

Board *notes*

Lafayette Parish Special Board Meeting October 30, 2002

Board Votes to Makeup Six More Days in Minutes

The Lafayette Parish School Board met to consider a committee's recommendation on how to makeup six days of instruction, which were lost during Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili. The committee recommended, and the Board approved, adding 2,160 minutes to the current school calendar by increasing the instructional day by 20 minutes for 108 school days, beginning Nov. 4, 2002, and ending May 7, 2003. The Board approved the committee's recommendation and asked schools in the same feeder zones to meet to work out transportation issues. The committee's rationale for this plan was: minimal disruption to the lives, routines, and schedules of school employees, students and parents; holidays not impacted; transportation minimally impacted, if at all; integrity of the Carnegie unit upheld; operational costs not affected; reduced need for substitutes; and absenteeism of students and employees not increased. School principals may use non-instructional minutes within the existing school day to provide the additional 20 minutes of instructional time.