

# Board *notes*

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## Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting April 7, 2004

### **Board Recognizes National Board Certified Teachers**

The Lafayette Parish School Board recognized Lafayette Parish's National Board Certified Teachers and teachers who are working toward their National Board Certification.

These teachers have earned National Board Certification:

2003: Linda Beyt, Edgar Martin Middle; Gwen Leger, Lafayette Middle; Grashell Link, Evangeline Elementary; Marie McDaniel, Paul Breaux Middle; Lisa Meaux, Paul Breaux Middle;

2002: Lerri Cockrell, Vermilion Elementary; and Dolores Cormier-Zenon, Broussard Middle

2001: Susanne MacDiarmid, Paul Breaux Middle

All of the certified teachers received lapel pins acknowledging their accomplishment.

The following teachers are presently pursuing National Board Certification: Tina Stutes, Judith Cain, Vachella Dobbins, Cheryl Lambert, Carolyn Pierre, Laura Godshall, Charla Mercier, Diane Touchet, Laura Williams, Brandy Welch, Harriet Maher, and Donna Smith. These teachers received gift bags of donated items to help them in their work toward certification. Through Partners In Education, the following businesses made donations to the teachers: Badger Oil Corporation, Copy & Camera, Express Printing, Lowry's Kwik Kopy Printing, Spectrum Arts & Photo, and Census & Attendance.

### **Board Recognizes Prudential Spirit of Community Winner**

The Board recognized Erin Osborne, LHS senior, named one of two Louisiana youth volunteers who received the Prudential Spirit of Community Initiative Award. Erin won the award for creating a community service club for young people in her neighborhood five years ago. She has since organized numerous activities to aid people in need both at home and abroad. The 10 members of Erin's "Woodbluff Club" meet weekly to decide which service activities they want to implement. So far, their projects have included food and clothing drives, educational classes, holiday parties and parades, nursing home visits, garage and lemonade sales, and a medical supply drive for a school in the Dominican Republic. Two of the club's biggest undertakings were an Olympic-style sports competition

and a summer camp for local children, both of which required considerable planning, coordination and leadership on Erin's part.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Award recognizes students in middle and high school grades who have demonstrated exemplary community service. Applications are solicited each fall through more than 40,000 public and private middle-level and high schools, and through officially designated local organizations across the country. Local Honorees are selected at participating schools and organizations in November, and from these winners, two State Honorees are chosen in each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Local Honorees receive a certificate of recognition from their schools or organizations. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for national recognition events. National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, and a trophy for their school or organization.

### **Board Recognizes Local Businessmen for Donations**

The Board recognized Larry Broussard, senior account executive with the Horace Mann Company, for donating a total of \$4,050 to 15 schools. The schools and the contributions they received are as follows: Acadian Middle, \$350; N.P. Moss Middle, \$350; Northside High, \$350; J.W. Faulk Elementary, \$350; Carencro High, \$350; Carencro Heights Elementary, \$200; Carencro Middle, \$200; Ossun Elementary, \$200; Live Oak Elementary, \$200; Evangeline Elementary, \$350; Myrtle Place Elementary, \$200; Alice Boucher Elementary, \$350; S.J. Montgomery Elementary, \$200; Vermilion Elementary, \$200; and J. Wallace James Elementary, \$200.

The Board also recognized Jarvis Fortier, president of Hub City Ford, for making a donation of \$1,000 to the N.P. Moss Annex.

### **Board Recognizes Art Contest Winner**

The Board recognized Karla Contreras, a student in the High School Arts Academy at N.P. Moss Annex, for winning second place in the Louisiana School Board Association Art Contest. Her work was exhibited at the

LSBA Convention in Lafayette and will be hung in the state office of LSBA. Her visual arts teacher is Kathleen Reed.

### **Board Approves Transportation Plan**

The Board approved a new Transportation Plan for 2004-2005, which is designed to improve cost quality and service satisfaction for parents, students, faculty, staff, and drivers. The new plan involves modifying school bell times, removing route inefficiencies, and correcting deficiencies in transportation reserves, work processes, and technology. Morning bell times will be:

High School & Middle School, 7:30 a.m.

Elementary School & Private School, 8:30 a.m.

Afternoon bell times will be:

High School & Middle School, 2:30 p.m.

Elementary School & Private School, 3:30 p.m.

### **Board Approves Calling Special Election**

The Board approved a resolution ordering and calling a special election to renew millages. Renewal of millages ensures continuity of revenue and prevents disruption of operations. The first millage is for 16.7 mills and the second is for 7.27 mills. Each are dedicated toward providing support to the public elementary and secondary schools in our school district. The Board voted to call the election on Saturday, September 18, 2004.

### **Board Approves Resolutions**

The Board approved a resolution proclaiming the week of April 18-24 as National Library Week and encouraged all residents to use their library for the purpose of improving their lives.

The Board also approved a resolution proclaiming the month of April as Autism Awareness Month to provide greater recognition and understanding of this complex disability to ensure that individuals with Autism are accurately diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lives.

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

- approved corrections of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 3/17/04;
- approved the Sales Tax Collection Report for February, 2004;
- received information on bid results for Sale of Youngsville Property;
- approved recommended personnel changes and the addendum to personnel changes;
- approved the low base bid of \$169,740 from E. P. Breaux Electrical, Inc. for Lafayette Middle School Fire Alarm Replacement Project;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JCE - Student/Parent Grievance Procedures;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JHF - Graduation Ceremonies, which will allow students successfully completing the Options Program to participate in high school graduation ceremonies;
- approved Textbook Adoption for Handwriting K-3;
- approved Textbook Adoption for Foreign/World Languages and ESL;
- granted approval to accept E-Rate Funding Discount and Expend Non-Funded Portion (General Funds).

