

# Board *notes*

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## Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting June 5, 2002

### **Board Recognizes Outstanding School Support Employees**

The Lafayette Parish School Board recognized its Outstanding School Support Employees. The top three employees were: Dana Aucoin, Child Nutrition Manager, Charles Burke Elementary, Outstanding Elementary School Support Employee; Cynthia Carrier, Teacher Assistant, N.P. Moss Annex, Outstanding Middle School Support Employee; and Joyce Landry, Secretary, Charter High, Outstanding High School Support Employee. The other winners were: Grace Breaux, Clerical Assistant, Acadian Middle; Vickie Jacquet, Teacher Assistant, Alice Boucher Elementary; Prenella Alexander, Clerical Assistant, Paul Breaux Middle; Monica Laperous, Secretary, Broadmoor Elementary; Nicolle Prejean- Gallien, Teacher Assistant, Carencro Heights Elementary; Lisa Alexander, Child Nutrition Assistant Manager, Carencro High; Roxanne LeBlanc, Teacher Assistant, Katharine Drexel Elementary; Vianna Miller, Child Nutrition Manager, Duson Elementary; Paula Poole, Clerical Assistant, Evangeline Elementary; Emma Chaisson, Computer Proctor, J.W. Faulk Elementary; Donna Robin, Clerical Assistant, Ernest Gallet Elementary; Elizabeth Arnold, Teacher Assistant, L. Leo Judice Elementary; Norma Davis, Custodian, Live Oak Elementary; Mike Johnson, Head Custodian, Milton Elementary; Elizabeth Gilbert, Head Custodian, N.P. Moss Middle; Lona Zabolia, Teacher Assistant, Myrtle Place Elementary; Lorenzo Sam, Head Custodian, Ossun Elementary; Jackie Armentor, Teacher Assistant, Plantation Elementary; Jenifer Leger, Teacher Assistant, Ridge Elementary; Wilfred Benoit, Custodian, Scott Middle; Sharon Kohl, Secretary, Truman Elementary; Annette Champagne, Teacher Assistant, Vermilion Elementary; Wendy Geary, Teacher Assistant, Youngsville Middle; Earline Alleman, Child Nutrition Manager, Woodvale Elementary; Sgt. Jonathan Washington, Drill Instructor, Lerosen Alternative Site, LAPS; and Betty Stevens, Secretary, CAPS.

### **Board Recognizes Hattori Fellows**

The Board recognized two students from Carencro High, named as Hattori Fellows. Brandon Melancon and April Bernard, CHS seniors, have received scholarships for three weeks of travel and study in Japan as Hattori Fellows. The sponsor of the Hattori Fellowship program is the Japanese-Louisiana Friendship Foundation. These students are two of the four chosen from throughout Louisiana. They currently study Japanese at CHS. They were selected based on applications and judged on the basis of scholarship and interpersonal skills.

### **Board Recognizes Louisiana Citizen Bee Finalist**

The Board recognized Paul Coussan, Carencro High, for winning third place in the Louisiana Citizen Bee.

### **Board Recognizes State Social Studies Fair Winners**

The Board recognized winners at the State Social Studies Fair. Division I: Individual, Geography, Daniel Comeaux, Woodvale Elementary, 3rd place, "After the Earth: Future Lands and Peoples"; History, Carly Boudreaux, G.T. Lindon Elementary, 2nd place, "It's a Woman's War Too"; Division I: Group, Anthropology Tucker Nims and Jesse Lambert, Woodvale Elementary, 3rd place, "American Traditions, Why We Do The Things We Do"; Division III: Individual, Geography, Kyle Lavergne, Carencro High, 2nd place, "South Africa"; Political Science, Casey Dougherty, Carencro High, 3rd place, "Terrorist"; Division III: Group, Sociology, Ronda Bruno, Shelly Calais, Jamasia Anderson, and Shaya Holmes, Northside High, 2nd place, "All That Jazz."

### **Board Recognizes State Winners in Young Authors Contest**

The Board recognized state winners in the Young Author's Contest. Fairfax Banks won first place in poetry and fiction for 7th grade (teacher Charles Mire), and Ashley Westerman won first place for non-fiction for 8th grade (teacher Harriet Maher). Both are students from L.J. Alleman Middle School.

## **Board Recognizes Writing Competition Finalists and Semi-Finalists**

The Board recognized writing competition finalists and semi-finalists. Finalists in the River of Words International Environmental Poetry and Art Competition were: Art finalist: Alyson Duhon, L.J. Alleman 8th grade student of Lana Badeaux (7-9th grade division) and Poetry finalists: Emily Bush and Sarah Spain, 6th grade students of Andree Elder (4-6th grade division). This is the third consecutive year L. J. Alleman has received recognition in ROW. Finalists receive ribbons, certificates of honor, books, and other gifts.

The Board recognized semi-finalists in the Ann Arlys Bowler Poetry Competition, sponsored by READ magazine and the Weekly Reader Corporation: Three of six semi-finalists (25% of the students recognized) are L. J. Alleman 8th graders: Anna Broussard, Lacey Johnston, and Carmen Isabel LaSala. The competition chooses 6 finalists (winners) and six semi-finalists in grades 6-12. Semi-finalists receive \$50, certificates of honor, and publication on the Weekly Reader website. This is the second consecutive year L.J. Alleman has placed in this contest.

The Board recognized Wei Natalie Gan and Kevin Maher, Lafayette High, finalists in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards national poetry contest. Natalie was named a Gold Medalist in the Science Fiction Fantasy category. Kevin was named a Silver Medalist for his poem, "Matter of Degree." Scholastic hosts the oldest, most prestigious writing competition. They receive upwards of 250,000 entries in various categories. Preliminary judging is done by writing teachers throughout the nation. Final judging is done by a panel of professional writers. Robert Frost was a judge at one time, as were Garrison Keillor and former poet-laureate Rita Dove. All finalists are invited to an awards ceremony at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in mid-June.

