

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, March 7, 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, March 7, 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 Sam. Meyer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

The Board congratulated the Northside High School Vikings Wrestling Team for winning the 2006-2007 LHSAA Division II State Wrestling Championship at the Ponchartrain Center in Kenner on February 10, 2007. The state championship is Northside's third in four years. The Vikings are coached by John Simmons.

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

**A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:**

- a. Regular Board Meeting of 2/28/07

Motion (Hardy, Thibodaux) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 28, 2007 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 January, 2007

Motion (Hefner, Hardy) that the Board accept the Sales Tax Collection Report for January, 2007. Motion carried.

**V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

**A. INFORMATION REPORTS**

- a. Curriculum Update

An executive summary on Academy of Health Careers was presented to the Board. New courses that will be offered in the coming school year will be Sports Medicine and Basic EMT. The program of instruction ensures students selecting a career in health care have every opportunity to meet their career and educational goals and are prepared to meet the demands of a rapidly changing professional world. There are 238 students enrolled in the program and an internal assessment is done annually which looks at students GEE scores in math and science. The program is funded through the General Fund in the amount of \$120,000.

**B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

- a. Lafayette Parish School Board Head Start Budget 2007-2008. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- b. Physical Education Equipment and Supplies Bid. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

**C. OTHER REPORTS**

- a. None

**VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS**

**A. PERSONNEL CHANGES**

Hardy requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

**B. 2007-2008 AND 2008-2009 SCHOOL CALENDARS**

That the Board approve the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 School Calendars.

Thibodaux requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

**C. 2007-2008 AND 2008-2009 ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDARS**

That the Board approve the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 Administrative Calendars.

Hefner requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

**D. CHILD NUTRITION FOOD, PRODUCE, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT BIDS**

That the Board authorize the advertisements and awarding of bids by the Child Nutrition and Purchasing Departments for milk and milk products, bread, produce, dry, staple and frozen

food items, portioned fruit juices, paper, plastic, janitorial and miscellaneous kitchen equipment and supplies.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET REVISION #1 CONTINUATION – PART 2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007

That the Board approve the Capital Improvement Fund Budget Revision #1 Continuation – Part 2 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Sam requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

Motion (Thibodaux, Sam) that the Board approve Action Item D, and that Action Items A, B, C and E be pulled for discussion. Motion carried.

A. PERSONNEL CHANGES

| <b>Personnel Changes</b> |                  |                     |                  |             |                         |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| <b>March 7, 2007</b>     |                  |                     |                  |             |                         |
| <b>New Employees</b>     |                  |                     |                  |             |                         |
| <b>Name</b>              | <b>Location</b>  | <b>Position</b>     | <b>Effective</b> | <b>Fund</b> | <b>Note</b>             |
| Handy, Abraham           | Acadiana HS      | Custodian           | 3/8/2007         | 01          | Replacing C Champagne   |
| Thomas, Elridge, Jr.     | Faulk ES         | Custodian           | 3/8/2007         | 01          | Replacing J Chiasson    |
| Boise, Barry             | Acadiana HS      | Options Teacher     | 3/8/2007         | 01          | Replacing R Buck        |
| Swinney, Elizabeth       | Broadmoor ES     | SpEd Tchr Assistant | 3/8/2007         | 01          | Replacing K Frederick   |
| Hebert, Suzette          | Scott MS         | SpEd Tchr Assistant | 3/8/2007         | 01          | Replacing M Couret      |
| Franks, Jack, III        | Boucher ES       | SpEd Teacher        | 3/8/2007         | 01          | Replacing M Hooper      |
| Chiasson, Joshua         | Technology Dept. | Computer Tech       | 3/8/2007         | 50          | Replacing D Mack        |
| Baham, Terricia          | Adult Education  | Parent Educator     | 3/8/2007         | 30          | <b>See Note 1 below</b> |

| <b>Employee Transfers &amp; Promotions</b> |                             |                      |                  |             |                       |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Name</b>                                | <b>From</b>                 | <b>To</b>            | <b>Effective</b> | <b>Fund</b> | <b>Note</b>           |
| Lewis, Patrick                             | Transportation Coord.       | Sales Tax Field Rep  | 3/8/2007         | 01          | Replacing J Nezey     |
| Dugas, Troy                                | Carpenter I                 | Plumber I (Maint.)   | 3/8/2007         | 01          | Replacing D Alexander |
| Aucoin, Larry                              | Support Teacher (Northside) | Ed. Diagnostician    | 3/8/2007         | 01          | Replacing P Venetis   |
| Foreman, Monique                           | Clerical Asst (Boucher ES)  | Cler Asst (Faulk ES) | 3/8/2007         | 01          | Replacing D Johnson   |

