

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, April 20, 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 20, 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 Hefner. Gibson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

The Board recognized the 2004-2005 Very Special Arts Festival Overall Winners. The artwork of Lafayette Parish Special Education students exhibited both visual arts and craft arts. The Overall Winner in Visual Arts was Jeffrey Fox, Acadiana High School and his teacher Denise Faulk. The Overall Winner in Craft Arts was Corey Neal, Acadiana High and his teacher Bridget Manuel.

Also recognized by the Board, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), and the Louisiana Department of Education was Superintendent James H. Easton, Ed.D. of the Lafayette Parish School System for his outstanding leadership in guiding schools toward their accountability goals.

Motion (Hefner, Cox) that the Board pull Action Item B - Legal Services Review until information requested has been provided, and that the item be brought back to the Board at a future meeting. Motion carried. Guidry requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

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

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

- a. Regular Board Meeting of 4/6/05

Motion (Cox, Wilson) that the minutes of the Regular 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. a. APPROVAL OF BILLS . . . . .February, 2005

General Fund .....	\$10,348,233.02
Special Revenues .....	269,073.08
Consolidated Direct Federal .....	54,819.74
Adult Education .....	29,065.24
Consolidated Other Federal .....	11,066.58
Special Education .....	449,745.32
Bond Sinking Fund .....	-0-
Consolidated School District #1 .....	427.52
Self-Funded Construction .....	13,735.00
Construction Account 1999 Bond .....	-0-
Construction Account 2001 Bond .....	-0-
IASA Title I (Federal Programs) .....	164,750.58
Child Development .....	326,609.86
IASA Title II/Title IV/Title VI .....	35,383.64
School Food Service .....	527,629.57
Capital Improvement .....	397,897.48
Employee Insurance Fund .....	2,479,049.49
LPSB General & Auto Loss Fund .....	36,170.43
LPSB Workmen's Compensation .....	136,025.97
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	\$15,279,682.52

Motion (Sam, Gibson) that the Board approve the ratification of bills for February, 2005. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

B. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. None

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

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

- a. Status Report for the Selection of an External Auditor

Motion (Gibson, LaCombe) that this item be moved to action. Motion carried.

- b. 2002 ½ Cent Sales Tax Interest Payout to Classroom Teachers

Motion (Gibson, Sam) that the Board accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

- a. None

C. OTHER REPORTS

**VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS**

**A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES**

**PERSONNEL CHANGES - APRIL 20, 2005  
(positions are funded via General Fund, unless noted otherwise)**

**NEW HIRES:**

DAVIDSON, Laura, Tea. Asst. - SPED - IDEA Funds - Alice Boucher Elem. (Effective 04/14/2005)  
[new position]

DUHON, Jacqueline, Tea. Asst. - SPED - IDEA Funds - Evangeline Elem. (Effective  
04/14/2005)[new position]

GRIFFIN, John, Custodian - Westside Elem. (Effective 04/21/2005) [replace C. Foret]

CUTRERA, Annette, Accountant II - Business Dept. (Effective 04/21/2005) [ Replace C. Gaines]

**TRANSFERS:**

DAIGLE, Chris, from - to Tea. Asst. - SPED - IDEA Funds - Evangeline Elem. (Effective  
04/14/2005) [new position]

MARTIN, Linda, from Tea. Asst. - SPED - Acadian Middle to Tea. Asst. - SPED - IDEA Funds - L.  
Leo Judice Elem. (Effective 04/14/2005) [new position]

PIPKIN, Annette, from Cler. Asst. - Child Nutrition Dept. to Account Clerk I - Child Nutrition Dept. -  
Fund (Effective 04/21/2005) [ Replace T. Falgout]

ALMANZA, Lisa, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver -  
Transportation Dept. (Effective 11/10/2004)

BERNARD, John, Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver - Transportation  
Dept. (Effective 11/04/2004)

BROUSSARD, Monica, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver -  
Transportation Dept. (Effective 10/04/2004)

COLE, Kenneth, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver -  
Transportation Dept. (Effective 09/20/2004)

CLAVELLE, Carol, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver -  
Transportation Dept. (Effective 12/15/2004)

DOMINGUE, Roxanne, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver -  
Transportation Dept. (Effective 12/29/2004)

DORE, Amy, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver - Transportation  
Dept. (Effective 10/04/2004)

GARY, Danny, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver -  
Transportation Dept. (Effective 10/01/2004)

GRAYSON, Matthew, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver -  
Transportation Dept. (Effective 09/15/2004)

GOULAS, Joey, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver -  
Transportation Dept. (Effective 11/01/2004)

