

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, May 4, 2005 - 5:30 P. M., N. P. Moss Middle School

Dr. David G. Thibodaux, President, Presiding

The School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at N. P. Moss Middle School, Lafayette, Louisiana, on Wednesday, May 4, 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, Michael C. Hefner, Carl LaCombe, Edward J. Sam, and Beverly Wilson, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rickey Hardy

I. MEETING OPENINGS

The meeting was called to order by Thibodaux and opened with a prayer by Gibson. Sam led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (LaCombe, Guidry) that the Board add Laidlaw Transportation Issue to the Introduction Agenda.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Voting for were Cox, Gibson, Guidry, Hefner, LaCombe, Sam, Wilson and Thibodaux. Motion carried. Hardy was absent.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized the 2004-2005 Lafayette Parish Student of the Year winners from the following schools: **Fifth Graders:** Channing McBride, Acadian Middle; Kristen Guidry, L. J. Alleman Middle; Tre A. Daigle, A. Boucher Elementary; Elliot Sherwood, Broussard Middle; Andrew Dasgoswami, C. Burke Elementary; Morgane Prejean, Carencro Heights Elementary; Mason Richard, Duson Elementary; Sommer Osman, E. Gallet Elementary; Sadonia Breaux, J. W. Faulk Elementary; Daniel Bowen, J.W. James Elementary; Millicent Joseph, Live Oak Elementary; Raaz S. Pathan, E. A. Martin Middle; Jonathan Michel, Milton Elementary; Raven Uzuegbu, S. J. Montgomery Elementary; Martavious Griffen, Myrtle Place Elementary; Nasia Thibodeaux, Ossun Elementary; Maya Laviolette, Plantation Elementary; Nicole Cheyenne Hazlett, Prairie Elementary; Lauren Elise Meaux, Ridge Elementary; Taylor Bobb, Scott Middle; and Connor Landry, Youngsville Middle. **Eighth Graders:** Katie Celello, Acadian Middle; Sarah Mouton, L. J. Alleman Middle; Robin Roy, P. Breaux Middle; Kaylise Trahan, Broussard Middle; April Savoy, Carencro Middle; Ashley Broussard, Judice Middle; Patrice Wiltz, Lafayette Middle; Hannah Simmons, E. A. Martin Middle; Cody Delcambre, Milton Middle; Victoria Jefferson, N. P. Moss Middle; Brook LeBlanc, Scott Middle; and Jonathan English, Youngsville Middle. **Twelfth Graders:** Blaine Wilson, Acadiana High; Deavon Cormier, Carencro High; Lindsey Quinn, Comeaux High; Philip M. Cortese, Lafayette High; and Michael Thomas Louviere, Northside High.

Also recognized was Philip M. Cortese, Lafayette High School, the 2004-2005 winner in the Louisiana Regional Student of the Year competition for Region III.

The Board congratulated the following Career and Technical Education State and National Award winners: American Career and Technical Education Outstanding Teacher in Community Service - Dawn Gary, Youngsville Middle School; Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (first place state winners earning gold medals) - Erica Cunningham, Haleigh Carcia, Angelique Thibodeaux, Cassie Nevils, Tiffany Phelps, Deantra Polk and Dawn Gary, Instructor; State Vice-President: Serena Mendoza, Nadine Carlson, Advisor; Culinary Arts State Winners - Pro Start Knowledge Bowl - W.D. Smith Career Center: Cory Trahan, Teresa Smith, Bryce Harrell, Tyler Bellard and Christine Cranford, Instructor; Fashion Group International Career Day - W. D. Smith Career Center - 1st Place Overall Winner - Lindsey Broussard; 2nd Place Overall Winner - Marilyn Thibeaux; Merit Awards - Alicia Eaglin, Ashley Credeur, Rebecca Hill and Jessica Borel, Roxanne Speer, Instructor.

