

Board *notes*

Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting May 5, 2004

Board Recognizes Students of the Year

The Lafayette Parish School Board recognized its outstanding students from each school in fifth, eighth, and 12th grades. The Board also honored the top three Students of the Year for the parish. The top honorees were: Kimberly Comeaux, fifth grade Student of the Year, L.J. Alleman Middle; Mark Luby, eighth grade Student of the Year, L.J. Alleman Middle; and Katherine Lipstate, 12th grade Student of the Year, Lafayette High. The outstanding students from each school were:

Fifth grade: Jonathan Thibeaux, Acadian Middle; Jorge Villagomez, Broussard Middle; Derek Alexander Weidlein, Charles Burke Elementary; Sierra Rideaux, Carencro Heights Elementary; Jennifer Boullion, Duson Elementary; Diana Abusaud, Ernest Gallet Elementary; Elijah Nathaniel Parker, J.W. James Elementary; Desiree Edwards, Live Oak Elementary; Zach Stielper, E.A. Martin Middle; Dani Viator, Milton Elementary; Alyssa Abshier, S.J. Montgomery Elementary; Keondrae Rashawn Lloyd, N.P. Moss Middle; Jessica Thibeaux, Myrtle Place Elementary; Kristyn Alleman, Ossun Elementary; Brandon Tilley, Plantation Elementary; Amanda Lee Sistrunk, Ridge Elementary; Brandon Breaux, Scott Middle; Asia Linton, Vermilion Elementary; and Lanie Brandon Quinn, Youngsville Middle.

Eighth grade: Renada Living, Acadian Middle; Jordan Kaplan, Paul Breaux Middle; Kelly Rae Koning, Broussard Middle; Kalli Roger, Carencro Middle; Leah Roger, Judice Middle; Jimmy Ho, Lafayette Middle; Scott Rials, E.A. Martin Middle; Jeb Michael Stefan, Milton Middle; Chantal Renee' Gary, N.P. Moss Middle; Deborah Hill, Scott Middle; and Nicole Richmond, Youngsville Middle.

12th grade: William Davis, Acadiana High; Eric Meche, Carencro High; Anne-Marie Cart, Comeaux High; and Chase Christopher Bernard, Northside High.

Board Delays Approval of Staffing Formula

The Board deferred action on staff recommendations of the following staffing formula for the 2004-2005 school term: Grades K-3 - 20:1 for schools in School Improvement; 22:1 for all others. These ratios are still lower than the state maximum of 26:1.

Grade 4 - 22:1, the state maximum is 26:1.

Grades 5-8 - 27:1, the state maximum is 33:1.

Grades 9-12 - 29:1, the state maximum is 33:1.

The impact of adopting this ratio would result in the district needing to hire 116 fewer teachers in the district. Evaluation of staffing needs in light of actual enrollment would take place two weeks after school begins. Staff would be re-assigned and sections adjusted as enrollment dictates. Additional staff would be added up to January 1 when the average enrollment at a grade level in grades K-3 exceeds 22.5:1 or 20.5:1 at SI sites; 22.5:1 in grade 4; and 27.5:1 in grades 5-8. In grades 9-12, staff would be added as deemed necessary. No additional staff would be hired after January 1.

The Board will schedule a special meeting on Wednesday, May 12 to consider the staffing formula, as well as block scheduling in the high schools and the continuation of teaming in middle schools.

Board Approves Resolutions for Teacher Appreciation Week and Nurses Day

The Board approved a resolution recognizing the week of May 2-8 as Teacher Appreciation Week and urged all citizens to observe this week by taking time to remember and salute the teachers who shape the future of our children and our community. The Board also approved a resolution recognizing May 5 as Nurses Day and urged the community to promote activities in recognition of this day.

In other action, the Board:

- approved corrections of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 4/21/04;
- approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 5/5/04;
- approved the committee minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Board Insurance Committee and Employee Insurance Advisory Committee of 4/28/04;
- approved the Sales Tax Collection Report for March, 2004;
- received an information report on Millage Rates for 2004-2005;
- approved recommended personnel changes, but deferred action on the appointment of the CIO;
- approved revisions to job description for Licensed

Practical Nurse;

- approved textbook adoption for music and art;
- approved the low bid of \$12,300 from Cayard's, Inc. for the purchase of kitchen equipment;
- approved early release of funds for library periodicals;
- approved the low bid from Magazine Subscriptions PTP-Austin for the purchase of library periodicals;
- approved the lowest overall bid of \$72,992 from Alack Refrigeration, Inc. for the purchase of walk-in cooler and freezer for Northside High;
- approved the startup expenditures of up to \$212,550 for the New Transportation Plan;
- approved revisions to Policy File: EDCB-R - School Bus Discipline Regulations;
- 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: JCDB-R - Student Dress Code Regulations;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JDB - Behavior Clinic/Discipline Center/Saturday Intervention Program/Time Out;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JDB-R - Guidelines for Administering Discipline;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JDD - Student Suspension and Expulsion;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JDH - Zero Tolerance of Violence;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JDH-R - Regulations for Administering Discipline for Fighting and/or Endangering Behavior;

