

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, November 1, 2006 - 5:30 P. M., Board Room

Kay S. Gibson, 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, November 1, 2006 at 5:30 P.M. pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kay S. Gibson, President; Judy H. Cox, Vice-President; John Earl Guidry, Rickey Hardy, Michael Hefner, Carl LaCombe, Edward J. Sam, David Thibodaux, and Beverly Wilson, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

I. MEETING OPENINGS

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

Motion (Guidry, Sam) that the Board add to the Action Items – Indexing Plan for Salaries of Principals and Assistant Principals. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

- a. Regular Board Meeting of 10/18/06

Motion (Sam, Cox) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 18, 2006 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 September, 2006

Motion (Hardy, LaCombe) that the Board accept the Sales Tax Collection Report for September, 2006. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

- a. Curriculum Update

Carol Thomas, Supervisor of Special Projects, presented to the Board a Tutorial Update for 2006-2007 school year, which included an overview of School Allocations, School Survey Results, and collaborations with University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She also shared with the Board, student success stories.

- b. Trans Fat in the Schools

Hardy shared with the Board his concerns regarding trans fat foods in the school cafeterias.

Rene Sherville, Supervisor of Child Nutrition, assured the Board that all food provided to the students in the Parish meet the USDA guidelines.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

- a. Advertise and Award Oil, Gas & Mineral Lease for Section 16 Property at Ambassador Caffery and Ridge Road. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- b. LSU Ag Center and LPSS Memorandum of Understanding. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- c. Indexing Plan for Salaries of Principals and Assistant Principals. Moved to an Action Item.
- d. Revisions to the Organizational Structure 2006-2007.
Wilson requested that an additional responsibility be added to the Athletic Director's job description, and she would provide information to the Human Resources Director.

C. OTHER REPORTS

- a. None

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. INDEXING PLAN FOR SALARIES OF PRINCIPALS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

That the Board approve the recommendation of the Lafayette Parish Principals and Assistant Principals to implement an indexing plan for building level administrators.

Motion (Guidry, Sam) that the Board approve the indexing plan for salaries of principals and assistant principals. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

AA. PERSONNEL CHANGES

**Personnel Changes
November 1, 2006**

New Employees

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Fund	Note
Young, Charles	Northside HS	NJROTC Instructor	10/13/2006	01	Replacing R Myers
Ardoin, Tonya	Federal Programs	HIPPY Tutor	10/20/2006	20	Replacing D Malveaux
Wilson, William	Montgomery ES	Custodian	10/6/2006	01	Replacing H Cormier
Matthews, Rachel	Montgomery ES	Custodian	10/6/2006	01	Replacing C Broussard
Lancon, Anne	Burke ES	Grade 3 Teacher	10/23/2006	01	Staffing formula
Plylar, Elaine	Gallet ES	SpEd Teacher Asst.	10/12/2006	40	Replacing R Trim
Louviere, Karen	Ridge ES	SpEd Teacher Asst.	10/16/2006	40	Replacing A Angers
Jones, Kiya	Woodvale ES	SpEd Teacher Asst.	10/31/2006	01	Replacing C Washington
Trent, Pernell	Federal Programs	Computer Technician	11/2/2006	50	New Title I position
Francis, Lisa	James ES	Custodian	10/6/2006	01	Replacing C Mouton
Ingraham, Reinette	Milton ES/MS	Custodian	10/6/2006	01	Replacing E Lewis
Dickson, Victoria	Prairie ES	Custodian	10/9/2006	01	Replacing J Andrew
Alfred, Nichole	Youngsville MS	SpEd Teacher Asst.	10/20/2006	01	Replacing J Williams
Goldman, Beth	Plantation ES	PE Teacher Asst.	10/5/2006	01	Replacing W Welsh

