

Board *notes*

Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting May 19, 2004

Board Recognizes Very Special Arts Winners

The Board recognized Very Special Arts Festival 2004 Overall Winners: Visual Arts: Alayna Alejandro, Acadiana High, and Craft Arts: Adison Brannon, Burke Elementary.

Board Recognizes Boucher Pilot Program

The Board recognized the Alice Boucher Elementary School second grade Pilot Enrichment class, which participated in a writing and art project that was presented at the International Reading Association Conference in Reno, Nevada. The students' stories were used as the inspiration for a quilt they constructed. They were guided through the writing by their enrichment teacher, Kay Foret, and with the quilt by Acadiana artist Jill Bouillon. The project was documented with photos by the third grade enrichment teacher, Shelley Lilly. The quilt will hang permanently at Alice Boucher Elementary School.

Board Recognizes "Writes of Spring" Winner

The Board recognized Lindsey Wooten, a second grade student at Carencro Heights Elementary participating in the Pilot Enrichment program. She won first place in the multi-parish "Writes of Spring" contest. Lindsey won in the second grade non-fiction division. Her enrichment teacher is Kay Foret.

Board Recognizes Fitness Champions

The Board recognized the 2004 Fitness Age Group Champions. Girls: Age 6-7, Amy Comeaux, J.W. Faulk, 424 points; Age 8, Katelyn Blanchard, Broadmoor, 395 points; Age 9, Amber Lauchner, Plantation, 652 points; Age 10, Megan Eaglin, Ossun, 509 points; Age 11, Kelci Lyons, Acadian, 594 points. Boys: Age 6-7, Hunter Register, Ridge, 467 points; Age 8, Shannon Simpson, Carencro Heights, 514 points; Age 9, Daniel Brown, Plantation, 549 points; Age 10, Blair Landry, Ernest Gallet, 546 points; Age 11, Terry Alfred, N.P. Moss, 600 points. The State Fitness Competitors were: Girls: Amber Lauchner, Plantation; Kelci Lyons, Acadian; and Montoya, Carencro Heights. Boys: Terry Alfred, N.P. Moss; Devonte Flugence, Carencro Heights; and David Spears, Ernest Gallet.

Board Recognizes Recycling Art Contest Winner

The Board recognized Corey Carbo, a student in the High School Arts Academy, Visual Arts at Moss Annex, winner of 9th - 12th Grade Section of the Louisiana Division of the Arts Recycle Arts Contest, Teacher: Kathy Reed. The Recycling Section of the Environmental Quality Division was awarded a grant through the Acadiana Arts Council and the Louisiana Division of the Arts for a Recycle Art Contest. Students from Lafayette Parish were invited to combine a drawing and a slogan depicting recycling in a positive light. Over 170 entries were received. The general public voted and three winners were chosen. Corey Carbo won the ninth through 12th grade section of the contest. The winning art work was transferred by Robert Dafford and Associates to the LCG recycling truck. The artwork will help to raise awareness of recycling in Lafayette Parish and encourage greater participation.

Board Recognizes Congressional Art Contest Winner

The Board recognized Cory Vidrine of Carencro High School, selected as first place winner of the 2004 Congressional High School Art Competition winners from the 7th Congressional District. Winners were chosen during a judging ceremony held April 24th at the Zigler Museum in Jennings. Cory won first place for oil paintings entitled, "Special Reflections." His artwork will be sent to the U.S. Capitol Building to hang in a national year-long exhibit dedicated to the young artists of America. The exhibit is viewed by the millions of visitors who come to Washington, DC each year. Teacher: Pam Lane, art teacher for Carencro High.

Board Recognizes National Merit Scholars

The Lafayette Parish School Board recognized the 2004 National Merit Scholars from Lafayette Parish schools. National Merit Scholars represent the top 1/10 of one percent of students in the country. Students' grade point averages, school and community activities, honors, and leadership qualities contribute to their selection as National Merit Semi-Finalists. National Merit Commended Scholars place among the top 5 percent of students in the country who enter the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

Lafayette High: Andre Breaux, Finalist; Emily Byers, Semi-Finalist; Commended Scholars: Mitch Dague, Kevin Ellis, Eric Felder, Jacob Gower, and Danielle Stelly.

National Achievement is a competition specifically for African-American students.

Lafayette High: Aundrietta Duncan, Finalist, and Jeremy Mason, Commended Scholar.

Board Recognizes Golf Scholarship Recipients

The Board recognized recipients of the 2004 Superintendent's Golf Tournament scholarships. This year, 21 students from five high schools were selected to receive scholarship funds to attend a Louisiana college, university, or technical school. A total of \$25,000 in scholarships is being awarded to students this year.

