

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, April 6, 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, April 6, 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 Wilson. Hefner led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized Ken Douet, Region IV High School Principal of the Year and State Finalist, and Ronald LeBlanc, Region IV Middle School Principal of the Year and State Finalist.

The Board congratulated the Lafayette High School Lions and Lady Lions soccer teams for finishing as the Nokia Sugar Bowl/Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division I Class 5A State Soccer Runners-Up.

Also congratulated were the Acadiana High School Academy of Business and Finance students, teachers and administrators recently certified as IRS tax preparers: Rime Abu-Hijleh, Quinn Bertrand, Joshua Davis, Brandy Francis, Kristin Guidry, Amber Guillory, Jennifer Le, Taylor Pellerin, Casey Vega, Derek Ward, Mrs. Beverly Davis, Mrs. Cynthia Dauphin, Mrs. Stephanie Bennett, Mrs. Maxia Hutchinson, Mrs. Janet Hiatt, Mrs. Leilani Baudoin, Mrs. Louella Cook and Mr. Bobby Green; and the following students certified as Microsoft Office Specialists: Jennifer Averette, Rima Abu-Hijleh, Jasmine Anderson, Mallory Baudoin, Christopher Credeur, Jared Guidry, Kristin Guidry, Brian Hanks, Brady Hebert, Emily Laurich, Jennifer Le, Diana Nguyen, Erron Pujol, Branden Qualls, Letti Quibodeaux, Youmin Li and Angelique Saltzman.

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

- a. Regular Board Meeting of 3/16/05

Motion (Gibson, LaCombe) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 16, 2005 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

- b. Special Board Meeting of 3/16/05

Motion (LaCombe, Cox) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 16, 2005 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

- C. Special Board Meeting of 4/6/05

Motion (Hardy, Wilson) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 6, 2005 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 February, 2005

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

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

- a. Master Plans for Land Development of Section 16 Property South (near Youngsville)

Kyle Bordelon, Director of Planning and Facilities provided the Board with colored drawings indicating some of the options available to the Lafayette Parish School System related to the possible future development of Section 16 property near Youngsville.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

- a. Keystone: Foundation for Success (Freshman Seminar Course)
- b. The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Innovative Youth Training Program
- c. Extended Learning Summer Program for PreK-6th Grade
- d. 2005 LEAP 21 Summer Remediation School for Grades 4th and 8th
- e. General Fund Budget Revision #1 for Fiscal Year 2004-2005
- f. Amendment to Lease of Section 16 Property at the Corner of Ridge Road & Ambassador Caffery Parkway
- g. Physical Education Supplies and Equipment for Grades K-5 Bid
- h. Limestone Bid

Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting on Introduction Items a, b, c, d, e, f, g, and h.

C. OTHER REPORTS

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

PERSONNEL CHANGES - APRIL 6, 2005
(positions are funded via General Fund, unless noted otherwise)

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

SINGLETON, Sheryl, Tea. Asst. - SPED - IDEA - Alice Boucher Elem. (Effective 03/21/2005)
[new position funded by IDEA]
YONGUE, Hazel, Tea. Asst. - SPED - Charles Burke Elem. (Effective 04/04/2005) [new position
funded by IDEA]
AZIZ, Connie, Custodian, Lafayette High (Effective 03/18/2005) [replacing A. Morrison]
PORCHE, Julianna, Tea. Asst. - SPED - IDEA - Live Oak Elem. (Effective 03/21/2005) [new
position funded by IDEA]
HOLLIER, Kristie, Tea. Asst. - SPED - Scott Middle (Effective 03/10/2005) [new position funded
by IDEA]
WHITE, Glenn, Acting Head Custodian - Scott Middle (Effective 03/18/2005) [replacing Y.
Broussard]
MORGAN, Shelton, Custodian - Vermilion Conference Center (Effective 04/07/2005) [replacing
P. Polk]
McDANIEL, Tamiko, Tea. Asst. - SPED - IDEA - Westside Elem. (Effective 03/21/2005) [new
position funded by IDEA]
BROUSSARD, Lucinda, Custodian - E. A. Martin Middle (Effective 03/18/2005) [replacing G.
Frank]

RECOMMENDED REAPPOINTMENT:

KARNATH, Michael, Teacher - Ind. Arts - Youngsville Middle (Effective 03/14/2005 -
06/01/2005)

TRANSFER:

CHAISSON, Merlin, Custodian - N. P. Moss Middle from half-time to full-time (Effective
03/01/2005) [replacing R. Cook]

RETURNING FROM MATERNITY LEAVE:

CHRISTIAN, Dyshel, Tea. Asst. - SPED - Judice Middle (Effective 03/14/2005)

RETURNING FROM LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

FONTENOT, Marguerite, Child Nutrition Manager III - Comeaux High (Effective 03/14/2005)

EXITING EMPLOYEES:

SYLVESTER, Rhonda, Child Nutrition Tech. - Broadmoor Elem. (Resignation Effective End of the
Day 03/04/2005)
WASSMER, Brandy, Tea. Asst. - SPED - Charles Burke Elem. (Resignation Effective End of the
Day 02/28/2005)
BOATNER, Mary, Counselor - Carencro High (Service Retirement Effective 03/24/2005)
LeBLANC, Shirlene, Child Nutrition Tech. - L. Leo Judice Elem. (Resignation Effective End of the
Day 02/28/2005)
THIBODEAUX, Brenda, Teacher - Gifted - Plantation Elem. (Service Retirement Effective
04/19/2005)

SOLOMON, Bernadine, Custodian - Scott Middle (Resignation Effective 04/08/2005 at noon)
 STULTZ-TURNER, Ronda, Teacher - Science/Math - L.A.P.S. - (Disability Retirement Effective 02/17/2005)
 RATH, William, Smaller Learning Communities Project Director - Curriculum (Resignation Effective End of the Day 03/11/2005)
 BROUSSARD, James, Contract Bus Driver - Transportation Dept. (Service Retirement Effective 03/09/2005)

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

BOUDREAUX, Lynette, Clerical Asst. - Prairie Elem. (Effective 03/15/2005 - 04/29/2005)

SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY:

COLLINS, Tommy, bus driver, 15 days (April 7 through 27, 2005)
 BROUSSARD, Ruby, bus attendant, 15 days (April 7 through 27, 2005)

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

General Fund (01).....	3,544
2002 Sales Tax (15).....	93
Special Revenues (20).....	23
Teaching American History Grant(25).....	8
& Small Learning Communities Grant	
Consolidated Adult Education (30).....	12
Consolidated Other Federal (35).....	7
Special Education (40).....	82
LPSS Self-Funded Construction (45).....	1
IASA Title I (50).....	96
Child Development–Head Start (60).....	84
IASA Titles II/III/IV/VI (65).....	32
Child Nutrition (70).....	204
LPSS Group Insurance Fund (85).....	2
 TOTAL.....	 4,188
Total last month:	4,189

Hardy requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

- B. 2005 SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)
 That the Board approve the 2005 Special Education Extended School Year (ESY) for eligible children with disabilities from June 9, 2005 - July 22, 2005.
- C. 2005 SUMMER SCHOOL FOR GRADES 5TH - 12TH
 That the Board approve the 2005 Summer School for Grades 5th -12th for students who need to repeat one or more subjects from June 9, 2005 - July 15, 2005.
- D. RESOLUTION 04-05-1485 - NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
 That the Board adopt Resolution 04-05-1485 National Library Week.

RESOLUTION 04-05-1485

WHEREAS, our nation's public, academic, school and specialized libraries provide something for everyone; and,

WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in providing millions of people with the resources they need to live, learn and work in the 21st century; and,

WHEREAS, libraries are changing and dynamic places and librarians are the ultimate search engine, helping people of all ages find the information they need in print and online; and,

WHEREAS, libraries are part of the American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning; and,

WHEREAS, libraries bring you a world of knowledge both in person and online, as well as personal service and assistance in finding what you need, when you need it; and,

WHEREAS, libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the “digital divide”; and,

WHEREAS, more individuals must be recruited to the profession of librarianship and to work in libraries to maintain their vitality in today’s changing workplace; and,

WHEREAS, awareness and support must be increased for libraries, librarians and library workers by raising their visibility in a positive context and by communicating clearly and strongly why libraries are both unique and valuable; and,

WHEREAS, library users and non-users alike are encouraged to stand up and speak out for libraries and to support library funding efforts; and,

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week with The Campaign for America’s Libraries; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2005 as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

and encourages all residents to use their library for the purpose of improving their lives. Rediscover America and your library.

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 April 6, 2005 at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana
this 6th day of April 2005.

/s/ James H. Easton

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

- E. RESOLUTION 04-05-1486 - ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK
That the Board adopt Resolution 04-05-1486 Administrative Professionals Week.

RESOLUTION 04-05-1486

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Association of Educational Office Professionals is a professional association of educational office employees dedicated to assisting in the provision of quality education to the students of Lafayette; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Association of Educational Office Professionals recognizes that educational office employees are deeply committed to the position, the profession and the people they serve; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Association of Educational Office Professionals recognizes that educational office employees serve in crucial and demanding roles in education; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Association of Educational Office Professionals recognizes that educational office employees are seen as an essential part of the educational process for each student as they adjust to our very complex society; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Association of Educational Office Professionals recognizes the observance of Administrative Professionals Week (formerly known as "Professional Secretaries Week) as proclaimed nationally by the organization known as the International Association of Administrative Professionals and which is scheduled for the week of April 24, 2005; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby proclaim April 24-30, 2005 as

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in Lafayette Parish to be dedicated to the recognition of the secretaries, clerical assistants, account clerks, data entry clerks, receptionists and other educational office support staff who provide unselfish service to school and community and to the promotion of the importance of the educational office position.

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 the true copy of a resolution adopted at its Regular Board Meeting of April 6, 2005, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana
this 6th day of April 2005.

/s/ James H. Easton

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

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

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion (Guidry, Gibson) that the Board approve the Personnel Changes as presented. Motion carried. Hardy and Thibodaux requested that they 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 Hardy, seconded by Hefner, 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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