Employee Transfers & Promotions

Name	From	To	Effective	Fund	Note
Hines, Ronald	Drug Advisor (Fund 65)	Intervention Spec (Fund 25)	2/1/2006	25	Ch. of funding source
Taylor, Renee	Drug Advisor (Fund 65)	Intervention Spec (Fund 25)	2/1/2006	25	Ch. of funding source
Romero, Mary	HOSTS Tchr (Judice MS)	English Tchr (Acadiana HS)	10/16/2006	01	Replacing D Reed
Julian, Sherry	Curr Coord (Carencro MS)	Asst Prin (Live Oak ES)	11/2/2006	01	Replacing H Boone
Deville, Stacy	Tchr Asst (Myrtle Place)	Tchr Asst (Scott MS)	10/17/2006	40	Replacing C Depa

Leaves Requested

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Fund	Note
Savoy, Towanda	Carencro HS	Custodian	09/28/06-10/31/06	01	Leave without pay
Lecompte, Vergie	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/01/06-01/02/07	01	Leave without pay
Webre, Gayle	Plantation ES	Teacher	1st semester, 07/08	01	Sabbatical leave
Aultman, Joyce	L Leo Judice ES	Teacher Asst.	09/20/06-10/31/06	01	Leave without pay

Other Action

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Fund	Note
Bijou, Kevin	Maintenance	Painter	11/02/06-12/31/06	01	Suspended without pay

Huval, Bridget Alleman MS Clerical Assistant 10/11/2006 01 Rescind resignation

Exiting Employees

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Fund	Note
Hunt, Katie	Moss MS	Math Teacher	10/10/2006	01	Resignation
Trahan, James	Northside HS	Social Studies Teacher	10/7/2006	01	Retirement
Washington, Chennevia	Woodvale ES	SpEd Teacher Asst.	10/13/2006	01	Resignation
Napoles, Leonardo	Ridge ES	ESL Teacher Asst.	10/12/2006	01	Resignation
Sebastian, Betty	Transportation	Board Bus Driver	10/13/2006	01	Resignation
Gordon, Tara	Live Oak ES	SpEd Teacher Asst.	10/18/2006	40	Resignation
Manuel, Patrick	Transportation	Board Bus Driver	11/1/2006	01	Termination
Collins, Carol T.	Transportation	Contract Bus Driver	11/1/2006	01	Termination
Broussard, Steven	Transportation	Board Bus Driver	10/20/2006	01	Retirement
Fontenot, Evelyn	Boucher ES	Grade 2 Teacher	12/21/2006	01	Retirement

Number of Full-Time Employees by Funding Source as of September 30, 2006

(This report is suspended because of technological difficulties.)

B. ADVERTISE AND AWARD OIL, GAS & MINERAL LEASE FOR SECTION 16 – ACADIA PARISH

That the Board approve for the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to advertise and award an oil, gas and mineral lease on about 620 acres of property on Section 16, Township 10 South, Range 2 East located in Acadia Parish. Per state law, royalty and mineral lease revenues from this site are shared between Lafayette Parish who receives 36.21%, Acadia Parish who receives 43.22% and Vermilion Parish who receives 20.57%. This proposal is also subject to approval by Acadia and Vermilion Parish School Boards. This advertisement should include a provision that “lessee agrees not to erect any derrick, tank, warehouse or other equipment or structure on the leased premises nor shall lessee interfere, in any manner, with lessor’s use of the property. Lessee shall have, however, the complete right to drill for, produce, extract and recover the minerals in and beneath said land by drilling or other operations conducted from the surface of other lands or by the said land by drilling or other operations conducted from the surface of other lands or by the pooling or unitization of the leased premises with other land, lease or leases in the area.” In addition we also require a minimum royalty of 25% for oil and gas produced and saved and 20% for other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbon minerals produced and saved.

C. TUTORIAL PAY INCREASE SCHEDULE

That the Board approve the tutor pay schedule needed to improve the quality and skill level of tutors being used in the current tutorial program.

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS REORGANIZATION

That the Board approve the reorganization of the Public Relations Department as recommended by Administration.

Hefner requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

E. RESOLUTION 11-06-1534 – NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
That the Board adopt Resolution 11-06-1534 – National American Indian Heritage Month.

RESOLUTION - 11-06-1534

Recognizing National American Indian Heritage Month and celebrating the vast contributions of Native American Indians to the strength and culture of our Nation.