| <b>Leaves Requested</b> |                 |                 |                   |  |                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| <b>Name</b>             | <b>Location</b> | <b>Position</b> | <b>Effective</b>  |  | <b>Note</b>       |
| Hawthorne, Elaine       | P Breaux MS     | Tchr Asst       | 02/09/07-05/03/07 |  | Leave without pay |
| Guidry, Geraldine       | Moss MS         | Teacher         | 08/13/07-05/31/08 |  | Sabbatical leave  |

| <b>Other Action</b> |                 |                 |                  |  |                    |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--|--------------------|
| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Location</b> | <b>Position</b> | <b>Effective</b> |  | <b>Note</b>        |
| Kennedy, John       | Comeaux HS      | Teacher         | 3/8/2007         |  | Suspension w/o pay |

| <b>Exiting Employees</b> |                 |                   |                  |             |             |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Name</b>              | <b>Location</b> | <b>Position</b>   | <b>Effective</b> | <b>Fund</b> | <b>Note</b> |
| Suire, Jody              | Ossun ES        | Teacher           | 6/1/2007         | 01          | Retirement  |
| Walker, Janice           | Scott MS        | Teacher           | 6/1/2007         | 25          | Retirement  |
| Labbe, Brenda            | Live Oak ES     | Teacher           | 6/1/2007         | 01          | Retirement  |
| Courville, Agnes         | Prairie ES      | Teacher Assistant | 3/7/2007         | 60          | Termination |

|                      |                  |                      |            |    |             |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|----|-------------|
| Fontenot, Marguerite | Comeaux HS       | Cafeteria Manager    | 11/1/2007  | 70 | Retirement  |
| Credeur, Patti       | Montgomery ES    | Teacher              | 6/1/2007   | 01 | Retirement  |
| Sonnier, Charlene    | SEAS             | Teacher              | 1/31/2007  | 01 | Resignation |
| Nezey, Dana          | Boucher ES       | Teacher Assistant    | 1/29/2007  | 40 | Resignation |
| Buck, Reginald       | Acadiana HS      | Teacher              | 12/20/2006 | 01 | Resignation |
| Hines, Ronald        | Federal Programs | Inter. Specialist    | 2/21/2007  | 25 | Resignation |
| Foreman, LaTrisha    | Gallet ES        | Clerical Assistant   | 1/29/2007  | 01 | Resignation |
| Singleton, Catherine | Plantation ES    | Teacher              | 2/13/2007  | 01 | Retirement  |
| Alexander, Dorothy   | Westside ES      | Cafeteria Technician | 3/7/2007   | 70 | Termination |
| Bauer, Lydia         | Lafayette HS     | Teacher              | 6/1/2007   | 01 | Retirement  |
| Price, Clara         | Scott MS         | Teacher Assistant    | 6/1/2007   | 01 | Retirement  |
| Pellerin, Mary       | Judice MS        | Clerical Assistant   | 6/1/2007   | 01 | Retirement  |
| Collins, Janell      | Prairie ES       | Teacher Assistant    | 2/8/2007   | 40 | Resignation |
| Irby, Sarah          | Plantation ES    | Teacher              | 4/1/2007   | 01 | Retirement  |
| Williams, Lisa       | Transportation   | Board Bus Driver     | 3/7/2007   | 01 | Termination |
| Frederick, Kara      | Broadmoor ES     | Teacher Assistant    | 1/26/2007  | 01 | Resignation |
| Hawkins, Chanel      | Alleman MS       | Teacher              | 2/22/2007  | 01 | Resignation |
| Angers, Abby         | Live Oak ES      | Teacher              | 2/16/2007  | 01 | Resignation |
| Davis, Nelson        | Burke ES         | Custodian            | 3/7/2007   | 01 | Termination |
| Roscoe, Melissa      | Broussard MS     | Teacher              | 3/2/2007   | 01 | Resignation |
| Beavers, Derrick     | Carencro HS      | Teacher Assistant    | 2/15/2007  | 01 | Resignation |
| Stanford, Dana       | Ossun ES         | Teacher Assistant    | 3/7/2007   | 40 | Termination |
| Elkhansa, Mona       | Lafayette HS     | Teacher Assistant    | 2/20/2007  | 01 | Resignation |
| Clement, Tammy       | Montgomery ES    | Teacher Assistant    | 2/12/2007  | 40 | Resignation |
| Broussard, Evelyn    | Carencro MS      | Teacher              | 2/14/2007  | 01 | Retirement  |
| Johnson, Dora        | Faulk ES         | Clerical Assistant   | 2/16/2007  | 01 | Resignation |
| Hidalgo, Norma       | Ossun ES         | Teacher              | 6/1/2007   | 01 | Retirement  |
| Lagneaux, Parrie     | Scott MS         | Teacher              | 6/1/2007   | 01 | Retirement  |
| Living, Mary         | Moss Annex       | Teacher Assistant    | 3/7/2007   | 01 | Termination |
| Langan, Lauri        | Montgomery ES    | Teacher              | 6/1/2007   | 01 | Retirement  |
| Bourque, Jessie      | Scott MS         | Computer Proctor     | 6/1/2007   | 50 | Retirement  |
| Pierre, Mary         | Acadiana HS      | Custodian            | 3/7/2007   | 01 | Termination |
| Ellender, Lucy       | Ossun ES         | Teacher              | 6/1/2007   | 01 | Retirement  |
| Touchet, Karen       | Comeaux HS       | Teacher Assistant    | 3/7/2007   | 01 | Termination |