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

- A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:
 - a. Regular Board Meeting of 4/20/05

Motion (Hefner, Sam) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 20, 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 March, 2005

Motion (Guidry, LaCombe) that the Board receive the Sales Tax Collection Report for March, 2005. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

- A. INFORMATION REPORTS

- a. 2005-2006 Combined NCLB and IDEA On-line eGrant Application

An implementation of a new web-based electronic grants management system (eGMSP) has shifted from the current paper based consolidated No Child Left Behind (NCLB) federal grant application to a more streamlined easy to use on line application combining NCLB and Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). The new combined eGrant application will allow local education agencies the opportunity to address the needs of all students, plan activities for parents and teachers,

combine resources and track results in a single application process.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

- a. Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education Local Application Plan. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- b. 2005 ESL Summer School Program PreK-12th Grade. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- c. Early Childhood Extended School Year. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- d. Math Textbook Adoptions. A motion was made by Sam that the Math Textbook Adoptions be added to the Action Items Agenda. Motion died for lack of a second. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- e. Laidlaw Transportation Issue

Motion (Guidry, Sam) that the Board move the Laidlaw Transportation Issue to the Action Items Agenda.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Voting for were Cox, Gibson, Guidry, Hefner, LaCombe, Sam, Thibodaux and Wilson. Motion carried. Hardy was absent.

C. OTHER REPORTS

- a. None

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

PERSONNEL CHANGES - May 4, 2005
(positions are funded via General Fund, unless noted otherwise)

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- YONGUE, Hazel, Tea. Asst. - SPED - Charles Burke Elem. - not IDEA Funds (Effective 04/04/2005) [replacing B. Wassmer]
- STUTES, Kelly, Tea. Asst. - SPED - IDEA Funds - Duson Elem. (Effective 04/14/2005) [new position]
- GAUTREAU, Leisa, Tea. Asst. - SPED - IDEA Funds - Evangeline Elem. (Effective 04/25/2005) [new position]
- RANSONENET, Christi, Tea. Asst. - SPED - IDEA Funds - J. W. Faulk Elem. (Effective 04/25/2005) [new position]
- ARCENEAU, Marcus, Custodian - Woodvale Elem. (Effective 04/14/2005) [replacing Mary Charles]
- DODDS, Lynn, Receptionist–Human Resources Dept. (Effective 05/05/05) [replacing B. Menard]
- MAW, Richard, III, Computer Technician–Computer Services Dept. (Effective 04/29/05) [replacing M. Simar]

HEBERT, Kevin, Computer Technician–Computer Services Dept. (Effective 05/05/05) [budgeted position which has been unfilled]

TRANSFERS:

MENARD, Rebecca, from Receptionist to Employee Service Representative–Human Resources Dept. (Effective 05/05/05) [replacing L. Cassidy]

FULCHER, Cathy, from Principal, Duson Elementary, to Principal, Ridge Elementary (Effective 07/29/05)

MONCRIEF, Janice, from Principal, Faulk Elementary, to Principal, Myrtle Place Elementary (Effective 07/29/05)

RICHARD, Charles, from Principal, Moss Middle, to Assistant Principal, Northside High (Effective 07/21/05)

SEALS, Marcil, from Assistant Principal, Northside High, to Assistant Principal, Moss Middle (Effective 07/29/05)

BROUSSARD, Marian, from Principal, Myrtle Place Elementary, to Assistant Principal, Youngsville Middle (Effective 07/29/05) [replacing Keicia Hawkins]

BROUSSARD, Carole, from Principal, Ridge Elementary, to Principal, Westside Elementary (Effective 07/29/05)

DOMINGUE, Mary Nell, from Principal, Westside Elementary, to Principal, Duson Elementary (Effective 07/29/05)

DOUET, Ken, from Principal, Charter High, to Principal, Moss Middle (Effective 07/21/05)

EXITING EMPLOYEES:

BREAUX, Janet, Sec. I - L. J. Alleman Middle (Service Retirement Effective 06/02/2005 instead of 04/06/2005)

McCONNELL, Michelle, Teacher - 1st - Evangeline Elem. (Disability Retirement Effective 04/18/2005)

COULON, Heather, Teacher - Kdgn. - J. W. Faulk Elem. (Resignation Effective End of the Day 06/01/2005)