WHEREAS, from November 1, 2006 – November 30, 2006, the country celebrates National American Indian Heritage Month; and,

WHEREAS, the American Indian experience is central to the American story, the presence of Native American Indians have played a vital role in our country’s freedom and security, since the earliest days of our Republic; and,

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War scouts to the Code Talkers of World War II, American Indians have served in all branches of America’s armed forces; and,

WHEREAS, American Indians continue to bravely defend our country in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and helping to spread liberty around the world; and,

WHEREAS, American Indians defined principles of tribal sovereignty and the right to self-determination; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby proclaim November 1, 2006 through November 30, 2006 as

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

and that the schools are urged to observe this proclamation through appropriate activities which focus on “Strengthening the Spirit of our Nation” and assisting all students in gaining a greater understanding of the contributions which Native Americans have made and continue to make toward shaping our nation.

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 October 18, 2006 at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana,
this 1st day of November 2006.

/s/ James H. Easton

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

- F. RESOLUTION 11-06-1535 – AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK
That the Board adopt Resolution 11-06-1535 – American Education Week.

Thibodaux requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

- G. RESOLUTION 11-06-1536 – TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS & ALLOCATIONS
That the Board adopt Resolution 11-06-1536 – Textbook Adoptions and Allocations.

RESOLUTION – 11-06-1536

TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS AND ALLOCATIONS

WHEREAS, school boards throughout the state are experiencing difficulty in providing new textbooks because of the increasing costs; and,

WHEREAS, the monies allocated per child for textbooks does not cover the actual cost of these textbooks; and,

WHEREAS, the textbook adoption cycle established by the State of Louisiana does not coincide with the states for whom textbook companies make major editorial revisions; and,

WHEREAS, parishes may use allocated monies to update needed textbooks in areas where insufficient monies were allocated; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board petition the Louisiana School Boards Association to sponsor legislation which will change the textbook adoption cycle to coincide with major states, and allocate sufficient funds to cover actual cost of books; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana School Boards Association, to the Governor of Louisiana, members of the Lafayette Legislative Delegation, to the State Superintendent of Public Education, to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to all Superintendents throughout the state.

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 November 1, 2006, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana,
this 1st day of November 2006.

/s/ James H. Easton

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

H. RESOLUTION 11-06-1537 – EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

That the Board adopt resolution 11-06-1537 – Early Childhood Education for all Students.

RESOLUTION -11-06-1537

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

WHEREAS, early childhood education can provide a positive beginning to enhance the academic achievement of students, as shown on student test scores; and,

WHEREAS, early identification of high-risk students has been shown to reduce student dropout; and,

WHEREAS, early childhood education should ease the transition of preschool children into the academic climate; and,

WHEREAS, the parent involvement component of the early childhood program has helped increase parent knowledge and home/school coordination; and,

WHEREAS, all children in Louisiana need to be given the opportunity to experience success in the educational environment; and,

WHEREAS, early childhood program participants now in kindergarten through third grade indicate that eighty-four percent (84%) of these students are on grade level in terms of their progression through school; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board petition the Louisiana School Boards Association to sponsor legislation which will provide early childhood education funding in areas of staffing, equipment and evaluation, for state mandated programs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana School Boards Association, to the Governor of Louisiana, members of the Lafayette Legislative Delegation, to the State Superintendent of Public Education, to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to all Superintendents throughout the state.

CERTIFICATE

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 November 1, 2006, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana,
this 1st day of November 2006.

/s/ James H. Easton

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

- I. RESOLUTION 11-06-1538 – EXTENDED DAY/YEAR LEARNING PROGRAM
That the Board adopt Resolution 11-06-1538 – Extended Day/Year Learning Program.

