

Board *notes*

Lafayette Parish School Board Regular Meeting June 15, 2005

Board Votes on Legal Services Review

The Lafayette Parish School Board accepted staff's recommendation to assemble an independent peer review team to review the school district's legal services for quality and effectiveness. Some members of the Board have expressed concern about whether or not the school district's current arrangement for legal services fulfills all of the system's needs at the most effective cost and with the most appropriate management. Staff recommended that a team of individuals with expertise in the area of litigation management who have no financial or political interest in how the school district structures its legal service would submit the most credible analysis of the system's arrangement. The purpose of the proposed Legal Services Peer Review Team (PRT) would be to analyze the cost effectiveness and the quality of the comprehensive legal services of the school district. Staff proposed that the PRT be comprised of three team members, but the Board requested that the team consist of five members, to include the District Attorney as the Board's nominee. Each team member should have at least five years experience in litigation management and/or risk management. The Board also requested that the PRT present a recommendation at the first Board in August.

In other action, the Board:

- approved corrections on the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 6/1/05;
- received information on continued operations pending approval for the fiscal year 2005-2006 budget;
- received information about revisions to Policy File: KCBB - Parent Involvement;
- approved personnel changes;
- approved revisions to Policy File: JCDC - Yes Sir/Yes Ma'am;

- 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-R - Regulations for Administering Discipline for Fighting and/or Endangering Behavior;
- approved revisions to Policy File: EDCB-R - School Bus Discipline Regulations;
- approved information about modular aluminum ramps bid;
- approved information about large kitchen equipment bid;
- approved information about calculators bid;
- approved information about duplicator supplies bid;
- approved information about portable buildings bid;
- approved revisions of Policy File: BCBD - Agendas.



