

# Board *notes*

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## Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting January 16, 2002

### **Board Recognizes Laurie Rees as LACUE Teacher of the Year**

The Lafayette Parish School Board recognized Laurie Rees, fifth grade teacher at Edgar Martin Middle School, as the recipient of the Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators (LACUE) Elementary Teacher of the Year award. This award is given to one elementary teacher in the state that is recognized as an exemplary teacher that integrates technology into the curriculum and is a guiding hand for other teachers who are just starting out with the use of technology.

### **Board Recognizes Catherine MacDiarmid for Achieving NBPTS Certification**

The Board recognized Catherine MacDiarmid, seventh grade language arts teacher at Paul Breaux Middle, for achieving certification in the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. This certification is a demonstration of a candidate's teaching practice as measured against high and rigorous standards. It is a symbol of commitment to excellence in teaching. MacDiarmid is one of only 42 teachers in Louisiana to achieve certification in 2001. There currently are only 16,035 National Board Certified Teachers in 50 states and the District of Columbia. MacDiarmid encouraged her fellow teachers to pursue certification. More information can be found at [www.nbcts.org](http://www.nbcts.org).

### **Board Approved Teacher Salary Schedules**

The Board approved the revised and proposed 2001-2002 Teachers Salary Schedule. Step One (one year teaching experience) was increased by \$100 across the salary schedule at an approximate cost of \$9,049 to the General Fund Budget for 2001-2002. The proposed salary schedule reflects a 5.65% increase on Attachment 2 at each step level at an approximate cost of \$4,967,250 to the 1/2 cent sales tax budget.

### **In other action, the Board:**

- approved corrections of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 1/2/02;
- approved the committee minutes of the Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearings of 1/16/02;
- approved the ratification of bills for November, 2001;
- approved the Sales Tax Report for November, 2001;
- received a Curriculum Update Report about Early Childhood/Starting Points Program;
- received information about the Career Connections Expo to be held at the Cajundome on Wed., Jan. 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Clerical Assistant at Acadian Middle/Northside High Schools;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Clerical Assistant at Ridge Elementary/Youngsville Middle Schools;
- granted permission to issue Letters of Assurance for 2002-2003;
- granted permission to hire 30 technicians for Child Nutrition Services;
- approved the bid of \$61,200 from Twin State Trucks for the purchase of one Special Education bus;
- approved the bid submitted by Coastal Construction & Engineering Corp. in the amount of \$82,500 for Sewer Plant Replacement for Milton Elementary School.