

# Board *notes*

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## Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting March 19, 2003

### **Board Recognized Teachers Receiving Arts Grants**

The Lafayette Parish School Board recognized teachers and principals of schools receiving nine grants from Arts Grants for Teachers. Those projects are: Kathy Reed of the Lafayette Parish High School Arts Academy received \$484.54 for her project "Studies in Yellow," which will impact 26 students in grades nine-12. This project utilizes the services of guest artist Mary Beyt to teach a workshop for High School Arts Academy students focusing on color movement.

Kathy Reed of the Lafayette Parish High School Arts Academy also received \$235 for her project "Figure Drawing," which will impact 26 students in grades nine-12. This grant would fund fees for a model and books for a unit on figure drawing at the High School Arts Academy.

The teacher team of Beverly Chitty and Linda Patin of Prairie Elementary School received \$911.85 for their project "Caterpillar, What's Under Your Skin?," which will impact 125 second grade students. Students will create a mural depicting the life stages of a butterfly to express their understanding of a caterpillar's transformation into a butterfly.

The teacher team of Martha Weber, Julie Mount, Ann Dalme, and Minerva Tobin of Prairie Elementary School received \$718.22 for their project "Follow Me! Said the Caterpillar," which will impact 125 second grade students. Students will make masks depicting the three stages of the butterfly and use them in a creative movement dance of self-expression.

Cissy Whipp of J. Wallace James Elementary School received \$497.69 for her project "Symbolic Gestures Arts Integration Project," which will impact 345 third-fifth grade students. The Symbolic Gestures Project uses creative dance and drama to enhance social studies, literacy and social skills in students.

Janie Gill of Broadmoor Elementary School received \$498.42 for her project "Be Wise...Save Our Endangered Lives...It's Animal Puppetry Time," which will impact 32 first and fourth grade students. This grant will enable first and fourth grade GT students to make an endangered species puppet and write a play script for that puppet to perform.

Penny Pucheu of Alice Boucher Elementary School received \$500 for her project "The Mixed Up Chameleon Learns His Colors with the Grouchy Ladybug," which will impact 20 kindergarten students. These kindergarten students will collaborate with artists in this project to explore different art mediums by using paint, clay, and tissue to illustrate Eric Carle's books.

Trudie Lasseigne of Alice Boucher and Ossun Elementary Schools received \$500 for her project "Louisiana Life: A Mathematical Mosaic," which will impact 194 fourth-fifth grade students. This project will improve motivation and increase critical thinking skills of at-risk fourth and fifth grade students with special needs. Working in the classroom with percentages and ratios in a real world situation designed to develop higher mathematical skills through hands-on experiences will enable these students to increase their skills and enthusiasm for learning.

Jacqueline Toliver of Charles M. Burke Elementary School received \$500 for her project "Louisiana Greats," which will impact 20 third grade students. Students in this third grade class will research a Louisiana artist and pay tribute to their works by painting an interpretive Ya Ya stool. For example, "The Blue Dog" by George Rodrigue or "The Little Red Tricycle" by Vergie Banks.

A total of 738 students will benefit from these projects, which received a total funded amount of \$4845.72.

## **Board Recognized Bus Drivers and Attendants**

The Board recognized four bus drivers and bus attendants for a job well done above and beyond the call of duty. Nadena Trahan and Robert Patin were commended for their efforts to help save a child from choking on candy while riding the bus. Patin performed the Heimlich maneuver on the child to dislodge the candy, while Trahan called 911 for emergency assistance. Lisa Almanza was recognized for volunteering to drive another bus driver's route even though her own circumstances (a sick child and meeting her husband at the airport after his being out of the country) might have prevented her from doing so. Had she not volunteered, students would have had to wait for another bus at school or their parents would have been called to pick them up. Roxanne LeBlanc was honored for putting the safety of students ahead of the convenience of following a pre-determined route. She was thanked by a parent for keeping a child on the bus when she saw strangers loitering at the bus drop off spot. She dropped the student off later near her home.

## **Board Recognized Lafayette High Boys Soccer**

The Board recognized the Lafayette High School Boys' Soccer Team who finished as State Runners-Up in Division I-5A. The team lost to top ranked Jesuit High School of New Orleans 2 – 1 on Saturday, March 8th in New Orleans. After finishing third in the tough district 3-5A, the Lions made an outstanding run to the finals, defeating Baton Rouge – Catholic High 3-0 in Bi-District; Mandeville 2-1 in quarterfinals and Rummel-Metairie 2-1 in the Semi-finals.

## **Board Meeting Travel to Schools**

The Board will hold its two meetings in April in local schools. The April 2 meeting will be held at Broussard Middle School. The April 16 meeting will be held at L.J. Alleman Middle

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

- approved corrections of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 2/19/03;
- approved the ratification of bills for January, 2003;

- approved the Sales Tax Collection Report for January, 2003;
- approved the Cash and Investment Report as of December 31, 2002;
- approved 2001-2002 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR);
- received a Curriculum Update about the Sheriff's Career Academy;
- approved personnel changes;
- approved a resolution recognizing the month of March as Women's History Month;
- approved 2003-2006 Technology Plan;
- approved revisions to Policy File: EDCB-R-School Bus Discipline Regulations, as amended;
- approved revisions to Policy File: GCRJ-Tobacco Products in the Workplace;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JBD-Pupil Attendance;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JCDAC-R-Regulations for Discipline of Students for Using Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JCDAF-Unauthorized Presence on School Grounds;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JCDB-R-Student Dress Code Regulations;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JDB-R-Guidelines for Administering Discipline;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JDD-Student Suspension and Expulsion;
- delayed approval of revisions to the Lafayette Parish School System Student-Parent Handbook;
- approved awarding the low bid to Bernhard Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$141,176 for the Air Handler Replacement Unit in Building Two at Carencro High School;
- granted permission to Advertise and Awards Bids for Milk and Milk Products, Bread, Produce, Dry, Staple and Frozen Food Items, Portioned Fruit Juices, Paper, Plastic, Janitorial and Miscellaneous Kitchen Equipment and Supplies.