JACOBS, Tabithia, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver -  
Transportation Dept. (Effective 12/01/2004)

JOLIVETTE, Jewel, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver -  
Transportation Dept. (Effective 10/12/2004)

LATIOLAIS, Tina, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver -  
Transportation Dept. (Effective 08/14/2004)

LeBLANC, Doreen, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver - Transportation Dept. (Effective 10/01/2004)  
LEGER, Mark, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver - Transportation Dept. (Effective 10/01/2004)  
MALVEAUX, Jarvis, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver - Transportation Dept. (Effective 01/03/2005)  
NOEL, Scotty, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver - Transportation Dept. (Effective 12/29/2004)  
PALOMBO, Kenneth, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver - Transportation Dept. (Effective 11/01/2004)  
RICHARD, Renee, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver - Transportation Dept. (Effective 01/10/2005)  
WOOSLEY, Vicky, from Driver - Board Owned - Transportation Dept. to Contract Driver - Transportation Dept. (Effective 11/01/2004)

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT:**

HAWKINS, Keicia, promotion from Assistant Principal, Youngsville Middle School, to Principal, Broussard Middle School (Effective 07/25/2005 - 07/24/2006) [Replace C. Angel]

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT RENEWALS:**

CAHEE, Gina, Prin. II - G. T. Lindon Elem. (Effective 08/07/2005 - 08/06/2007)  
BROUSSARD, Martha, Prin. II - Judice Middle (Effective 08/04/2005 - 08/03/2007)  
DUAY, Christine, Prin. II - Live Oak Elem. (Effective 08/07/2005 - 08/06/2007)  
LeBLANC, Ronald, Prin. II - Scott Middle (Effective 08/11/2005 - 08/10/2009)  
AUZENNE, Terry, Prog. Supervisor II - Special Ed. (Effective 04/21/2005 - 04/20/2007)  
MARAGOS, Madelyn, Prog. Supervisor II - Special Ed. (Effective 04/21/2005 - 04/20/2007)  
PORCHE, Beverly, Prog. Supervisor II - Special Ed. (Effective 04/21/2005 - 04/20/2007)

**EXITING EMPLOYEES:**

BREAUX, Janet, Sec. I - L. J. Alleman Middle (Service Retirement effective 04/06/2005)  
GUY, Ramona, Child Nutrition Tech. - L. J. Alleman Middle (Termination effective end of day April 20, 2005)  
RICHARD, Joseph, Custodian - Carencro Middle (Termination effective end of day April 20, 2005)  
JOHN, Jeffery, Custodian - J. W. Faulk Elem. (Termination effective end of day April 20, 2005)  
SINER, Dorothy, Child Nutrition Tech. - Lafayette High (Resignation effective end of day April 08, 2005)  
OGLESBY, Richard, Accountant I - Accounting Dept. (Resignation Effective End of 04/08/2005)  
BOURQUE, John, Contract Bus Driver - Transportation Dept. (Service Retirement effective 04/16/2005)

**SABBATICAL LEAVE:**

PASCHAL, Dawn, Teacher - NCPH - Charles Burke Elem. (Medical Sabbatical effective 02/28/2005 - 06/01/2005)

**LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:**

BRUNO, Mary, Tea. Asst. - SPED - Lafayette Middle (Effective 03/23/2005 - 05/13/2005)

**RETURNING FROM LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:**

FRANK, Valencia, Tea. Asst. - SPED - L. Leo Justice Elem. (Effective 04/04/2005)

**EXTENSION OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:**

CORMIER, Linda, Tea. Asst. - SPED - W. D. Smith Career Center (Effective 04/04/2005 - 06/01/2005)

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. LEGAL SERVICES REVIEW**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**C. RESOLUTION 04-05-1487 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

That the Board adopt Resolution 04-05-1487 Teacher Appreciation Week.

**RESOLUTION 04-05-1487**

**WHEREAS**, teachers personify America's belief that universal public education is a key to meeting the challenges of our changing world; and,

**WHEREAS**, teachers strive to make every classroom an exciting, productive place to learn and grow; and,

**WHEREAS**, teachers reach out to foster the well-being of each student, regardless of ability, social or economic background, race, ethnic origin, or religion; and,

**WHEREAS**, teachers motivate individual students to find new directions in life and to reach

high levels of achievement; and,

**WHEREAS**, teachers influence our lives long after our school days are only memories; now,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lafayette Parish School Board proclaim the week of May 1-7, 2005, as

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

and urge all citizens to observe this week by taking time to remember and salute the teachers who shape the future of our children, our community, and the community of nations.