LeBLANC, Leona, Tea. Asst. SPED - Live Oak Elem. (Service Retirement Effective 04/27/2005)

HEARD, Julie, Tea. Asst. - SPED - S. J. Montgomery Elem. (Resignation Effective End of the Day 04/22/2005)

CAMEL, Tina, Tea. Asst. - PE - Plantation Elem. (Resignation Effective End of the Day 04/06/2005)

WOODS, Stephen, 21st Century Project Director - Grants Dept. (Resignation Effective End of the Day 05/03/2005)

WASHINGTON, John, Principal–Carencro Middle School (Service Retirement Effective 06/01/05)

DARCE, Stephanie, Teacher–Technology Dept.–(Resignation Effective 04/22/05)

EXPIRATION OF GRANT:

SCHEXNAYDER, Tanna, Teacher - Adult & Family Literacy - Adult Ed. (Effective 06/01/2005)

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

BOUMANS, Phyllis, Tea. Asst. - SPED - Ernest Gallet Elem. (Effective 04/08/2005 - 06/01/2005)

FORET, JR., Clarence, Head Custodian - Westside Elem. (Effective 04/15/2005 - 06/01/2005)

ARCENEUX, Tiffani, Teacher - 3rd - Westside Elem. (Effective 04/18/2005 - 06/01/2005)

RETURNING FROM LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

QAWAMI, Karin, Tea. Asst. - PE - Youngsville Middle (Effective 05/02/2005)

MATERNITY LEAVE:

TEMPLET, Tonya, Teacher - E. A. Martin Middle (Effective 04/14/2005 - 06/01/2005)

SINGLETON, Shawnette, Teacher - PE - Acadian Middle/L. J. Alleman Middle (Effective 04/04/2005)

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT RENEWALS:

ARNIE, Mary, Asst. Prin. I - K. Drexel Elem. (Effective 08/07/2005 - 08/06/2007)

DeMAHY, Anne, Asst. Prin. I - Milton Elem. (Effective 09/04/2005 - 09/03/2007)

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

General Fund (01).....	3,538
2002 Sales Tax (15).....	92
Special Revenues (20).....	28
Teaching American History Grant(25).....	7
& Small Learning Communities Grant	
Consolidated Adult Education (30).....	12
Consolidated Other Federal (35).....	7
Special Education (40).....	98
LPSS Self-Funded Construction (45).....	1
IASA Title I (50).....	95
Child Development–Head Start (60).....	84
IASA Titles II/III/IV/VI (65).....	33
Child Nutrition (70).....	203
LPSS Group Insurance Fund (85).....	2

TOTAL.....4,200

Total last month:4,188

Sam requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

B. RESOLUTION 05-05-1489 - NATIONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS MONTH AND NATIONAL EMPLOYEE FITNESS MONTH

That the Board adopt Resolution 05-05-1489 - National Physical Education and Sports Month and National Employee Fitness Month.

RESOLUTION 05-05-1489

WHEREAS, the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports has designated the month of May, 2005 as National Physical Education and Sports Month and National Employee Fitness Month; and,

WHEREAS, National Physical Education and Sports Month is our country's celebration of fitness and sports and many agencies have initiated fitness programs designed to improve our quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, National Physical Education and Sports Month is a time when we can do something special to direct deserved national attention to this extraordinary effort; and,

WHEREAS, the opportunities they provide have been instrumental in influencing millions of Americans to participate in fitness and sports activities; and,

WHEREAS, all employees will have the opportunity to participate in some type of physical fitness programs and activities; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that children learn the sports and other skills that lead to participation and enjoyment throughout life; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby proclaim the month of May, 2005 as

**NATIONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS MONTH
AND
NATIONAL EMPLOYEE FITNESS MONTH**

in Lafayette Parish and urge our community to promote activities in recognition of this month.

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 May 4, 2005 at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana,
this 4th day of May, 2005.

/s/James H. Easton

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

C. L. LEO JUDICE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 2005-2006
That the Board approve L. Leo Judice Elementary School as a Montessori Elementary School.

