

# Board *notes*

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## Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting November 20, 2002

### **Board Recognizes LAHPERD Health Educator of the Year**

The Lafayette Parish School Board recognized Kevin Smith as the Louisiana Association of Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance (LAHPERD) Health Educator of the Year - High School. Smith teaches health and physical education at Comeaux High. Smith has won the District 3-5A Wrestling Coach of the Year and in 2002 was nominated for Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

### **Board Recognizes National Merit Semi-Finalists and Commended Scholars**

The Board recognized 13 students from Lafayette Parish schools who were named 2003 National Merit Semi-Finalists. National Merit Scholars represent the top 1/10 of one percent of students in the country. Students' grade point averages, school and community activities, honors, and leadership qualities contribute to their selection as National Merit Semi-Finalists. Those students are: from Lafayette High: Matthew J. Dauphin, James W. Deaton, Edward T. Fei, Michelle L. Pentecost, Catherine E. Riley, Regina A Sullivan, Joshua M. Wilson, Jacob J. Yentzen, and Kimberly L. Ziegler; from the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts (formerly of Lafayette High): Jeanne Guillory, Robert Prehn, and Julian Spring. Recognized as National Achievement Semi-Finalist (competition specifically for African-American students) from Lafayette High, Quincy C. Hilliard.

The Board also recognized 12 students who were named as 2003 National Merit Commended Scholars. These students place among the top 5 percent of students in the country who enter the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Those students are: from Lafayette High: Rachel D. Jackson, Thomas P. Lachin, Curry W. Smith, Robert M. Smith, Eric W. Todd, Laura A. Truxillo, and Daniel S. Whitman; from Acadiana High: Michael Hulin and Jesse Dugas; from Comeaux High: Emily Ardoin and Christian Allison.

Recognized as National Achievement Commended Scholar from Lafayette High, Brandon Haynes.

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

- approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 11/6/02;
- approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 11/20/02;
- approved the committee minutes of the Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearings of 11/20/02;
- approved the Ratification of Bills for September, 2002;
- received a Curriculum Update Report about the 2002 School Performance Scores;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Roving Area Manager for Child Nutrition;
- granted permission to advertise and fill the position of Head Custodian II at Youngsville Middle School;
- approved the 1987 1/2-Cent Sales Tax Distribution Report;
- approved the 2002 1/2-Cent Sales Tax Distribution Report;
- approved the purchase of metal athletic lockers for Carencro High and Comeaux High girls' athletics in the amount of \$87,970 from Louisiana School Equipment Co.;
- approved the purchase of keyboard lab equipment in the amount of \$26,361.90 from Lafayette Music Co.;
- granted approval to conduct geophysical surveys at Plantation Elementary, the park next to Plantation Elementary, Comeaux High, Scott Middle, and Sales Tax Office;
- approved a resolution to participate in the Louisiana Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program (Year Two) in an additional amount not to exceed \$3,100,000.