

# Board *notes*

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## Lafayette Parish Special Board Meeting July 17, 2003

### **Board Approves Portions of Budget for 2003-2004**

The Board approved the adoption of all but two funds in the Unified Budget for fiscal year 2003-2004. The budgets adopted were Special Revenue Fund, Capital Projects Funds, Debt Service Fund, Sales Tax Fund-Net, and Group Insurance Fund. Two funds, the General Fund and the School Food Services Fund, will be considered for adoption before the start of school. The full Unified Budget outlined the use of \$243,012,684 in major funds. The two funds not yet adopted amount to \$163,543,492 in the General Fund and \$9,049,404 in the School Food Services Fund.

A letter from the State Department of Education, dated July 3, informed the Board that MFP payments for July through February will not include estimated funds for certificated staff pay raises. The letter also stated that actual amounts available for certificated pay increases will not be known until the final MFP Budget Letter is released in January or February of 2004.

### **Board Approves Funding for One Day of Professional Development**

The Board authorized the allocation of \$500,000 from the 2002 Teacher Tax - Revised Budget for fiscal year 2003-2004 for teacher in-service days and asked staff to find funds to pay for the second day.

### **Board Approves Contract for Garbage Collection and Recycling Services**

The Board approved awarding the contract for garbage collection and recycling services to Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI), the lowest bidder for the job, due to the district's impending financial situation.