## **Board Recognizes Paul Breaux Science Olympiad Team**

The Board recognized Paul Breaux Middle School's Science Olympiad team for winning first place at the Louisiana Science Olympiad State competition. This is the fifth consecutive year that the Paul Breaux Middle School Science Olympiad team finishes in first place. The Paul Breaux Middle School Science Olympiad team competed against 60 other middle school state winners at the National Science Olympiad Tournament held at

the University of Delaware on May 17-18. National medals were awarded to those team members who finished first through sixth place in their events. Six Paul Breaux students brought home 10 medals from the national competition. They were: First Place, Life Science Process Lab, Geoffrey Thomas and Alice Tzeng; First Place, Metric Estimation, Geoffrey Thomas and Alice Tzeng; First Place, Reach For The Stars, Geoffrey Thomas and Alice Tzeng; and, Sixth Place, Pentathlon, Kim Cathey, Thomas Deaton, Kenneth Smith, and Jonathan LeJune. Geoffrey Thomas and Alice Tzeng were the only two students in the nation to win three first place medals. The University of Delaware awarded merit scholarships not only to the medal winners, but also to each participant in the National Science Olympiad Tournament. Other team members finishing in the top 10 were: Seventh place, Mission Possible, Blair Wendt, Denys Zhuo, and Erik Birdwell; and Eighth place, Bottle Rocket, Kenneth Smith and Elizabeth Conner. Paul Breaux team members are Blair Wendt, Mohammad Madani, Ali Madani, Geoffrey Thomas, Elizabeth Conner, Alice Tzeng, Charleen Fei, Thomas Deaton, Jonathan LeJune, Jim Rabalais, Kim Cathey, Erik Birdwell, Monique St. Cyr, Denys Zhuo, and Kenneth Smith. Alternates are Beth Zhu and Justine Ngo. Coaches are Michelle Minvielle and Shawn Budden.

## **Board Recognizes United Way 2001 Awards**

The Board recognized schools that were campaign leaders in the 2001 United Way campaign. The winners of the Superintendent's Awards for Highest Per Capita contributions are: Charles Burke Elementary (Employee Campaign Coordinator: Bill Doucet) for highest per capita giving among the elementary schools (\$45.12 per employee); Carencro Middle School (Employee Campaign Coordinator: Gil Douglass) for highest per capita giving among the middle schools (\$21.94 per employee); and Lafayette Charter High School (Employee Campaign Coordinator: Ken Douet) for highest per capita giving among the high schools (\$79.50 per employee). The Board also recognized Alice Boucher Elementary (Employee Campaign Coordinator: Madeleine McNulty) for highest percentage increase in giving (193% increase), and Carencro High School (Employee Campaign Coordinator: Robert Nettles) for the most dollars raised (\$3,885).

## **Board Approves Air Force Junior ROTC at Acadiana High**

The Board approved the establishment and funding of an Air Force Junior ROTC program at Acadiana High starting with the 2002-2003 school year. Approximately 150 students would be involved as cadets in this program designed for grades 9-12.

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

- approved corrections on the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 5/15/02;
- approved corrections on the minutes of the Emergency Special Board Meeting of 5/24/02;
- approved corrections on the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 5/29/02;
- approved corrections on the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 6/5/02;
- approved the Sales Tax Collection Report for April, 2002;
- received a Curriculum Update Report about the district's Nursing program;
- received a Curriculum Update Report about the locations of Preschool programs throughout the parish;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary I at J. Wallace James Elementary School;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Clerical Assistant at J. Wallace James Elementary School;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Clerical Assistant at E. A. Martin Middle School;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Child Nutrition Services Manager III at J. Wallace James Elementary School;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Head Custodian II at J. Wallace James Elementary School;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Head Custodian I at Broadmoor Elementary School;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Warehouse Worker II in the Maintenance Department;
- approved the recommendation to authorize Willis of Louisiana, Inc. to seek proposals for Broker-of-Record for Property and Casualty Insurance Coverage;
- approved the recommendation of the Brigance System for Preschool and Kindergarten Screening Test;
- approved the Early Release of Funds for Purchase of Library Periodicals for the 2002-2003 school session;
- approved the low responsive and responsible proposal from Arch Wireless for Paging System Services;
- approved an agreement with Health Management Concepts Three, Inc.;
- approved Compliance with ACT 1341 of 1999 Legislative Session as Amended by ACT 338 of the 2001 Session for Payment of Savings Due to Changes in Extended Sick Leave;
- approved Compliance with ACT 1342 of 1999 Legislative Session as Amended by ACT 338 of the 2001 Session for Payment of Savings Due to Changes in Sabbatical Pay;
- approved an agreement with TSA Consulting Group for 403(b) IRS Compliance;
- approved the application for American History Grant;
- approved Policy File: GBCA - Hiring of Teachers for Schools of Choice;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Clerical Assistant at Lafayette Middle/Myrtle Place Elementary Schools;
- granted permission to approve the original recommendation of staffing to allow Carencro High School to Pilot Teaming in 9th and 10th grades for the 2002-2003 school year; granted permission to approve the original recommendation of staffing to allow Northside High School and Comeaux High School to pilot a 4x8 Block Scheduling for the 2002-2003 school year; and allowed staff to have flexibility in staffing those three schools;
- voted to allow Early Childhood classes to remain open at Ossun Elementary School;
- approved a motion that the Board take advantage of the offer from the law firm of Sutherland, Asbill, & Brennan of Atlanta, GA to come to the district, at no cost or obligation to the school system, to discuss the desegregation law suit with the Board.

