

Board *notes*

Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting February 5, 2003

Board Recognizes Comeaux High Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

The Lafayette Parish School Board recognized the Comeaux High School Junior Varsity Cheerleaders for being named the 2003 National Cheerleading Champions in the Junior High division during the Premier Mardi Gras National Cheerleading Competition in January. The squad consists of 22 girls made up of freshmen and sophomores.

Board Recognizes Northside High Engineering Program

The Board recognized the Northside High School Engineering program for being named the Outstanding High School Program by the American Association of Career and Technical Education. Deanie Spikes, lead instructor, was presented the award at the ACTE national conference in Las Vegas in December. The award is designed to recognize high school programs that focus on innovative curriculum design, outstanding practices in academic and vocational integration, and community involvement.

Board Appoints Special Projects Program Coordinator

The Board appointed Carol Ann Thomas as Special Projects Program Coordinator. She comes to Lafayette from Houston Independent School District where she worked as Reading Supervisor, Instructional Coordinator, Assistant Principal, and teacher of gifted and talented students.

Board Approves Resolution for Career and Technical Week

The Board approved a resolution recognizing the week of February 9-15 as Career and Technical Education Week. The theme for the week is "Career Tech: Working on Your Future."

In other action, the Board:

- approved corrections of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 1/22/03;
- approved the committee minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Board Insurance Committee and Employee Insurance Advisory Committee of 1/27/03;
- approved the Sales Tax Collection Report for December, 2002;
- received a Curriculum Update Report on the instructional progress at Vermilion Elementary School;
- received information about No Child Left Behind Act requirements for paraprofessionals. Title I and Special Education will pay for courses being offered at the Southwest Community College for current paraprofessionals;
- heard a proposal from staff to hold a series of public meetings every two weeks or so to present detailed information on each aspect of the budget;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Carpenter II in the Maintenance Department;
- approved the Louisiana Teacher Assistance and Assessment Program Administrative Guidelines;
- approved the re-appropriation of construction funds for Fiscal Year 2002-3003;
- granted permission to bid and award the bid for the air handler replacement at Carencro High School;
- approved revisions to signature authorization for Farm Service Agency (FSA);
- approved the purchase of warehouse supplies.