

Board *notes*

Lafayette Parish School Board Regular Meeting February 16, 2005

Board Hears Presentation on “Schools Joining Hands”

The Lafayette Parish School Board heard a presentation about “Schools Joining Hands,” a joint project by Student Council Presidents from Acadiana High, Carencro High, Comeaux High, Lafayette High, Northside High, and Teurlings Catholic High. Students from these schools have joined forces to raise money for the Tsunami Relief Project. On March 11, students, teachers, and staff at these schools will participate in a parish wide coalition to assist those affected by the Tsunami disaster in Asia. To support this endeavor, the students are selling t-shirts from Feb. 14-23 with all proceeds to be donated to the Save the Children fund.

Board Recognizes Carencro Middle HOSTS

The Board recognized Carencro Middle for winning the Highest Honor from HOSTS Learning. Carencro Middle School was recognized as a national exemplary learning center for its efforts and quality in serving low-performing students through mentoring and academic intervention. Administered by Reading Supervisor 6-12, Sherry Brown, Principal John Washington, and HOSTS Facilitator Kelly Gravouia, the HOSTS Learning (Help One Student To Succeed) Award is presented to high-performing learning intervention programs using HOSTSLink Language Arts. The award is based on HOSTS Learning’s Quality Assurance Program that measures seven characteristics of an effective, structured mentoring program. Carencro Middle School has used HOSTSLink Language Arts to help students accelerate their academic progress. During the 2003-2004 school year, 45 students and 56 mentors participated in the school’s HOSTSLink Language Arts program.

Board Appoints Schools of Choice Coordinator

The Board approved the appointment of Angela Simoneaux as the Recruitment and Support Coordinator for Schools of Choice. Simoneaux comes to Lafayette Parish from the Advocate newspaper, Acadiana Bureau, where she has worked as a reporter for 16 years. During that time, she covered news for the Lafayette Parish School System and education in general.

In other action, the Board:

- approved corrections on the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 1/19/05;
- approved corrections on the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 2/16/05;
- approved ratification of bills for December, 2004;
- received information about revisions to Policy File: IDDE-R - Summer Driver Education Program;
- received information about a proposal to provide sales tax auditing services;
- received information about the Child Nutrition Program Fund Budget Revision #1 for FY 2004-2005;
- approved personnel changes.

