

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, March 2, 2005 - 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, March 2, 2005 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, and 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 Gibson. Cox led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Superintendent requested that the Board pull the four employees in Transportation Department listed under the Personnel Changes New Hires from the action agenda.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board congratulated the Northside High School Viking Wrestling Team for winning their second consecutive State Farm/Louisiana High School Athletic Association State Wrestling Championship. The Vikings are coached by Head Coach John Simmons and assistant Todd Guidry.

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

- a. Regular Board Meeting of 2/16/05

Motion (Cox, Sam) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 16, 2005 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

- b. Special Board Meeting of 3/2/05

The Special Board Meeting of March 2, 2005 was postponed.

- B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:
 - b. None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

- A. APPROVAL OF BILLS
- B. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - a. Sales Tax Collection Report for January, 2005

Motion (Gibson, Hefner) that the Board receive the Sales Tax Collection Report for January, 2005. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

- A. INFORMATION REPORTS
- B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS
 - a. Band Uniforms for Acadiana High School
Action to be taken at next Regular Board Meeting.
 - b. Child Nutrition, Food, Produce, Supplies and Equipment Bids
Action to be taken at next Regular Board Meeting.
 - c. Metal Athletic Lockers Bid
Action to be taken at next Regular Board Meeting.

- C. OTHER REPORTS

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

- A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

**PERSONNEL CHANGES - MARCH 2, 2005
(positions are funded via General Fund, unless noted otherwise)**

NEW HIRES:

GRANGER, Phyllis, Custodian - Acadiana High (Effective 02/17/2005)
SMITH, Monica, Teacher - NCPH - Carencro Hghts. Elem. (Effective 01/21/2005 - 06/01/2005)
MATA, Madona, Tea. Asst. - SPED - IDEA Funds - Lafayette High (Effective 02/21/2005)
PROVOST, Evonna, Custodian - Lafayette High (Effective 02/14/2005)
WALLACE, Alisa, Speech Therapist - Broussard Middle/K. Drexel Elem./Plantation Elem.
(Effective 02/14/2005 - 06/01/2005)
ABSHIRE, Kevin, Bus Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. (Effective 03/03/2005)
BENOIT, Nita, Bus Driver - Contract Driver - Transportation Dept. (Effective 03/03/2005)
DOUCET, John, Bus Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. (Effective 03/03/2005)
DUHON, Scotty, Bus Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. (Effective 03/03/2005)

EXITING EMPLOYEES:

RUDD, Albertha, Tea. Asst. - SPED - P. Breaux Middle (Resignation Effective End of the Day 01/31/2005)
JOHNSON, Tesser, Tea. Asst. - SPED - Broussard Middle (Resignation Effective End of the Day 02/10/2005)
FRANCIS, Connie, Child Nutrition Tech. - Carencro High (Disability Retirement Effective 08/05/2004)
GUILLOT, Janet, Computer Proctor - Carencro Middle (Service Retirement Effective 03/06/2005)
PITRE, CONSTANCE, Speech Therapist - Milton Elem. (Service Retirement Effective 03/01/2005)
CREDEUR, Joelyn, Librarian - Ridge Elem. (Service Retirement Effective 03/10/2005)
LAJAUNIE, Michael, Teacher - Ind. Arts - Youngsville Middle (Service Retirement Effective 03/15/2005)
DOMINGUE, John, Accountant III - Business Office (Service Retirement Effective 03/17/2005)
CASSIDY, Lynn, Sec. I - Human Resources - (Service Retirement Effective 03/11/2005)
TAITANO, Tabitha, Cler. Asst. - Transportation Dept. (Termination Effective 03/02/2005)
WHITE, Jernetha, Bus Attendant - Transportation Dept. (Termination Effective 02/14/2005)

TRANSFER:

CHARLES, Mary, from Custodian - Woodvale Elem. To Head Custodian I - L. Leo Judice Elem. (Effective 03/03/2005)

MATERNITY LEAVE:

VALENZUELA, Sherry, Teacher - 1st - Broadmoor Elem. (Effective 02/15/2005 - 06/01/2005)

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

CORMIER, Linda, Tea. Asst. - SPED - W. D. Smith Career Center (Effective 02/15 /2005 - 03/25/2005)

EXTENSION OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

KASSOUF, Raymond, Teacher - M/M - N. P. Moss Middle (Effective 02/10/2005 - 06/01/2005)

RETURNING FROM LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

BABINEAUX, Brigitte, Tea. Asst. - SPED - N. P. Moss Annex - SEAS (Effective 02/10/2005)

RETURNING FROM MATERNITY LEAVE:

SAVOY, Towanda, Custodian - Carencro High (Effective 02/10/2005)

SABBATICAL LEAVE:

McGLOTHLIN, JR., Ovide, Teacher - ARP - Carencro High (Effective 01/26/2005 - 01/12/2006)

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT RENEWAL:

BARNABA, Tina, Asst. Prin. I - Evangeline Elem. (Effective 03/03/2005 - 03/02/2007)

Number of full-time employees by funding source for January, 2005, payroll:

General Fund (01).....	3,560
2002 Sales Tax (15).....	94
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).....	94
Child Development–Head Start (60).....	84
IASA Titles II/III/IV/VI (65).....	32
Child Nutrition (70).....	192
LPSS Group Insurance Fund (85).....	2
TOTAL.....	4,189
Total last month:	4,202

- B. RESOLUTION 03-05-1483 - WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
That the Board adopt Resolution 03-05-1483 – Women’s History Month.

RESOLUTION 03-05-1483

**CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF
MARCH AS “WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH”**

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and,

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a critical economical, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and,

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and,

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our nation; and,

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and,

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and,

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and overvalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American History; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School System does hereby proclaim March 2005 as

“WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH”

and that the schools are urged to observe this proclamation through appropriate activities which focus on assisting all students in gaining a greater understanding of the national theme “Women Change America” and of the contributions women have made and continue to make toward improving our country.

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 March 2, 2005 at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana,
this 2nd day of March , 2005.

/s/ James H. Easton

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

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

That the Board approve revisions to Policy File: IDDE-R – Summer Driver Education Program which will be offered at the five high schools at \$270.00 per student.

D. PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE SALES TAX AUDITING SERVICES

That the Board award Sales Tax Auditing Service contracts to the following firms: Broussard Partners and Associates, Houston, Texas; Gary W. Lambert and Company, Houston, Texas; and Acadian Professional Services, LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana.

E. CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM FUND BUDGET REVISION #1 FOR FY 2004-2005

That the Board approve Child Nutrition Program Budget Revision #1 for Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

Motion (Gibson, Hardy) that the Board approve Action Items A (with the exception of New Hires in Transportation Department), B, C, D and E. Motion carried. Thibodaux requested that he be recorded as voting NO on Personnel Changes.

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 Sam, seconded by Hardy, 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
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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