

# Board *notes*

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## Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting April 2, 2003

### **Board Recognizes Progressive Baptist Church for Donation to Vermilion**

The Lafayette Parish School Board recognized Preston Welcome, Dr. Rosalin Grove and members of the Progressive Baptist Church for making a donation of a computer and other supplies to Vermilion Elementary School. Grove headed the Golf Tournament Committee, which decided to make this donation from the proceeds collected from the golf tournament. Grove and Welcome met with Vermilion Principal Connie Thomas to determine what the school needed and provided for those needs with tournament proceeds.

### **Board Heard Presentation on Governor's Program on Abstinence**

The Board heard a presentation about the Governor's Program on Abstinence by Dan Richey, state coordinator of the program.

### **Board Approves Cooperative Agreement with the Education Chamber**

The Board approved a joint cooperative agreement between the Lafayette Parish School System and the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, aka The Education Chamber. As part of the agreement, the Chamber will provide peer review teams to assess the school district's technology, facilities, transportation operations, and human resources to provide best practices recommendations. There will be no charge for the services of those professionals who will serve on these teams. In exchange, the Lafayette Parish School System's administration will collaborate with these teams and agree to use the findings and recommendations when establishing budgetary and operational priorities. The school system also will adopt and support a Performance Measurement document.

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

- approved corrections of the minutes of the

Regular Board Meeting of 3/19/03;

- approved the Sales Tax Collection Report for February, 2003;
- received a Curriculum Update Report on the K-5 math curriculum;
- received information about the status of the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Program, which has been placed on hold pending an IRS review of the program;
- heard a report on the Employee Assistance Program (EAP);
- heard a report from LPAE about concerns regarding implementation of new programs;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- approved revisions to Policy File: AFC - Emergency Closings;
- approved Policy File: EBBG - Environmental Compliance Policy;
- approved the 5-year renewal of Lafayette Charter High School, which allows the school to begin the renewal process with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and allows uninterrupted services as of July 1, 2003;
- approved an affiliated site agreement for sports medicine between the University of Louisiana at Louisiana and the Lafayette Parish School System, which will allow UL-L to provide a program of supervised clinical education for athletic training students of the university similar to the student teaching program at the five public high schools;
- approved revisions to the Lafayette Parish School System Student-Parent Handbook;
- approved the state-mandated funding of \$28,447 for 755 vocational agricultural students;
- approved funding for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for the remainder of this fiscal year, not to exceed \$45,000; funding will come from the General Fund reserves.