

# Board *notes*

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## Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting May 7, 2003

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

The Lafayette Parish School Board recognized the outstanding students selected from each school in the district in grades five, eight, and 12. The top students of the year for each grade level were: Adam T. Hebert, Charles Burke Elementary, Fifth Grade Student of the Year; Renee Kimble, Paul Breaux Middle, Eighth Grade Student of the Year; and Emily A. Ardoin, Comeaux High, 12th Grade Student of the Year. Winners of the top students awards at each school were: Fifth grade: Jean-Pierre Mouton, Acadian Middle; Andrea Gallo, L.J. Alleman Middle; Brandi Vincent, Broussard Middle; Johnnette A. Living, Carencro Middle; Katelyn Gomez, Duson Elementary; Kimberly Guidry, Ernest Gallet Elementary; Peyton Hargrave, J.W. James Elementary; Kirstin Wilson, Live Oak Elementary; Kaitlin Ribando, E.A. Martin Middle; Regan Cassidy, Milton Elementary; Rachel King, S.J. Montgomery Elementary; Justin St. Julien, N.P. Moss Middle; Mary Wilkinson, Myrtle Place Elementary; Garrett Darbonne, Ossun Elementary; Elizabeth Coldiron, Plantation Elementary; Danielle Thornton, Prairie Elementary; Aimee Ruth Prestridge, Ridge Elementary; Brittany N. Guidroz, Scott Middle; Asya Broussard, Vermilion Elementary; Gaylyn Deville, Youngsville Middle; Eighth grade: Timmi Mai, Acadian Middle; Megan Merriman, L.J. Alleman Middle; Stacey Chamberlin, Broussard Middle; Tiannah Anastassiades, Carencro Middle; Keava Soil, Judice Middle; Nguyen Lam, Lafayette Middle; William Hochkeppel, E.A. Martin; Sarah Williams, Milton Middle; Laquandra Thibodeaux, N.P. Moss Middle; Jessica Lynn Martin, Scott Middle; Clair St. Amand, Youngsville Middle; 12th grade: Kendra Sherer, Acadiana High; Jaime Anderson, Carencro High; Lauren Ambler, Lafayette High; Eric J. Biagas, Northside High.

### **Board Recognized the Late Henry Toleavour**

The Board heard a presentation about former custodian from Northside High School, Henry Toleavour. Although he is recently deceased, the Board recognized Toleavour's positive contributions to the school.

### **Board Approves Staffing Formula**

The Board approved a staffing formula for the 2003-2004 School Year. The approved recommendation changes the pupil-teacher ratio to 20:1 in grades K-3 and 25:1 in grades 4-12. The change was recommended in order to reduce the class size at the middle and high school levels. Reducing the class size results in a net increase of eight teachers, with an estimated budgetary impact of \$304,000 for salary and benefits only, as compared with the current fiscal year's budget. In collaboration with the Superintendent and the school-level administration, an additional teacher allocation may be authorized when each class in a grade level exceeds its staffing formula by two or more students.

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

- approved corrections of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 4/16/03;
- approved the Sales Tax Collection Report for March, 2003;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary I at Ernest Gallet Elementary;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Carpenter I in the Maintenance Department;
- approved revisions to Fund 85 Group Insurance Budget for FY 02/03;

- approved Policy File: EGAC - Group Health Benefits Plan Procedures for Safeguarding Protected Health Information;
- approved submission of the Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education Plan;
- approved the 2003 Pupil Progression Plan committee members;
- approved the Louisiana Department of Education Grant Application under the 21st Century After-School Community Learning Centers;
- approved the purchase of library books;
- approved the activity in support of Child Nutrition funding;
- approved the activity in support of Louisiana Asset Management Program (LAMP);
- approved the calculation of remaining required MFP raise for certified employees;
- approved the balance of the Superintendent's contract;
- approved the Salary Equity Adjustments for Assistant Principals.

