

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, December 20, 2007, 5:30 P.M., Board Room

Carl LaCombe, President, Presiding

The School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, met in special session at its regular meeting place, the Lafayette Parish School Board Administrative Building, Board Room, Lafayette, Louisiana, on Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 5:30 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl LaCombe, President; Rae Trahan, Vice-President; Gregory Awbrey, Hunter Beasley, Mark Babineaux, Mark Cockerham, Rickey Hardy (entered late), Michael Hefner, and Edward J. Sam, Board Members; Burnell Lemoine, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

The Chair called the meeting to order.

I. CLOSURE OF N. P. MOSS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Superintendent shared with the Board a schedule that would assist in a smooth transition of the N. P. Moss Middle School students to Good Hope Baptist Church Hall and Northside High School.

A. APPROVAL OF STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR N. P. MOSS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Motion (Hefner, Sam) that the Board approve the staff recommendations regarding the temporary closure of the N. P. Moss Middle school facility; that the Board approve the temporary relocation of 6th and 7th grade students to Good Hope Baptist Church Hall, and 8th grade students to Northside High School in a separate wing; and that staff explore legal options regarding water intrusion and the recovery of the facility. Motion carried.

B. RESOLUTION 12-07-1591 – AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A LEASE BETWEEN LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AND GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Motion (Sam, Babineaux) that the Board adopt Resolution 12-07-1591 – Authority to Negotiate and Enter into a lease between Lafayette Parish School Board and Good Hope Baptist Church, and that should it be necessary because of time restraints, the process that would occur to end project earlier; that the Board will be allowed to negotiate with Good Hope Baptist Church to make amends. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – 12-07-1591

WHEREAS, that a need has arisen to transfer students from N. P. Moss Middle School to an alternate facility for an uncertain time period, and that a facility is available at 1501 E. Willow Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, owned by Good Hope Baptist Church; and,

WHEREAS, that it is necessary to provide the Superintendent of the Lafayette Parish School System with authority to negotiate and enter into a lease between the Lafayette Parish School Board and Good Hope Baptist Church for use of this building as an alternate educational site; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the Lafayette Parish School System be authorized to negotiate and enter into a lease between Lafayette Parish School Board and Good Hope Baptist Church in reference to that building located at 1501 E. Willow Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, said lease to include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Lease of the complete second floor of building.
2. Free use of a portion of the gym floor and surrounding parking lot and adjacent land, and to be agreed upon by the lessee and lessor.
3. Monthly lease payment not to exceed \$1.00 per square foot (approximately 12,360 square feet) for second floor of building only.
4. Term of lease: January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.
5. Lafayette Parish School System is to leave the property in the same condition as it was when the lease commences.
6. Lafayette Parish School System agrees to pay lessor \$1,440.00 per month during duration of lease for utilities.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Gregory Awbrey, Hunter Beasley, Mark Babineaux, Mark Cockerham, Michael Hefner, Carl LaCombe, Edward Sam and Rae Trahan.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Rickey Hardy

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 Special Board Meeting of December 20, 2007, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana
this 20th day of December, 2007.

/s/ Burnell Lemoine

Burnell Lemoine, Secretary-Treasurer
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Hardy entered the meeting.

- C. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR N.P. MOSS MIDDLE SCHOOL WALL SYSTEM
Motion (Hefner, Awbrey) that the Board approve the use of the same architectural

(Schoeffler & Boudier, Architects), mechanical (Associated Design Group, Inc.) and environmental (Wynn L. White Consulting Engineers, Inc.) firms used in the “investigative” phase for the “reconstruction phase” of this wall system project; that in addition, the Board approve the use of the current State of Louisiana Fee Curve as the basis for determining fees to be paid for architectural and mechanical services provided during this project; that the Board approve having the architectural firm handle the selection of a construction contractor(s) via a sealed quote process; and that the contractor(s) would be responsible for investigative demolition, potential substance abatement, demolition, and reconstruction during both phases of the project that may be required; and that one or more contractors may be awarded this work. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

D. RATIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12-07-1592 – DECLARATION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY – WALL SYSTEM AT N. P. MOSS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Motion (Awbrey, Trahan) that the Board ratify the administrative actions taken to investigate and assess the damage of affected areas of the wall system at N. P. Moss Middle on an emergency basis; that the Board approve Resolution 12-07-1592 – Declaration of Public Emergency – Wall System at N. P. Moss Middle School pursuant with R.S. 38:2212.1; and that the Board approve the administrative request to take the further actions and expend funds as stated in the resolution and as further described in Schedule A.

Hardy requested than an amendment to the motion include the following: that the Department of Health and Hospitals be made part of the investigation. Awbrey accepted the amendment. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION -12-07-1592

**DECLARATION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY WALL SYSTEM
AT N. P. MOSS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to assess damage, possibly demolish, and possibly reconstruct the affected areas of the wall system of N. P. Moss Middle School; and,

WHEREAS, there is not sufficient time to properly advertise and receive bids for the assessment of damage, possible demolition, and possible reconstruction of the affected areas of the wall system at N. P. Moss Middle School; and,

WHEREAS, R.S. 38:2212.1, provides for the elimination of advertising for bids of public works projects in excess of \$100,000 in the case of extreme emergency where such emergency shall, within ten (10) days, be published in the official journal of the body declaring such emergency; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board recognizes and declares that an emergency exists at N. P. Moss Middle School that could potentially affect the health and safety of students and employees, and authorizes the expenditure of funds for the assessment of damage, possible demolition of walls, possible substance abatement, and the possible rehabilitation/reconstruction of the affected areas of the wall system.

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/s/ Burnell Lemoine

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LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

**Ratification of Administrative Action and Declaration of Public Emergency:
Wall System of N. P. Moss Middle School
Supplemental Schedule: Schedule A**

Investigative Phase	Budget Transfers
Professional Fees (architectural, mechanical, & environmental)	\$ 50,000.00
Testing Fees	100,000.00
Demolition/Remediation	20,000.00
Mechanical Fees	20,254.00
LPSS Overtime	31,000.00
	<u>\$ 221,254.00</u>

Reconstruction Phase (1)

Professional Fees
Testing Fees
Demolition/Remediation Contract
Reconstruction Contract
Mechanical Fees
LPSS Overtime
Security

\$ -

(1) Cost estimates will be prepared upon completion of investigative phase.

E. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

Responses to the public records request of The Daily Advertiser and N. P. Moss Middle School parents was provided to the Board.

Motion (Sam, Hardy) that the Board, after everything said and done, that the children will return to N. P. Moss Middle School and that no other educational program will be housed there,

except for what exists now and that the name remain as it is now. Motion carried.

- F. WYNN L. WHITE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.
A report from Wynn L. White Consulting Engineers, Inc. was given to the Board.

There being no further business, it was moved by Hefner, seconded by Sam, and carried that the meeting adjourn.

SIGNED:

/s/ Carl LaCombe

Carl LaCombe, President
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SIGNED:

/s/ Burnell Lemoine

Burnell Lemoine, Secretary-Treasurer
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