

# Board *notes*

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## Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting May 2, 2001

### **Board Approves Staffing Formula for 2001-2002**

The Lafayette Parish School Board approved a staffing formula for the 2001-2002 school year to include a pupil-teacher ratio of: 22-1 in grades K-4; 26-1 in grades 5 and 8; and 29-1 in grades 6-7 and 9-12. In addition, the Board requested that class size reduction grant funds be used to lower class size to a maximum of 18-1 in grades K-3 in the five low performing schools: Truman Elementary, Vermilion Elementary, J.W. Faulk Elementary, Carencro Heights Elementary and Alice Boucher Elementary. The Board also asked that S.J. Montgomery Elementary, Woodvale Elementary, Prairie Elementary and Ossun Elementary, with displaced students from J.W. James Elementary and St. Antoine Elementary, receive additional funds from the class size reduction grant to lower class sizes in first grade to a maximum of 18-1. The Board approved a motion to allow the Superintendent to develop a balanced budget for 2001-2002 to include, if necessary, any reorganization that affects efficiencies that result in cost savings. The Board asked the Superintendent to come back to the Board with a recommendation in a timely manner and that the Superintendent develop other budget alternatives in those areas where additional revenue could go and what benefits would be received for that new revenue.

### **Board Recognizes Retiring Employees**

The Board recognized 46 of more than 100 employees who are retiring during this school year. Each retiring employee was presented with a watch. The employee retiring with the most years of service was Margaret Guidry, guidance counselor at N.P. Moss Middle School, with 52 years of service.

### **Board Recognizes Students of the Year**

The Board recognized the Students of the Year in 5th, 8th and 12th grades. The Lafayette Parish 12th grade Student of the Year is Katherine Marie Kulbeth of Comeaux High; the 8th grade Student of the Year is Philip Cortese of L.J. Alleman Middle; and 5th grade

Student of the Year is Brady Higginbotham of Ernest Gallet Elementary. Philip and Brady won the Region III Student of the Year awards for grades 8 and 5 respectively. They also won the distinction of Louisiana Students of the Year. The Student of the Year award winners for each school were: **5th Grade:** Courtney Savoie, Acadian Middle; Chelsea Chauffe, L.J. Alleman Middle; Natasha Edwards, Alice Boucher Elementary; Christopher Poirrier, Broussard Middle; Sosha Sices, Charles Burke Elementary; Nicholas Richard, Carencro Middle; Holly Wooten, Duson Elementary; Jamesseia Lynn Living, J.W. Faulk Elementary; Susan Nichole Sonnier, Live Oak Elementary; Chelsea Carriere, E.A. Martin Middle; Jeb Stefan, Milton Elementary; Meghin Taylor, S.J. Montgomery Elementary; Javonna Charles, Myrtle Place Elementary; Lance Bordelon, Ossun Elementary; Claire Heatherly, Plantation Elementary; Justin Breaux, Prairie Elementary; Sierra Meagan Guins, Ridge Elementary; Sara Hammer, Scott Middle; Aretha Carmouche, Truman Elementary; Chelsea Zeno, Vermilion Elementary; and Erin Elaine Blanchard, Youngsville Middle. **8th Grade:** Raimy Living, Acadian Middle; Blake Landry, Broussard Middle; Courtney Guidry, Paul Breaux Middle; Deavon Cormier, Carencro Middle; Derek Guidry, Judice Middle; Lindsey Henthorn, Lafayette Middle; Blaine Wilson, E.A. Martin Middle; Brian Mautner, Milton Middle; Becky Krencius, N.P. Moss Middle; Andrew Prestridge, Scott Middle; and Crystal Monique Murray, Youngsville Middle. **12th Grade:** Erin Bouillion, Acadiana High; Ashley Comeaux, Carencro High; Julie Kathlene Gremillion, Lafayette High; and Krystal Monique Papillion, Northside High.

### **Board Recognizes Carencro Middle Speech Students**

The Board recognized two students from Carencro Middle School and heard them perform their speeches. Kaitlin Broussard performed a dramatic interpretation and Jordan Arceneaux performed a comedic recitation.

## **Board Recognizes Phyllis Bartlett**

The Board heard from Dr. Cindi Chance, Dean of Education at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette who presented the Outstanding School/University Collaborative Award from the UL-L College of Education to Phyllis Bartlett, Title I/Staff Development Facilitator, for her work with the Professional Development Schools and collaborative efforts with the university.

## **Board Approves Dress Code Revisions**

The Board approved revisions to Policy File: JCDB regarding Student Dress Code and Policy File: JCDB-R regarding Student Dress Code Regulations. Minor changes in the high school uniform dress code were made in the policies. Students at all five high schools may wear white polo style shirts and white dress shirts that button down the front. Each high school has selected two other colors of polo style shirts that will be allowed. They are as follows: Acadiana High - hunter green and black; Carencro High - navy and red; Comeaux High - navy and red; Lafayette High - kelly green and black; and Northside High - red and black. Lafayette Charter High students will continue to wear burgundy shirts. All elementary and middle school students will continue to wear white, red or navy shirts. Other revisions to the policy include explanations of acceptable outer wear; style, length, color, fit, pockets for bottoms; and guidelines for discipline regarding uniforms. Copies of the new policy will be forwarded to each school and included in the parishwide Student Handbook for 2001-2002.

## **Board Approves LEAP Summer School for Grades 4 & 8**

The Board approved the 2001 LEAP 21 Summer Remediation School for Grades 4 and 8. The session is scheduled from June 6 to July 13, with July 4 as a holiday. Subjects offered include Remediation Math and Language Arts. Locations will be Live Oak Elementary, Prairie Elementary and Scott Middle for 4th grade students, and N.P. Moss Middle and E.A. Martin Middle for 8th grade students. Approximately 1,000 students are expected to enroll. Classes will be limited to 15 students. The faculty will consist of certified teachers who have completed program specific training in LEAP remediation. The state requires the local school district to provide summer remediation for all 4th and 8th grade students who score below approaching

basic on the LEAP 21 test. The cost to the school district will be approximately \$231,143.61.

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

- approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 5/2/01;
- approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 4/18/01;
- approved the minutes of the Board Insurance Committee and Employee Insurance Advisory Committee of 4/24/01 with revisions;
- approved the minutes of the Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearings of 5/2/01;
- received a Sales Tax Report of March 31, 2001;
- received a Curriculum Update Report about Student Services;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- approved revisions to Policy File: IHAA-R regarding Mid-Term/Final Examinations (High School);
- approved a bid from Magazine Subscriptions for the purchase of Library Periodicals, which will allow the purchase of journals, magazines and newspapers at a fixed discount off of the publisher's list price;
- approved the Early Release of Budget Funds for Library Periodicals;
- approved the bid of \$337,000 from RFB Electric, Inc. for Fire Alarm/Intercom System Replacement at Acadiana High School;
- approved the bid from Vaughan Roofing and Sheet Metal of \$353,985 for Re-Roofing Phase II at Truman Elementary;
- approved the Pupil Progression Plan Committee;
- placed a line item in the budget for \$60,000 in case the Board decides to retain a desegregation consulting attorney to conduct a district wide desegregation compliance audit and work with staff to formulate a plan for achieving unitary status. The Board also asked its local attorneys to do a self-survey to assess compliance with the Green Factors and to determine the need for expert legal advice.