RESOLUTION – 11-06-1538

EXTENDED DAY/YEAR LEARNING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, high quality extended day (before and after school care) and extended year care (summer care) learning experiences provide opportunities for at risk students to achieve at high academic levels; and,

WHEREAS, extended day/year learning experiences serve as a viable tool to remediate below grade level students through tutorial, enrichment and recreational instruction; and,

WHEREAS, extended day/year learning experiences offer quality adult supervision for students who might be unsupervised and/or unsafe and/or exposed to criminal activity; and,

WHEREAS, increased levels of student performance will result in higher student achievement in the “regular” education (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) portion of the school day; and,

WHEREAS, tutorial enrichment and recreational learning experiences levels will increase due to small/individual group activities presented in extended day/year by qualified staff therefore complying with “No Child Left Behind”; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board understands that at risk learners may need additional tutorial, enrichment and recreational learning experiences to increase student performance and that some learners need additional time (extended day/year) to perform on grade level; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana School Boards Association, to the Governor of Louisiana, members of the Lafayette Legislative Delegation, to the State Superintendent of Public Education, to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and all Superintendents throughout the state.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Lafayette Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted at its Regular Board Meeting of November 1, 2006, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana
this 1st day of November 2006.

/s/ James H. Easton

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

- J. RESOLUTION 11-06-1539 – NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY MONTH
That the Board adopt Resolution 11-06-1539 – National Family Literacy Month.

Hefner requested that this item be pulled for reading purposes.

- K. RESOLUTION 11-06-1540 – TEACHER TUITION EXEMPTION PROGRAM
That the Board adopt Resolution 11-06-1540 – Teacher Tuition Exemption Program.

RESOLUTION - 11-06-1540

TEACHER TUITION EXEMPTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Teacher Tuition Exemption Program has been funded by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education through the 8(g) Quality Education Assurance Fund at a static level of \$3.1 million for the last three years; and,

WHEREAS, the Tuition Exemption Program has paid the tuition costs of hundreds of Lafayette teachers who have returned to Louisiana colleges and universities to expand the base of knowledge in their subject area or to gain certification; and,

WHEREAS, due to increasing tuition and fee costs at colleges and universities fewer teachers can participate in this program each year if it is funded at the same level; and,

WHEREAS, additional 8(g) funds will become available during the next fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish School Board endorses the Teacher Tuition Exemption Program as a valuable resource for teachers to avail themselves in acquiring new skills or needed certification in critical shortage areas as determined by the parish; and,

WHEREAS, site based administrators supervise the teachers of all programs in their schools and may have had little experience with certain areas, to allow administrators to use the Tuition Exemption Program to pay the cost of upgrading their skills in the critical shortage areas as determined by the parish; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board endorse a funding level increase for Teacher Tuition Exemption and that the selection of critical shortage areas be restored to the local parishes; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana School Boards Association, to the Governor of Louisiana, members of the Lafayette Legislative Delegation, to the State Superintendent of Public Education, to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to all Superintendents throughout the State.

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 November 1, 2006, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana,
this 1st day of November 2006.

/s/ James H. Easton

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

- L. RESOLUTION 11-06-1541 – TUTORIAL PROGRAM
That the Board adopt Resolution 11-06-1541 – Tutorial Program.

RESOLUTION – 11-06-1541

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, high quality tutoring (before, during and after school) experiences provide opportunity for at-risk students to achieve at high academic levels; and,

WHEREAS, quality tutoring experiences serve as a viable tool to remediate below grade level students and close the achievement gap between the subgroups; and,

WHEREAS, tutoring allows additional learning experiences to reduce the number of school retentions and combat the need for social promotions; and,

WHEREAS, increased tutoring opportunities produce better prepared and thus highly motivated students which reduce the drop-out rate amongst high risk students; and,

WHEREAS, tutorial experience levels increase due to small/individual group activities afforded before, during and after school by qualified staff complying with “No Child Left Behind”; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board

understands that at-risk learners need additional tutorial experiences to increase student performance and that some learners need additional assistance to perform at grade level; and,

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana School Boards Association, to the Governor of Louisiana, members of the Lafayette Legislative Delegation, to the State Superintendent of Public Education, to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to all Superintendents throughout the State.

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 the resolution adopted at its Regular Board Meeting of November 1, 2006, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana,
this 1st day of November 2006.

/s/ James H. Easton

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

- M. RESOLUTION 11-06-1542 – LEAP REMEDIATION PROGRAM
That the Board adopt Resolution 11-06-1542 – LEAP Remediation Program.