D. IMPLEMENTATION OF WORLD LANGUAGE ACADEMY AT A. BOUCHER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

That the Board approve the Implementation of World Language Academy at A. Boucher Elementary, one grade level per year beginning with Spanish Immersion in preK and kindergarten in 2005-06, and expanding the program to other languages upon analysis of data from a community survey in an attempt to attain racial balance reflective of the district's racial balance in subsequent years.

LaCombe requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

E. LAIDLAW TRANSPORTATION ISSUE

That the Board discuss the transportation issue.

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

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion (Sam, Guidry) that the question be divided.

After some discussion, Sam withdrew his motion and Guidry withdrew his second.

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

D. IMPLEMENTATION OF WORLD LANGUAGE ACADEMY AT A. BOUCHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Motion (LaCombe, Guidry) that the Board approve the Implementation of World Language Academy at A. Boucher Elementary, one grade level per year beginning with Spanish Immersion in preK and kindergarten in 2005-06 and expanding the program to other languages upon analysis of data from a community survey in an attempt to attain racial balance reflective of the district's racial balance in subsequent years; that the following under Section III-Proposed Implementation 2005-06, item number 4 be amended as follows: no re-zoning of A. Boucher Elementary students will be necessary to implement Spanish Immersion; and that under 2006-07 - 2009-10 item number 3 read as follows: based on community survey results and further school support team planning, implement expansion of the WLA. (Possible options include opening additional French Immersion classes at WLA without phasing out sections at existing sites, opening additional Spanish Immersion Classes, opening other World Language classes, etc.).

Hefner asked if a friendly amendment to the motion would be considered.

After some discussion, LaCombe did not accept the friendly amendment.

A substitute motion was made by Hefner and seconded by Gibson that the Board approve the Implementation of World Language Academy at A. Boucher Elementary, one grade level per year beginning with Spanish Immersion in preK and kindergarten in 2005-06 and expanding the program to other languages upon analysis of data from a community survey in an attempt to attain racial balance reflective of the district's racial balance in subsequent years; and amend

under Section III Proposed Implementation 2006-2007 - 2009-10 to read as follows: based on community survey results and further school support team planning, implement expansion of the WLA. (**With Board approval**, possible options could include opening additional French Immersion classes at WLA with or without phasing out sections at existing sites, opening additional Spanish Immersion classes, opening other World Language classes, etc.).

Wilson asked if a friendly amendment to the substitute motion would be considered.

After some discussion, Hefner did not accept the friendly amendment.

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion. Voting for were Gibson and Hefner. Voting against were Cox, Guidry, LaCombe Sam, Thibodaux and Wilson. Motion failed. Hardy was absent.

After some discussion, Wilson asked LaCombe if he would amend his motion to read as follows: (With Board approval, possible options could include opening additional French Immersion classes at WLA without phasing out sections at existing sites, opening additional Spanish Immersion classes, opening other World Language classes, etc.).

LaCombe accepted the amendment to his original motion.

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the original motion as amended. Voting for were Cox, Gibson, Guidry, Hefner, LaCombe, Sam and Wilson. Voting against was Thibodaux. Motion carried. Hardy was absent.

E. LAIDLAW TRANSPORTATION ISSUE

Motion (LaCombe, Sam) that the Board cease current discussions with Laidlaw or any other companies, and explore in-house solutions to the transportation issues so that staff can focus on plans for busing and bus routes for the 2005-2006 school year.

A substitute motion was made by Guidry that the Board give no consideration to privatization in transportation or any other departments, that it be tabled indefinitely, and that staff correct any problems that exist in the Transportation Department.

After some discussion, Sam withdrew his second to the original motion and seconded the substitute motion. Original motion died for lack of a second. The substitute motion became the original motion. After some discussion, Cox seconded LaCombe's motion, which became the substitute motion.

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion. Voting for were Cox, Gibson, Guidry, Hefner, LaCombe, Sam, Thibodaux and Wilson. Motion carried. Hardy was absent.

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 Guidry, seconded by LaCombe 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
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