

# Board *notes*

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## Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting November 7, 2001

### **Board Holds Patriotic Ceremony**

The Lafayette Parish School Board began its meeting with a patriotic salute to our country in consideration of Veteran's Day and as a tribute to everyone involved in America's War on Terrorism. The Northside High School ROTC students presented the colors. The Board heard a recording of Red Skelton's explanation of the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. David Thibodaux sang "The Star Bangled Banner." Carencro High School Student Council President Rose Schumaker read President George Bush's Address to the Nation on September 11, 2001 following the attacks on America. Lafayette High student Amy Williams sang "God Bless America." The ceremony ended with Dr. David Thibodaux's version of "God Bless the USA."

### **Board Recognizes Staff**

The Board recognized Lafayette Parish's Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) for receiving the honor of 2000-2001 Stellar Program. The honor was bestowed by HIPPY USA for local programs that have consistently maintained high quality programming, based on annual reviews by HIPPY national trainer.

The Board also recognized Lafayette Parish's Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Program which recently received the 2001 Starfish Award, signifying the program as being one of the best in the state. In addition, Maxine Hamilton, Supervisor, Substance Abuse Prevention Program, was recognized for receiving the 2001 Vision Award, acknowledging her as an outstanding leader in drug prevention and education.

### **Board Approves Resolutions**

The Board approved a resolution recognizing the week of November 11-17, 2001 as American Education Week. The purpose of this week is to focus

attention on the important role education plays in our country and its future. The theme of the American Education Week 2001 is "Together: Making Public Schools Great for Every Child."

The Board also approved a resolution calling upon all federal officials to reconsider the restrictions placed upon the public expression of religious faith in the form of spoken prayer and allow all faiths to express their beliefs in the form of public, spoken prayer.

### **Board Cancels Second November Meeting**

The Board voted to cancel the November 21 Regular Board Meeting because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The next Regular Board Meeting is December 5, 2001.

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

- approved corrections of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 10/17/01;
- approved corrections of the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 10/24/01;
- received a Sales Tax Collection Report of September, 2001;
- received a Curriculum Update Report about the Everyday Math Counts Program;
- received a report about the Proposed Teacher Salary Schedule, subject to passage of the 1/2-cent sales tax on November 17;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary I at Plantation Elementary School;
- granted permission to create, advertise and fill the position of Principal I at N.P. Moss Annex ;
- granted permission to approve the revisions to the job description for Teacher with the Head Start Program;
- granted permission to approve the revisions to the job description for Teacher Assistant with the

Head Start Program;

- granted permission to approve the revisions to the job description for Secretary I with the Head Start Program;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary I in the Head Start Program;
- granted permission to approve the revisions to the job description for Family Service Worker with the Head Start Program;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Family Service Worker with the Head Start Program;
- granted permission to approve the revisions to the job description of Head Start Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) with the Head Start Program;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Head Start Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) with the Head Start Program;
- granted permission to approve the job description of Resource Coordination Supervisor with the Early Childhood Development Program;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Resource Coordination Supervisor with the Early Childhood Development Program;
- granted permission to approve the job description of Resource Coordination Teacher/Coordinator with the Early Childhood Development Program;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the

position of Resource Coordination Teacher/Coordinator with the Early Childhood Development Program;

- granted permission to approve the job description of Resource Coordinator Assistant with the Early Childhood Development Program;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of two Resource Coordinator Assistants with the Early Childhood Development Program;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Clerical Assistant with the Early Childhood Development Program;
- approved the installation of two Shallow Water Monitoring Wells by the U.S. Department of Interior at Woodvale Elementary and Carencro Middle Schools;
- approved the cancellation and re-advertisement of the bid for jewelry making tools and supplies;
- approved the bid submitted by Bernhard Mechanical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$177,570 for boiler replacement for Carencro High, N.P. Moss Annex, and Paul Breaux Middle Schools.

