

Board *notes*

Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting February 21, 2001

Board Recognizes Brandon Stokley

The Lafayette Parish School Board recognized Brandon Stokley, alumnus of Comeaux High and Paul Breaux Middle Schools, for his outstanding achievements in athletics. Stokley played football his senior year at Comeaux High, then went on to play for UL-Lafayette, and now plays for the Baltimore Ravens. Stokley made the first touchdown of the Super Bowl game and helped his team to become the 2001 Super Bowl Champions.

Board Approves Resolution

The Board approved a resolution recognizing the week of March 5-9 as School Food Service Employee Appreciation Week in Lafayette Parish. This week is set aside to express acknowledgement of the contributions to the children of Lafayette Parish by some 200 employees of the School Food Service profession who perform their invaluable tasks day-after-day in Lafayette Parish school cafeterias.

In other action, the Board:

- approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 2/7/01;
- approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 2/21/01;
- approved the minutes of the Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearings of 2/21/01;
- approved the Ratification of Bills for December, 2000;
- approved the General Fund Cash Receipts and Disbursements for January, 2001;
- received a Curriculum Update Report about the Success For All program;
- received a report on the Comparison of Ethnic Representation of Lafayette Parish School System Faculties for 1999-2000 to 2000-2001;
- received a report on Implementing Steps Utilized for Racial Balance of Faculties in Lafayette Parish Schools;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Grounds Maintenance Worker I in the Maintenance Department;
- approved modifications in current guidelines for the French Immersion Program, which include housing 5th grade students coming from Evangeline Elementary at Acadian Middle, providing 3rd grade students at Myrtle Place with the option to attend Evangeline Elementary in grade 4 and progress to Acadian Middle in grade 5, and establishing guidelines in the French Immersion Program that provide to close a class section when student numbers fall below 12 (unless the number is comparable to the average class size for the grade level at that school or where maintaining the program at a site addresses the recommendations of the Bell Report);
- approved revisions to Pupil Progression Plan which are mandated revisions to the High Stakes Testing Policy approved by BESE at the December 2000 meeting;
- approved the 2001 Summer Driver Education Program to be offered at the five high schools, at a cost of \$220 per student, which is less than other driver education programs in the parish and Acadiana area;
- approved the Administrative recommendation to award the off-site fuel bid to Macro Oil/Fuelman;
- approved revisions to Policy File: EDFFA-R regarding Replacement and Update of School Bus Fleet;
- approved the Special Revenue Funds Budget Revision #1 for FY 2000-2001;

- approved the Capital Improvement Fund Budget Revision #2 for FY 2000-2001;
- approved compliance with Act 1341 of 1999 Legislative Session regarding Gayle Pay/Greene Pay - the calculation showed an excess cost of Greene Pay over Gayle Pay in the amount of \$176,825.08;
- approved compliance with Act 1342 of 1999 Legislative Session regarding Sabbatical Pay and approved the pay of calculated savings (\$207,000) to all employees on the teacher pay scale whose position requires a teaching certificate;
- delayed approval of implementation of Alabama Integrated Science in Middle Schools. Alabama Integrated Science is a standards-based, hands-on program which is correlated with the Louisiana Content Standards for Science and includes training in the first two years of implementation and monthly teacher meetings to discuss implementation and curriculum concerns. The program will be fully implemented in all middle schools by the 2002-2003 school year;
- approved purchase of AS400 Computer System from Charbonnier, Mayer & Associates for a price of \$274,414 as selected by the Evaluation Committee;
- approved the low Base Bid and Alternates One, Two and Three submitted by Continental Roofing in the amount of \$137,000 for re-roofing project at Truman Elementary;
- authorized staff to enter into an Inter-governmental Agreement to share costs and expenses of reapportionment and design districts with the City-Parish Council; authorized Board President to name a committee to meet with a committee of the City-Parish Council to begin work on reapportionment; and appropriated \$10,000 to cover the estimated School Board's share of the costs for reapportionment.

