

# Board *notes*

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## Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting May 15, 2002

### **Board Recognizes Retirees**

The Lafayette Parish School Board recognized and honored employees who are retiring from the school system. As of May 15, 2002, approximately 50 people have retired. These employees have contributed cumulatively 1,152 years of service to the students of Lafayette Parish. The Board gave special recognition to Margaret Guilbeau, retiring with 42 years of service, who served as executive secretary for 11 superintendents.

### **Board Recognizes Career and Technical Education State Honors and Award Winners**

The Board recognized two Lafayette Parish teachers who will receive the Master Advisor Award during the Family and Consumer Sciences National Convention. They are Nadine Carlson, Acadiana High, and Dawn Gary, Youngsville Middle. The Board also recognized Youngsville Middle FCCLA club students who received two 1st place national awards and one 1st place state award. The national projects were Families First by Sarah Delahoussaye and Community Service by Tanya McBride. The state project was Focus on Children by Cassie Viator and Kristin Viator, who will represent Louisiana in the national competition.

### **Board Recognizes Very Special Arts Winners**

The Board recognized the Overall Winners in the Very Special Arts Contest. Thomas Lopresto, E.A. Martin, was the overall winner in the Visual Arts category. Shanetra Sparrow, Duson Elementary, was the overall winner in the Craft Arts category.

### **Board Recognizes National Certified School Counselors**

The Board recognized three Lafayette Parish counselors who have earned their certification as a National Certified School Counselor (NCSC). They are Lena Trail, Carencro Heights Elementary; Cindy

Blum, Prairie Elementary; and Lydia Keeton, Woodvale Elementary. There are a total of only 36 National Certified School Counselors in Louisiana.

### **Board Recognizes Future Problem Solving Team**

The Board recognized a team of students in the L.J. Alleman Gifted Enrichment Program, Project THINK, who won the state competition for the Future Problem Solving Program. This junior level team, comprised of Dillon Davis, Nicholas Judice, and Philip McPeck, has been invited to represent Louisiana in the Future Problem Solving International Conference at the University of Connecticut, June 5-9. The team is coached by Suzanne Bourgeois and Carolyn Perry.

### **Board Recognizes Elementary Fitness Winners**

The Board recognized students who represented Lafayette Parish at the State Elementary Fitness Meet. They are (girls) Joanna LaPucha, Broadmoor Elementary; Amber Lauchner, G.T. Lindon Elementary; Shanelle Zenon, Alice Boucher Elementary; (boys) Corey Paddio, Youngsville Middle; Cody Melancon, Ossun Elementary; and Fritz Dugas, S.J. Montgomery Elementary. The Board also recognized the girls' and boys' age group winners from the Lafayette Parish Elementary Fitness Meet. They are (girls): 6-7 year olds, Amber Launcher, G.T. Lindon Elementary; 8 year olds, Savannah Vinsant, Myrtle Place Elementary; 9 year olds, Tori Story, E. Gallet Elementary; 10 year olds, Joanna LaPucha, Broadmoor Elementary; 11 year olds, Shanelle Zenon, Alice Boucher Elementary. The boys are: 6-7 year olds, Aaron Thornton, Prairie Elementary; 8 year olds, Terrell Alfred, J.W. Faulk Elementary; 9 year olds, Derek Weidlein, Broadmoor Elementary, and Trae Bernard, Live Oak Elementary; 10 year olds, Micah Smith, Duson Elementary; 11 year olds, Corey Paddio, Youngsville Middle.

## **Board Recognizes Comeaux High Softball Team**

The Board recognized the Comeaux High School Softball Team as the State Class 5A Runner-Up.

## **Board Appoints Principal and Assistant Principal for J. Wallace James Elementary**

The Board appointed new administrators for the new J. Wallace James Elementary School. They are Dana Schmersahl, principal, and Loretta Williams, assistant principal. Both currently serve in the same capacity at Prairie Elementary.

## **Board Approves Resolutions on Fitness**

The Board approved a resolution designating the month of May as National Physical Education and Sports Month and National Employee Fitness Month.

## **Board Approves Desegregation Agreement**

By a vote of 6-3, the Board approved the ruling of Federal Judge Richard Haik on the Desegregation agreement negotiated by the Lafayette Parish School Board, the NAACP, the Legal Defense Fund, and the Justice Department.

## **The Board Approves Block Scheduling for Two High Schools**

The Board granted permission for Comeaux High and Northside High Schools to pilot a 4x8 Block Schedule for the 2002-2003 school year. The 4x8 Block is a rotating eight-period school day where students would earn eight credits per year. Students would take four classes a day, but would not meet every class everyday. Full unit courses would meet using an alternating "A" "B" block schedule all year long; one-half unit courses would meet for one semester.

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

- approved corrections on the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 5/1/02;
- approved corrections on the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 5/8/02;
- approved the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Board Insurance Committee/Employee Insurance Advisory Committee of 4/23/02;

- approved the ratification of bills for March, 2002;
- approved the Cash and Investment Report of March 31, 2002;
- received a Curriculum Update Report about the LA 4, the state's new Pre-K program for four-year olds;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary I in the Superintendent's Office;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Carpenter II in the Maintenance Department;
- approved the job description for Small Engine/Grounds Maintenance III in the Maintenance Department;
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- approved Carencro High School piloting Teaming in 9th and 10th grades for the 2002-2003 school year;
- approved Special Education Extended School Year (ESY) to serve approximately 72 children, elementary through high school, from June 7 to July 19 for high school and middle school, and June 7 to July 25 for elementary school. The program will be held at Lafayette High and Prairie Elementary for four hours per day;
- approved LEA Application for IDEA and Preschool Flow Through Funds for Fiscal Year 2003;
- approved the low bid submitted by Pellerin & Wallace Roofing in the amount of 601,700 for partial Re-Roofing Project at S.J. Montgomery Elementary School;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Principal II at Prairie Elementary;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Assistant Principal at Prairie Elementary.