RESOLUTION – 11-06-1542

LEAP REMEDIATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, high quality remedial instruction provide opportunities for students to achieve at high academic levels. State legislation requires that students who fail to meet the minimum achievement level necessary to be fully promoted to the 5th or 9th grade shall be offered supplemental educational programs designed to improve student achievement in the grade appropriate skills and that these programs shall comply with regulations adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (SBESE); and,

WHEREAS, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education policy requires that supplemental remedial instruction shall be offered in English Language Arts and Mathematics to eligible 4th and 8th grade students as summer remediation as well as intervention/remediation provided throughout the school year; and,

WHEREAS, the remedial instruction shall be designed to assist students to overcome their educational deficits identified as a result of the State’s criterion-referenced testing program; and,

WHEREAS, the district shall offer locally developed supplemental intervention/remedial instruction during the school year supported by local funds; and,

WHEREAS, the supplemental funds appropriated for LEAP remediation are insufficient to fund both the LEAP Summer Remediation and the LEAP Tutoring Programs. The district needs to use the full 2006-2007 LEAP remediation grant award to supplement the cost of their summer program; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board understands that some students may need additional tutorial instruction to increase student performance; and,

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana School Boards Association, to the Governor of Louisiana, members of the Lafayette Legislative Delegation, to the State Superintendent of Public Education, to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to all Superintendents throughout the State.

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 the resolution adopted at its Regular Board Meeting of November 1, 2006, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana,
this 1st day of November 2006.

/s/ James H. Easton

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

Motion (Hardy,Cox) that the Board approve Action Items AA, B, C, E, G, H, I, K, L, and M and that Action Items D, F, and J be pulled for discussion. Motion carried. Thibodaux requested that he be recorded as voting NO on Action Item AA.

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS REORGANIZATION

Motion (Hefner, Thibodaux) that the Board defer action on the Public Relations Department reorganization. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

F. RESOLUTION 11-06-1535 – AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Motion (Hefner, Hardy) that the Board adopt Resolution 11-06-1535 – American

Education Week. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – 11-06-1535

WHEREAS, public education serves as the foundation for a democratic society; and,

WHEREAS, public education has been recognized as a fundamental public good for well over a century; and,

WHEREAS, the public schools collectively remain one of our most vital institutions; and,

WHEREAS, our schools continue to provide America with productive citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the public schools have enabled our diverse population to work and live together in a free society; and,

WHEREAS, schools play a vital role in building the future--one student at a time; and,

WHEREAS, the theme of American Education Week observance is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility"; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2006 as

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

and urges all citizens to make a commitment to public education and to the future of the Lafayette Parish children by visiting their local public schools and by donating their time and talents to help make the public schools even better.

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 November 1, 2006, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana
this 1st day of November 2006.

/s/ James H. Easton

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

J. RESOLUTION 11-06-1539 – NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY MONTH
Motion, (Hefner, Hardy) that the Board adopt Resolution 11-06-1539 – National Family Literacy Month. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – 11-06-1539

WHEREAS, family literacy encompasses a unique educational approach that includes four separate, but integrated components; and,

WHEREAS, parents receive adult education, often focusing on improving job skills or English language skills; and children receive individualized education that is appropriate for their age and developmental level; and,

WHEREAS, parents take part in classes that help them understand their children’s literacy development in order to learn ways to support that development at home; and,

WHEREAS, one of the unique elements of a family literacy program is Parent and Child Together Time (PACT), a regularly scheduled session when parents and children play and learn together through interactive literacy activities; and,

WHEREAS, the theme of National Family Literacy Day is “Achieving the American Dream Through Literacy”; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby proclaim November 1, 2006 as

NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY

to honor those families, for whom the achievement of literacy, for themselves and their children, has become a primary goal. The essential message about the importance of education will be passed from parent to child, and will enable the family to develop as a team in learning and becoming partners in success.

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 November 1, 2006, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana
this 1st day of November 2006.

/s/ James H. Easton

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

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 LaCombe, and carried that the meeting adjourn.

SIGNED:

/s/ Kay S. Gibson

Kay S. Gibson, President
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SIGNED:

/s/ James H. Easton

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

dbn