

Board *notes*

Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting October 15, 2003

Three Schools Receive \$500 Donation

The Lafayette Parish School Board heard a presentation from Janet Brewster, CEO and managing principal of Brewster Procurement Group, who presented a grant of \$500 to each of the following schools: Alice Boucher Elementary, N.P. Moss Middle and Northside High. The Brewster Procurement Group, Inc. is a small minority-owned and operated industrial and aerospace supply business that services the aerospace, oil and gas, and petrochemical industries. Brewster Procurement supplies materials and services to Shell Oil, Conoco Phillips, Chevron-Texaco, and United Space Alliance companies.

Board Approves Resolution Emphasizing Attendance

The Board approved a resolution recognizing the week of Nov. 10-14 as Attendance Awareness Week in Lafayette Parish schools. The Truancy Assessment and Service Center (TASC), working under the direction of Census and Attendance, is spotlighting parents' responsibility for getting their children to attend school every day. The primary purpose of Attendance Awareness Week is to remind the youth of our parish that regular school attendance helps to mold productive citizens.

During this week, the TASC staff is encouraging school personnel to advocate and develop a school-wide plan or program, which stresses awareness of regular attendance. These may include special assembly programs, classroom discussions, poster and essay contests, bulletin board displays, and student certificates. The prizes for the parish poster contest for grades K-5 are made possible by the generous donations from various companies around Lafayette. The TASC staff also will sponsor a Parenting Fair to be held Nov. 13, at 9 a.m. at the N.P. Moss Annex Library for parents who have questions concerning the child's or children's education. Different

departments within the school system and various agencies in the area will be in attendance and ready to answer any questions a parent might have.

Board Approves Part II and III of Reorganization

The Board approved Part II and III of the reorganization Plan. Part II included the following changes: Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Jules Gaudin, to Acting Deputy Superintendent & Chief Financial Officer; Risk Manager, Mona Bernard, to Acting Director of Human Resources/Risk Manager (subject to approval of Part III); Director of Computer Services (vacant) to Chief Information Officer; and Director of Maintenance, Vernal Comeaux, to Acting Chief Operations Officer.

Title changes only included in Part II are: Supervisor of Student Services, Harriet Taylor, to Acting Director of Student Services; Program Supervisor of Research and Evaluation, Phyllis Bartlett, to Acting Director of Accountability; and Director of Communications, Justine Sutley, to Director of Public Relations.

Part III included the following changes: Director of Schools, Charles Dennis, to Director of Special Curriculum & Instruction Programs; Director of Human Resources, Lawrence Lilly, to Director of Maintenance; and Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, Burnell Lemoine, to Acting Deputy Superintendent & Chief Academic Officer.

In other action, the Board:

- approved corrections of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 10/1/03;
- approved the Ratification of Bills for August, 2003;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- approved revisions to the Secretary II position in Sales Tax Division;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary II in Sales Tax Division;

- approved the Webmaster/Network Assistant Job Description;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Webmaster/Network Assistant;
- approved revisions to the Instructional Networking Specialist Job Description;
- approved the Non-Certified Coach (Walk-on/Volunteer) Job Description;
- approved the Assistant Coach (High School) Job Description;
- approved the Head Athletic Coach (High School) Job Description;
- approved the Cheerleading Coach (Sponsor/Advisor) Job Description;
- approved the School Based Athletics Director Job Description;
- approved revisions to Policy File: CGPGG - Sick Leave Bank (Medical Leave Assistance Program);
- approved revisions to Policy File: DFA-E - Millage Rates;
- approved revisions to Purchasing Agent Job Description.

