

Board *notes*

Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting April 18, 2001

Board Approves Resolution Regarding Collection of Local Sales Taxes

The Lafayette Parish School Board approved a resolution supporting local administration and collection of local sales and use tax; the resolution also opposes Senate Bills 170, 171, 193, 909, and House Bill 1493 or any such bill authorizing state administration or collection of local sales and use taxes. Currently, the School Board Sales Tax Division is the centralized local sales tax collection authority for the City of Lafayette, the Parish of Lafayette, the Town of Broussard, the Town of Carencro, the Town of Duson, the City of Scott, and the Town of Youngsville.

The Board also approved a resolution supporting Senate Bill 173 which would require a two-thirds majority vote to enact exemptions and exclusions from local sales taxes. This legislation would make it more difficult for the Legislature to enact exemptions or exclusions which further erode our sales and use tax base.

Board Approves Agreement for Reapportionment Services

The Board approved an agreement for services with Campaign and Opinion Analysts, Inc. for reapportionment plan. The Board is required to reapportion every ten years and have the reapportionment plan approved by the Department of Justice prior to its next election. The agreement provides for cost sharing between the Lafayette Parish School Board and the Lafayette City-Parish Council.

Board Approves Practice for Admitting Students from Adjoining Parishes

The Board authorized the Superintendent to grant students from adjoining parishes admission to Lafayette Parish Schools if all the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 17:105 are met. If the school systems in parishes adjoining Lafayette Parish agree to the requirements set forth in LRS 17:105 additional students may be enrolled in the Lafayette Parish School System. If the requirements are not met, a student from the adjoining parish will be removed from the Lafayette Parish School System

attendance roster and directed back to his or her home parish.

Board Approves Emergency Resolution to Make Repairs at Truman Elementary

The Board approved a resolution declaring an emergency situation at Truman Elementary. Due to the risk to the health and safety of students and staff, as well as the risk to valuable equipment, furniture, and sensitive intercom and fire alarm systems posed by the large number of water leaks, the resolution declared that there is insufficient time to fully advertise and receive bids for the re-roofing project and implement the re-roofing operation. In approving the emergency resolution, the Board authorized the expenditure of funds to complete the re-roofing project at Truman Elementary as soon as possible.

In other action, the Board:

- approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 4/4/01;
- approved the minutes of the Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearings of 4/18/01;
- approved ratification of bills for February, 2001;
- approved General Fund Cash Receipts and Disbursements for March, 2001;
- received a Curriculum Update Report about Drug Free Schools;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary I in Instructional Services;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary I in Child Nutrition Services;
- approved revisions to Policy File: CGC regarding Administrative/Professional and Technical/Professional Personnel Transfer, Selection and Appointment Policy.
- granted permission to advertise and award 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.