

# Board *notes*

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## Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting September 19, 2001

### **Board Calls for Sales Tax Election**

The Lafayette Parish School Board voted to call an election for Nov. 17 for the purpose of providing raises for classroom teachers. The tax proposal calls for 1/2 cent sales tax increase, which would generate approximately \$16 million. The tax increase would be dedicated to paying the cost of salaries and related benefits of classroom teachers and would establish a Teacher Salary Reserve Fund. The proposition approved by the Board states that proceeds of the tax, as available, would be dedicated to 1) providing for classroom teacher salaries and related benefits and equal percentage increases in same, and 2) to establish a Teacher Salary Reserve Fund with annual interest earnings to be paid to classroom teachers as a 13th check in each fiscal year. The Board defined “classroom teachers” as regular and special education teachers.

### **Board Recognizes Woodmen of the World**

The Board recognized Edwin Gaudin, Jr., and Charles Stringer of the Woodmen of the World for donating 50 American flags to the Lafayette Parish School System for use in our schools.

### **Board Appoints Four New Assistant Principals**

The Board approved the appointment of four new assistant principals. They are: Barbara Landor, Acadian Middle; James Patrick Hanisee, Katharine Drexel Elementary; Jody Slaughter, N.P. Moss Middle; and Loretta Williams, Prairie Elementary.

### **Board Renames Stadium for Bill Dotson**

The Board approved a resolution renaming the Acadiana High Wrecking Ram Stadium in honor of former football coach Bill Dotson. In changing the name to Bill Dotson Stadium, the Board recognized that Dotson, coach of Acadiana High for 22 years,

kindled in his players a love of football and a sense of their place in society as leaders.

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

- approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 9/5/01;
- approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 9/19/01;
- approved the Ratification of Bills for July, 2001;
- received a Curriculum Update Report about the School-to-Work program and the “What I Want to be When I Grow Up” mini-projects, where students learn what it takes (education, training, knowledge) to succeed in a particular career;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Account Clerk I in the Business Department;
- approved the hiring of a Lead Teacher in Mathematics to provide inservice during the day to third and fourth grade teachers with low performing students;
- approved revisions to Policy File: DFGB regarding School Land Rental;
- approved the expenditure of \$63,775.02 for furniture, manipulatives, books, and kits for kindergarten classrooms;
- authorized staff to present a resolution encouraging K-5 elementary schools to participate in the “What I Want to be When I Grow Up” activity on October 31, 2001.