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| <b>Notes</b>   |  |  |       |  |  |
| <b>1.</b> The Family Literacy Grant budget, which includes this new position, has been approved, and Ken Villemarette, Supervisor of Adult and Community Education, requests that we fill this position. |  |  |       |  |  |
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| <b>Number of Full-Time, Active Employees by Funding Source as of March 7, 2007</b>   |  |  |       |  |  |
|  |  |  |       |  |  |
| General Fund (01)  |  |  | 3,492 |  |  |
| 2002 Sales Tax (15)  |  |  | 107   |  |  |
| Special Revenues (20)  |  |  | 20    |  |  |
| Other Grants (25)  |  |  | 37    |  |  |
| Consolidated Adult Education (30)  |  |  | 9     |  |  |
| Condoliated Other Federal Programs (35)  |  |  | 1     |  |  |
| Special Education (40)   |  |  | 108   |  |  |
| Self-Funded Construction (45)  |  |  | 1     |  |  |
| IASA Title I (50)  |  |  | 100   |  |  |
| Consolidated Other State (55)  |  |  | 10    |  |  |
| Child Development--Head Start (60)   |  |  | 81    |  |  |

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| IASA Titles II/III/IV/VI (65) |                  | 25           |  |  |  |
| Child Nutrition (70)          |                  | 189          |  |  |  |
| Group Insurance Fund (85)     |                  | 2            |  |  |  |
|                               | <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>4,182</b> |  |  |  |
|                               | Total Last Month | 4,169        |  |  |  |
|                               | Total Year Ago   | 4,189        |  |  |  |
|                               |                  |              |  |  |  |

Motion (Hardy, Sam) that the Board approve the Personnel Changes and under Employee Transfers and Promotions, the effective date for Patrick Lewis begin March 8, 2007. Motion carried.

**B. 2007-2008 AND 2008-2009 SCHOOL CALENDARS**

Motion (Thibodaux, Beasley) that the Board adopt the 2007-2008 School Calendar, keeping Veteran’s Day as a school day, and that students report to school on Monday, August 13, 2007. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

Motion (Sam, Awbrey) that the Board defer action on the 2008-2009 School Calendar. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

**C. 2007-2008 AND 2008-2009 ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDARS**

Motion (Hefner, Meyer) that the Board adopt the 2007-2008 Administrative Calendars, keeping Veteran’s Day as a work day and Ash Wednesday as a day off, and that the Board defer action on the 2008-2009 Administrative Calendar. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

**E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET REVISION #1 CONTINUATION – PART 2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007**

Motion (Sam, Meyer) that the Board approve Capital Improvement Fund Budget Revision #1 Continuation – Part 2 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Sam and seconded by Awbrey to call for the question. Motion carried.

The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion on the floor. 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 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 Awbrey, and carried that the meeting adjourn.

SIGNED:

/s/ Carl J. LaCombe

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Carl J. LaCombe, President  
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SIGNED:

/s/ James H. Easton

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

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