

Board *notes*

Lafayette Parish School Board Regular Meeting October 5, 2005

Board Receives District Status Report on Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

The Superintendent provided the Board with a district update on the displaced students from the hurricanes of 2005. He informed them that many students previously displaced by Hurricane Katrina were again displaced by Hurricane Rita, an additional 67 students that were displaced by Hurricane Katrina have enrolled in the school system. The school that was located at the Lafayette Convention Center was relocated to the “Jackie” unit of the Boys and Girls Club. Students from the Greater New Orleans area continue to return home, thus reducing the number of displaced students in our schools. Registration in Lafayette Parish for displaced students from Hurricane Rita began Monday, October 3, 2005, and thus far has registered 177 students.

Board Defers Action on Non-Renewal of Transportation Director Contract

The Lafayette Parish School Board deferred action on the non-renewal of contract of Transportation Director Daniel Michel. After much discussion, the Board voted to table action on the non-renewal of contract to a Special Board Meeting of October 12, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. to allow the Lafayette Parish School Board attorney to review issues raised by the employee and that it be addressed in a potential executive session.

In other action, the Board:

- approved corrections on the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 9/21/05;
- approved corrections on the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 10/5/05;
- approved the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Board Insurance Committee/Employee Insurance Advisory Committee of 9/19/05;
- reviewed the Sales Tax Collection Report for August, 2005;

- received information about changing the date of high school graduation from May 20, 2006 to May 27, 2006;
- received a Curriculum Update about the Math, Arts and Technology Academy at N.P. Moss Middle School;
- received a request from Board Member Rickey Hardy that a representative from Ross Bus Sales make a presentation to the Board for the purpose of determining whether it is more economical and efficient to lease buses, have contract buses or board owned buses, and that the Board review the 2001 Transportation Study regarding Contract Drivers vs Board Owned Drivers;
- reviewed revisions to Policy File: GCRJ – Tobacco Products in the Workplace;
- reviewed revisions to Policy File: JBCCA – Assignment of Schools;
- approved personnel changes with amendments;
- approved a resolution authorizing a due date extension on Sales Tax Returns;
- approved a resolution recognizing the month of October as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