2004 Scholarship Recipients are:

Acadiana High: Ebony Renee Martin \$2,000 and Jessica Ann Okafor \$1,000.

Carencro High: Lindsay Anne Broussard \$2,000; Brandy Michelle George \$1,000; and Charlie Elsie Esie \$500.

Comeaux High: Tasha Renee Evans \$2,000; Jacqueline Rae McKeon \$1,000; and Jamie Lee Lewis \$500.

Lafayette High: Shandrea Nichole Sinegal 2,000; Ha Thi Nguyen \$2,000; Thy Ngoc Hoang \$1,000; Jennifer Rae Godfrey \$1,000; and Bridget Ashley Harris \$500.

Northside High: Elisha Danielle Sampy \$2,000; Anna Louise Nicholas \$2,000; Brentlyn Laura Seaux \$1,000; Shaquanna Renee Alexander \$1,000; Chase Christopher Bernard \$1,000; Shawneeka Ladrea Woods \$500; Raquel Nikeitha August \$500; and Lauren Nichole Grimes \$500.

Board Recognizes Career and Technical Honors

The Board recognized the following Career and Technical honors: W. D. Smith Career Center

State winner in the Skills/USA Competition Photography Contest. He will represent Louisiana in the National Championship in Kansas City, Missouri.

Student: Rand Rouly; Teacher: Darren Hebert

Comeaux High School FBLA

State representative to the National FBLA Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado

Student: Lyndsey Gallet; Advisor: Jeanine LeBlanc

Comeaux High School FFA

Top individual in the State FFA Floriculture Contest

Student: Jessie Castille; Advisor: Robert Gautreaux

Carencro High School FBLA

State winner in Business Procedures

Student: Chelsea Latiolais

FBLA State Member for the month of February

Student: Chaz Sargent; Advisor: Deanna Rogers

Chelsea and Chaz will represent Louisiana in National Competition in Denver, Colorado. In addition, the Carencro High School FBLA was recognized as one of the top 10 chapters in the state.

Acadiana High School Family and Consumer Science State winner in the FCCLA "Focus on Children" event. They will represent Louisiana in national competition. Student: Alex Fuselier.

State recognition for club members in the "Power of One" category for the accomplishment of personal goals. They will be recognized at the National FCCLA Convention. Team Members: Jayme Herndon, Ashley Says, Jennifer Begnaud, Jasmine Anderson, Ainsley Lavergne, Hannah Cutrera, Advisor: Nadine Carlson.

Board Recognizes Schools for Accountability Growth

The Board recognized Lafayette Parish Schools who met and exceeded their Growth Target as outlined by the Louisiana Accountability Program.

The following schools received a label of Exemplary Academic Growth: Carencro Heights Elementary, Comeaux High School, Duson Elementary, G. T. Lindon Elementary, Lafayette Charter High School.

The following schools received a label of Recognized Academic Growth: Acadiana High School, Alice Boucher Elementary, Carencro High School, and Katharine Drexel Elementary.

Board Recognizes Basketball Coach of the Year

The Board recognized Coach Rick LeBato of Northside High who was selected by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association (LSWA) as Class 4A Boys Basketball Coach of the Year. Coach LeBato led Northside to the class 4A state semifinal losing to Peabody High School, which won the State Championship. Northside finished with a record of 34-2.

Board Recognizes Donation to Duson Elementary

The Board recognized Paul Hillard, of Badger Oil, for his donation of \$5291.95 to the Duson Elementary School library from the Badger Excellence in Education Foundation. The funds were given to the school for implementation of the Accelerated Reading Program for first and second graders. Duson Elementary purchased 413 book and 14 quiz discs for the program.

Board Approves Resolution on Fitness

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

Board Votes on Future of Vermilion Elementary

The Board again approved a motion to close Vermilion as an elementary school. This motion approved reopening the school as a Pre-K for 4-year olds only if the LA4 grant could fully fund the school.

Board Votes on Block Scheduling

The Board voted to approve staffing requirements for block scheduling at Acadiana High and Lafayette High Schools by providing 4 additional teachers to Acadiana High and 5 additional teachers to Lafayette High.

In other action, the Board:

- approved corrections of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 5/5/04;
- approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 5/12/04;
- approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 5/19/04;
- approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 5/19/04;

- approved the committee minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Board Insurance Committee and Employee Insurance Advisory Committee Meeting of 5/13/04;
- approved the Ratification of Bills for March, 2004;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- took no action regarding participation in graduation ceremonies for students not passing the Graduate Exit Exam;
- approved a resolution to retain Lane Roy as special counsel with respect to desegregation lawsuit, tort claims and litigation to be assigned on an as needed basis.