**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 20, 2005, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana  
this 20th day of April 2005.

/s/ James H. Easton

---

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

D. RESOLUTION 04-05-1488 - 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION WEEKEND OF THE 1955 GRADUATING CLASS OF LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL/50 YEARS OF THE EXISTENCE OF LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL ON ITS CONGRESS STREET CAMPUS

That the Board adopt Resolution 04-05-1488 - 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Weekend of the 1955 Graduating Class of Lafayette High School/50 Years of the Existence of Lafayette High School on its Congress Street Campus.

**RESOLUTION 04-05-1488**

**WHEREAS**, in September, 1954, Lafayette High School on Congress Street opened its doors for the first time as the new high school in Lafayette; and,

**WHEREAS**, despite the fact that many citizens considered this new school as being located in a remote area, the Lafayette Parish School Board had the foresight to see that this property represented the direction of growth of the city of Lafayette; and,

**WHEREAS**, this new Lafayette High School had a student body of approximately 800 and

a faculty of approximately 35 for the 1954/1955 school year; and,

**WHEREAS**, today, 50 years later, Lafayette High School has approximately 2,300 students and a faculty of over 140; and,

**WHEREAS**, the first graduating class of the new Lafayette High School—the Class of 1955—is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion; and,

**WHEREAS**, Lafayette High School on Congress Street is also celebrating 50 years of educating young people of the City of Lafayette; now,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby proclaim April 30 - May 1, 2005, as

**50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION WEEKEND OF THE 1955  
GRADUATING CLASS OF LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL**

**AND**

**50 YEARS OF THE EXISTENCE OF LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL  
ON ITS CONGRESS STREET CAMPUS**

in Lafayette Parish and encourage all citizens of Lafayette to share in the joy and celebration of this special weekend.

**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 20, 2005, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Date at Lafayette, Louisiana  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005

/s/ James H. Easton

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

- E. **KEYSTONE: FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS (FRESHMAN SEMINAR COURSE)**  
That the Board approve Keystone: Foundation for Success (Freshman Seminar Course) that

is being strongly recommended for all freshman students.

F. THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) INNOVATIVE YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM

That the Board approve the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) summer school program as developed by the office of Career and Technical Education upon receipt of the WIA request for proposal.

G. EXTENDED LEARNING SUMMER PROGRAM FOR PREK-6TH GRADE

That the Board approve the 2005 Extended Learning Summer Program for PreK-6th Grade at Live Oak Elementary, J. Wallace James Elementary, Evangeline Elementary, and the site of the Broadmoor/Edgar Martin ESL programs.

H. 2005 LEAP 21 SUMMER REMEDIATION SCHOOL FOR GRADES 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup>

That the Board approve the 2005 LEAP 21 Summer Remediation School for Grades 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

I. GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVISION #1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005

That the Board approve the General Fund Budget Revision #1 for Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

Hardy requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

J. AMENDMENT TO LEASE OF SECTION 16 PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF RIDGE ROAD & AMBASSADOR CAFFERY PARKWAY

That the Board approve an amendment to lease of Section 16 property at the corner of Ridge Road and Ambassador Caffery Parkway which was originally entered into on September 10, 1985 with R.R. Morrison & Son (Fast Lane), Inc., and subsequently assigned to Hill City Oil Company (Jubilee), Inc. in November of 1996.

K. PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR GRADES K-5 BID

Bids were received from:

Aluminum Athletic Equipment Company	Gopher Sports Equipment
B S N Sports	Nasco
DVF Sports	S & S Worldwide Games(US Games)

That the bid for Physical Education Supplies and Equipment for Grades K-5 be awarded to Nasco and S & S Worldwide Games(US Games).

L. LIMESTONE BID

Bids were received from:

Acadiana Shell & Limestone, Inc.



That the bid for limestone be awarded to Acadiana Shell & Limestone, Inc.

**M. SELECTION OF AN EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

That the Board approve Kolder Champagne Slaven & Company LLC as the external auditor for the Lafayette Parish School System for the next five (5) years.

Motion (LaCombe, Cox) that the Board approve Action Items C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L and M, and that Action Items A and I be pulled for discussion. Motion carried.

**A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES**

Motion (Guidry, Hefner) that the Board approve the Personnel Changes as presented. Motion carried. Hardy and Thibodaux requested that they be recorded as voting NO.

**I. GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVISION #1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005**

Motion (Guidry, Hefner) that the Board approve the General Fund Budget Revision #1 for Fiscal Year 2004-2005. Motion carried. Gibson, 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

mgp