Michael C. Hefner for his leadership and commitment for all students.

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

- a. Regular Board Meeting of 12/15/04

Motion (Hardy, Sam) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 15, 2004 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

- a. None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- a. None

B. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Sales Tax Collection Report for November, 2004 - Gaudin/Meche

Motion (Gibson, LaCombe) that the Board accept the Sales Tax Collection Report for November, 2004. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

- a. Bids for Comeaux High School Re-roofing of Cafeteria and Girls' Gym - Comeaux/Bordelon

Discussion held. No action taken.

C. OTHER REPORTS

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

PERSONNEL CHANGES

(positions are funded via General Fund, unless noted otherwise)

NEW HIRES:

FAUL, Anna, Teacher - M/M - Carencro Hghts. Elem. (Effective 01/03/2005 - 06/01/2005)

BRASSEAU, Kelly, Teacher - LD/Math - Carencro High (Effective 12/06/2004 - 06/01/2005)

McCLENDON, Richard, Teacher - Computer Science - Carencro High (Effective 01/12/2005 -

06/01/2005)

WASHINGTON, Angela, Custodian - Comeaux High (Effective 12/15/2004)
GARY, Paula, Teacher - 3rd - K. Drexel Elem. (Effective 01/14/2005 - 06/01/2005)
MIGUES, Mandy, Teacher - French - Evangeline Elem. (Effective 01/03/2005 - 06/01/2005)
ANGERS, Aline, Teacher - 4th - J. W. Faulk Elem. (Effective 01/03/2005 - 06/01/2005)
MARAGOS, Anna, Teacher - Kdgn. - L. Leo Judice Elem. (Effective 01/13/2005)
GRAFFEO, Paula, Librarian - Lafayette Middle (Effective 01/12/2005 - 01/12/2006)
MORVANT, Kimberly, Teacher - G. T. Lindon Elem. (Effective 01/14/2005 - 06/01/2005)
PETTICROW, Brittany, Teacher - Reading - E. A. Martin Middle (Effective 01/12/2004 - 06/01/2005)
RUSSELL, Mona, Teacher - ESL - E. A. Martin Middle (Effective 12/13/2004 - 06/01/2005)
HARRISON, Sommer, Tea. Asst. - (SPED) - Westside Elem. (Effective 01/03/2005)
BODIN, Amy, Teacher - Hospital/Homebound - N. P. Moss Annex (Effective 01/03/2005 - 06/01/2005)
LeBLANC, Jill, Speech Therapist - K. Drexel Elem./Plantation Elem. (Effective 01/31/2005)
SIMON, Janice, Teacher - 5th -Milton Elem. (Effective 12/01/2004)

EXITING EMPLOYEES:

DANIEL, Kelly, Speech Pathologist - Alice Boucher Elem. (Resignation Effective End of the Day 01/31/2005)
SMITH, Katrina, Teacher - Math/Computer Lit. - Carencro High (Resignation Effective End of the Day 01/12/2005)
THOMAS, Glenda, Librarian - K. Drexel Elem. (Service Retirement Effective 01/15/2005)
WOMACK, Mercill, PE - Tea. Asst. - J. W. James Elem. (Resignation Effective End of the Day 12/17/2004)
BROUSSARD, Judith, Tea. Asst. - H.O.S.T. - Judice Middle (Resignation Effective End of the Day 12/17/2004)
MOLLENDICK, Sharon, Teacher - Hearing Impaired - S. J. Montgomery Elem. (Resignation Effective End of the Day 12/17/2004)
BATISTE, Amos, Tea. Asst. (SPED) - Northside High (Resignation Effective End of the Day 12/17/2004)
AUCOIN, Nancy, Tea. Asst. (SPED) - Westside Elem. (Service Retirement Effective 12/18/2004)

SABBATICAL LEAVE:

SOESEN, Devin, Teacher - M/M - Ernest Gallet Elem. (Medical Sabbatical Leave Effective 01/13/2005 - 06/01/2005)

TRANSFER:

McZEAL, Carla, from Teacher - Homebound - N. P. Moss Annex to Teacher - Homebound - Detention Home (Effective 12/01/2004)
WEATHERSBY, Byrda, from Clerical Asst.–Physical Plant & Grounds–to Secretary I–Planning &

Facilities and Physical Plant & Grounds (50% General Fund, 50% Fund 45) (Effective 01/06/2005)

GUIDRY, Yvette, from Secretary II, Planning & Facilities, to Secretary II, Curriculum (Effective 01/06/2005)

RETURNING FROM MATERNITY LEAVE:

GROGAN, Jessica, Teacher - English - Carencro High (Effective 01/12/2005)

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT RENEWAL:

SIMMONS, James, Supervisor of Health, PE & Athletics - Central Office (Effective 12/16/2004 - 12/15/2006)

Number of full-time employees by funding source for December, 2004, payroll:

General Fund (01).....	3,553
2002 Sales Tax (15).....	96
Special Revenues (20).....	22
Teaching American History Grant(25).....	7
& Small Learning Communities Grant	
Consolidated Adult Education (30).....	12
Consolidated Other Federal (35).....	7
Special Education (40).....	72
LPSS Self-Funded Construction (45).....	2
IASA Title I (50).....	95
Child Development–Head Start (60).....	85
IASA Titles II/III/IV/VI (65).....	31
Child Nutrition (70).....	193
LPSS Group Insurance Fund (85).....	2
 TOTAL.....	 4,177
Total last month:	4,188

- B. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 01-05-1478 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY
That the Board adopt Resolution 01-05-1478 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

RESOLUTION 01-05-1478

WHEREAS, contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. have had a significant impact on the Civil Rights Movement of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, all people of all creeds, colors, ethnic backgrounds, and socio-economic levels, can benefit from the principles that Dr. King preached; and,

WHEREAS, in this time of increasing violence, Dr. King's emphasis on nonviolence and calls for peace are even more poignant; and,

WHEREAS, in this time when many are again attempting to focus on ethnicity and race as primary considerations, the message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that people should "...not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character..." can and should provide enlightened guidance; and,

WHEREAS, in this time when so many seemed determined to tear apart the fabric of our society, Dr. King's plea for all Americans to transcend the things which separate and divide us so that we might reach that spiritual plateau where we can celebrate our common humanity assumes an even greater urgency; and,

WHEREAS, in this time when so many choose to criticize and belittle this country, Dr. King's references to America and "...the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence..." as positive ideals devoutly to be embraced and good ideas enthusiastically to be pursued can and should provide refreshing insight into the wonder and glory of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, students and the general public will be able to participate in a variety of activities sponsored by the Lafayette Martin Luther King Holiday Committee; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby support January 17, 2005, the national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and directs our administrators and teachers to remember this famous American through appropriate classroom and school activities which focus upon his dream of unity and brotherhood of all Americans.

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 January 5, 2005, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana,
this 5th day of January, 2005.

/s/ James H. Easton

James H. Easton, Ed.D, Secretary-Treasurer
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Motion (Sam, Hardy) that the Board approve Action Items A and B. Motion carried. Gibson and Guidry requested that they be recorded as voting NO on clerical transfers listed in Personnel Changes. Thibodaux requested that he be recorded as voting NO on Action Item A.

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

IX. ADJOURN

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

SIGNED:

/s/ David G. Thibodaux

David G. Thibodaux, Ph.D., President
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SIGNED:

/s/ James H. Easton

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