

# Board *notes*

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## Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting September 1, 2004

### Board Hears Information About Millage Renewal

The Lafayette Parish School Board heard information regarding the campaign to share information with the community about the renewal of two millages. The millages are scheduled to be placed on the ballot Nov. 2. From September to November, the district will schedule employee and school level meetings, presentations to local civic groups, and coverage by local media in order to inform the public about the impact of the millages on the budget.

### Board Appoints Two Principals

The Board approved the appointment of two new principals to fill positions vacated by current area directors. Loretta Williams-Durand was appointed principal of Charles Burke Elementary. Vera Shanklin was appointed principal of Woodvale Elementary.

### Board Approves Assignment of Schools Policy

The Board approved revisions to Policy File: JBCCA - Assignment of Schools. The changes made to the policy affect the time frame when people can request a Majority-to-Minority transfer. The registration period to obtain the Majority-to-Minority exception will be between the beginning of the school session and the last working day of April. The Majority-to-Minority transfer policy states that a student whose race is in the majority at the school within his/her attendance zone may transfer to any other school at which his/her race is in the minority, regardless of the capacity of the school to which the transfer is made.

In addition, the Board approved a motion to request staff to petition the court to consider school capacity when granting Majority-to-Minority transfers.

### Board Approves Bell Time Revisions to Impact Transportation

The Board approved bell time revisions for schools for the 2004-2005 school year. In order to solve current transportation problems and address future challenges, the administration recommended revising the bell time schedule to provide more time to safely transport students to and from school and allow more time for the routes to be completed.

The Board approved a motion that stated that no school would begin earlier than 7:15 a.m. and no school would begin later than 8:30 a.m. The new bell time recommendation was:

Schools	Beginning time & Ending time
High schools	7:15 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. (15 minutes earlier)
Middle schools	7:15 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. (15 minutes earlier)
Private schools	7:45 a.m. & 2:45 p.m. (15 minutes earlier)
Elementary schools	8:15 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. (no change)
L.J. Alleman Arts Academy	7:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. (no change)
L.J. Alleman Middle	8:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. (no change)
Paul Breaux Middle	8:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. (no change)
J. Wallace James Elementary	8:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. (no change)
Truman Montessori	7:15 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. (1:15 earlier as requested by principal)

Staff will continue meeting over the next week to determine actual changes in transportation and bell time schedules.

### In other action, the Board:

- heard a presentation by Dr. Charles Boustany, candidate for the 7th Congressional District;
- approved corrections of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 8/18/04;
- approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 8/25/04;
- approved the Sales Tax Collection Report for July, 2004;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- approved revisions to job descriptions in the Department of Student Services;
- approved the property and casualty insurance coverage for 2004-2005;
- approved the recommendation of the job evaluation committee.