

Board *notes*

Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting February 20, 2002

Board Recognizes Janine Neck

The Lafayette Parish School Board recognized Janine Neck, teacher at Lafayette High School, who was selected as a semi-finalist from Region IV—Southwest in this year's National Council on Economic Education (NCEE)/Nasdaq Educational Foundation National Teaching Awards program. This is the first time a teacher from Louisiana has been selected as a semi-finalist. This recognition pays tribute to Janine Neck's dedication to furthering her student's awareness of financial markets, the principles of investing, personal finance, entrepreneurship, and the operation of market economies. Joan Piquet, representative of the State Department of Economics Education, was on hand to honor Janine.

Recognition of Willard Hanks

The Board recognized Willard Hanks, Acadiana High School, who was named 5A State Football Coach of the Year by the Louisiana Sports Writers. Acadiana High School went to the semi-finals for the state playoffs in football, where the team lost to West Monroe. Acadiana High finished the season with a record of 10 wins and 4 losses. Coach Hanks has been head football coach and athletic director at Acadiana High since 1997.

Board Recognizes National Merit Finalists

The Board recognized the 2002 National Merit Semi-Finalists from Lafayette Parish schools. National Merit Scholars represent the top 1/10 of one percent of students in the country. Students' grade point averages, school and community activities, honors, and leadership qualities contribute to their selection as National Merit Semi-Finalists. This year's Semi-Finalists, all from Lafayette High, were also named Finalists. They are: Erin C. Couvillion, Elizabeth W. Griffin, Charles E. Reeves, Megan L.

Repar, Megan S. Schneider (now in Texas), Jennifer A. Sibille, Eric M. Slack, Mark A. Thomas

Board Recognizes Healthy Kids Month Art Contest Winner

The Board recognized Tyler Mitchell, Vermilion Elementary School, who was named the third place winner in the Department of Education's Healthy Kids Month Art Contest.

Board Approved Raise for School Support Workers

The Board approved a pay increase for all support employees of the Lafayette Parish School System. The increase of 5.65 percent was retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year. The total cost of the pay increase is approximately \$1.5 million.

In other action, the Board:

- approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 2/6/02;
- approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 2/20/02;
- approved the ratification of bills for December, 2001;
- approved the Cash and Investment Report as of December 31, 2001;
- received information about the Northside High School Health Center from Kim Bare, RN, program director;
- received a Curriculum Update Report about CLK (Computers for Louisiana's Kids);
- received information about the Maintenance Insurance Program;
- received information about the FICA Alternative Program;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary I at Paul Breaux Middle School;

- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary I at Plantation Elementary School;
- approved revisions to Policy File: GBRI - Professional Personnel Personal Leaves and Absences (for Illnesses and Emergencies);
- approved the 2002 Summer Driver Education Program;
- approved the 2002 Summer School for Middle and Secondary Students in Grades 5-12;
- approved the 2002 LEAP 21 Summer Remediation School for Grades 4 and 8;
- granted approval for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Summer Enrichment and Vocational Exploration Program;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JCDAC-R - Regulations for Discipline of Students Using Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco;
- approved the Revised Budget for Group Insurance Fund for Fiscal Year 2001-2002;
- approved the bids for Acadian Middle School Electrical Project;
- approved proposals to provide Sales Tax Auditing Services;
- approved the purchase of Warehouse Supplies;
- approved N.P. Moss Middle School and the new school on W. Willow St. as future voting precincts;
- approved the Head Start budget application for the 2002-2003 cycle in the amount of \$220,000.

