

Board *notes*

Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting November 3, 2004

Board Hears Evaluation of Millage Renewal Campaign

The Lafayette Parish School Board received an evaluation about the millage renewal informational campaign. Lafayette Parish voters approved two millage renewals on the ballots with 68% of the vote on Nov. 2. The evaluation reviewed what strategies were used to communicate with employees, parents, the community, retirees and the media. It also emphasized that some of the communication initiatives would continue in order to keep the community informed about school system successes, where our revenues come from and how expenditures are allocated.

Board Hears Presentation by Rickey Hardy

The Board heard a presentation by Board Member Rickey Hardy regarding transportation and the use of board-owned buses vs. contract buses.

Board Recognizes Representatives with Dr. Achilles

The Board recognized Gary McGoffin, Cherry Fisher-May, Donna Landry and Flo Meadows, representatives from the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce who are bringing Dr. Charles Achilles, nationally recognized expert, to Lafayette to discuss with the school system education policy and budgets, optimal class size, and affordable, effective teacher-student ratios. Dr. Achilles will be featured in a lecture series sponsored by the Independent, presented by IberiaBank in cooperation with the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. The lecture will be held Monday, November 8, at 7 p.m., at Hamilton Hall Auditorium on the UL Lafayette campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Board Recognizes Olympic Athlete

The Board recognized former Northside High student, Daniel Cormier, who competed in the Olympic Games in Athens, Greece and was a semi-finalist in the 211 lb. Weight Class Freestyle Wrestling.

Board Recognizes Schools for School Performance Scores

The Board recognized 15 Lafayette Parish Schools that met and exceeded their Growth Target as outlined by the Louisiana Accountability Program.

The following schools received a label of Exemplary Academic Growth: J. Wallace James Elementary, J. W. Faulk Elementary, Youngsville Middle School, Acadiana High School, Carencro High School, Lafayette High School, and Comeaux High School.

The following schools received a label of Recognized Academic Growth: Acadian Middle School, Evangeline Elementary, Green T. Lindon Elementary, Judice Middle School, S. J. Montgomery Elementary, and Northside High School. The following schools received no label, but were recognized for maintaining a School Performance Score above 120: Woodvale Elementary and Broadmoor Elementary.

Board Approves Resolutions

The Board approved three resolutions for November. The resolutions recognize the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; the week of November 14-20 as American Education Week, the theme of which is "Students Today, Leaders Tomorrow"; and the week of November 15-21 as Youth Appreciation Week.

In other action, the Board:

- approved corrections of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 10/20/04;
- approved the Sales Tax Collection Report for September, 2004;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- approved revisions to job descriptions for grant-funded positions;
- approved revisions to job description for Supervisor of Nurses;
- approved the job description for English Language Screener;
- approved the job description for Program Director: LPSS² Grant;
- granted permission to open an administrative position at Lafayette High School.

