

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, February 28, 2007 - 5:30 P. M., Board Room

Carl J. LaCombe, 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, February 28, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl J. LaCombe, President; David Thibodaux, Vice-President; Gregory P. Awbrey, Hunter Beasley, Rickey Hardy, Michael Hefner, Russell Meyer, Edward J. Sam, and Rae Trahan, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

I. MEETING OPENINGS

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

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

a. Regular Board Meeting of 2/7/07

Motion (Hefner, Sam) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 7, 2007 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

a. None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. a. APPROVAL OF BILLSJanuary, 2007

General Fund.....	\$12,018,219.92
Special Revenues	76,811.20
Consolidated Direct Federal	23,693.40
Adult Education	17,472.68
Consolidated Other Federal	10,231.37
Special Education.....	356,129.88

Bond Sinking Fund	-0-
Consolidated School District #1	-0-
Self-Funded Construction	13,661.08
Construction Account 1999 Bond.....	9,315.00
Construction Account 2001 Bond.....	-0-
IASA Title I (Federal Programs)	804,786.08
Consolidated Other State	880.50
Child Development	47,332.22
IASA Title II/Title IV/Title VI	6,833.83
School Food Service	2,219,200.82
Capital Improvement	208,880.87
Employee Insurance Fund.....	3,335,447.23
LPSB General & Auto Loss Fund	25,754.58
LPSB Workmen's Compensation.....	185,993.24
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$19,360,643.90

Motion (Hefner, Meyer) that the Board accept the ratification of bills for January, 2007.
Motion carried.

B. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. None

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. 2002 ½ Cent Sales Tax Excess Revenues. That staff bring back to the second meeting in March a policy for distributing excess revenues from the 2002 ½ Cent Sales Tax. The policy would determine who is to receive it, when it will be distributed and how much will be given.

b. Substitute Bus Drivers Knowing Bus Routes. Discussion held, no action taken.

c. Lafayette Parish School System and Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Plans to Address Facility Needs. Discussion held, no action taken.

d. PowerSchool Student Data Software Training. Discussion held, no action taken.

e. Legal Fees for Review of Attorney General Opinion. Discussion held, no action taken.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

a. Child Nutrition Food, Produce, Supplies and Equipment Bids. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

C. OTHER REPORTS

- a. None

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

- A. RESOLUTION 02-07-1550 – NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH
That the Board adopt Resolution 02-07-1550 – National Nutrition Month.

RESOLUTION 02-07-1550

**NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH
NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK
LOUISIANA’S NATIONAL LUNCH WEEK**

WHEREAS, National Nutrition Month, National School Breakfast Week and Louisiana’s National Lunch Week combined has admirably served our nation for more than 30 years; and,

WHEREAS, all the programs are dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation’s children; and,

WHEREAS, food is the substance by which life is sustained and learning abilities in and out of the classroom increase substantially; and,

WHEREAS, the type, quality, and amount of food that individuals consume each day plays a vital roll in their overall health and physical fitness; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need for continuing nutrition education and a wide-scale effort to enhance good eating practices; and,

WHEREAS, there is evidence of continued need for awareness of the value of school nutrition programs; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby support the month of March as National Nutrition Month and March 5-9, 2007 as National School Breakfast Week and Louisiana’s School Lunch Week, and directs our administrators, teachers, all support staff and students to remember these activities and support them through appropriate classroom and school activities and primarily through example and implementation.

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 February 28, 2007, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and

effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana,
this 28th day of February, 2007.

/s/ James H. Easton

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

- B. RESOLUTION 02-07-1551 – READ ACROSS AMERICA
That the Board adopt Resolution 02-07-1551 – Read Across America.

RESOLUTION - 02-07-1551

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lafayette Parish stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students’ future academic success, their preparation for America’s jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and,

WHEREAS, Lafayette Parish has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community’s well being and long-term quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, “**NEA’S Read Across America**,” a national celebration of Dr. Seuss’s 103rd birthday on March 2, 2007, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community’s students; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board calls on the citizens of Lafayette to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2007; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body enthusiastically endorses “**NEA’s Read Across America**” and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America’s children the best readers in the world.

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C. REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: EDCC – SUSPENSION OF A BUS DRIVER FOR LEAVING A CHILD ON THE BUS

That the Board approve revisions to Policy File: EDCC – Suspension of a Bus Driver for Leaving a Child on the Bus.

Awbrey requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

D. REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: IDDE-R – SUMMER DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM

That the Board approve revisions to Policy File: IDDE-R – Summer Driver Education Program.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET REVISION #1 CONTINUATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007

That the Board approve the Capital Improvement Fund Budget Revision #1 Continuation for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Thibodaux requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

Motion (Hardy, Trahan) that the Board approve Action Items A, B and D, and that Action Items C and E be pulled for discussion. Motion carried. Meyer requested that he be recorded as recusing himself on Action Item D.

C. REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: EDCC – SUSPENSION OF A BUS DRIVER FOR LEAVING A CHILD ON THE BUS

Motion (Hardy, Hefner) that the Board approve revisions to Policy File: EDCC – Suspension of a Bus Driver for Leaving a Child on the Bus; and that staff come back with the identical policy to address other employees in supervisory positions who leave children unattended.

After some discussion, Awbrey called for the question, then withdrew his motion.

A substitute motion was made by Hefner, and seconded by Thibodaux that the Board modify the existing Policy File: EDCC- Suspension of a Bus Driver for Leaving a Child on the Bus to reflect a minimum of twenty (20) days suspension without pay.

After some discussion, Trahan requested that a friendly amendment be considered as follows: that staff come back with a similar policy to address other employees in supervisory positions who leave children unattended.

Awbrey called for a point of order on the substitute motion saying that it must be voted to the floor before discussion can be held.

After some discussion, Hefner withdrew his second from the original motion, making the substitute motion the original motion.

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the original motion. Voting for were: Hefner, LaCombe, Meyer, Sam, Thibodaux and Trahan. Voting against were Awbrey, Beasley and Hardy. Motion carried.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET REVISION #1 CONTINUATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007

Motion (Thibodaux, Sam) that the Board divide the question removing from the Capital Improvement Fund Budget Revision #1 Continuation for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 the following items: Library and Textbook Inventory Software in the amount of \$380,000; Feasibility Study for Parish Facility Needs in the amount of \$150,000; and Student Data Upgrade Software – PowerSchool in the amount of \$436,000. Motion carried.

Motion (Awbrey, Hefner) that the Board approve the Capital Improvement Fund Budget Revision #1 Continuation for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Motion carried.

LIBRARY AND TEXTBOOK INVENTORY SOFTWARE

Motion (Hefner, Sam) that the Board approve the Library and Textbook Inventory Software in the amount of 380,000. Motion carried.

STUDENT DATA UPGRADE SOFTWARE- POWERSCHOOL

Motion (Hefner, Sam) that the Board approve Student Data Upgrade Software – PowerSchool in the amount of \$436,000.

After some discussion, the Chair called for a roll call vote. Voting for were: Hardy, Hefner and Sam. Voting against were: Awbrey, Beasley, LaCombe, Meyer, Thibodaux and Trahan. Motion failed.

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR PARISH FACILITY NEEDS

Motion (Sam, Hardy) that the Board approve the Feasibility Study for Parish Facility Needs.

Sam withdrew his motion.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Sam and seconded by Meyer that the Board defer action on the Feasibility Study for Parish Facility Needs until the next Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

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 Thibodaux, seconded by Hefner, and carried that the meeting adjourn.

SIGNED:

/s/ Carl J. LaCombe

Carl J. LaCombe, President
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SIGNED:

/s/ James H. Easton

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