

# Board *notes*

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## Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting December 1, 2004

### **Superintendent Receives National Leadership Award**

Superintendent James Easton was honored by Scientific Learning Corporation, as the recipient of the 2004 ET<sup>3</sup> TEC Champion Leadership Award. Dr. Easton was selected to receive this award in September in Washington, D.C. at the Congressional Black Caucus Education Brain Trust Symposium.

An excerpt from the letter from Dr. Ronnie Lowenstein, President, ET<sup>3</sup>, announcing Dr. Easton's award stated: "On behalf of both U.S. Congressman Major Owens (Chairman of the United States Congressional Black Caucus' Education Brain Trust and senior member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce) and my colleagues at the Education Technology Think Tank (ET<sup>3</sup>), Congratulations! You have been nominated by Scientific Learning Corporation and selected to receive congressional recognition via the 2004 ET<sup>3</sup> TEC Champion Leadership Award. This award is presented to those pioneering leaders who have harnessed the power of technology to improve the quality of education for our underserved youth. Because of your inspiring vision and leadership, the children of Lafayette Parish School System are now the beneficiaries of FastForWord, a computerized brain based literacy intervention. We hope that this honor will inspire others to replicate your literacy strategy for success."

Gigi Poglitch, account manager with Scientific Learning Corporation, presented the award to Dr. Easton in front of the Lafayette Parish School Board.

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

- approved corrections of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 11/17/04;
- approved the Sales Tax Collection Report for October, 2004;
- received a report on the status of the Early Childhood Program;
- discussed introduction items: job description for Recruitment and Support Coordinator for Schools of Choice; job description for Instructional Support Coordinator; and Capital Improvement Fund Budget Revision #1 for FY 04-05;
- approved recommended personnel changes as amended;
- approved the base bid, alternate one submitted by Haun Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$82,023 for telescoping gym bleachers at Comeaux High School girls' gym and Judice Middle School gym;
- approved the base bid, alternates one and two, submitted by Pellerin & Wallace, Inc. in the amount of \$147,300 for the re-roofing of the Woodworking Shop Building at the W.D. Smith Career Center;
- approved revisions to Policy File: DFA-E - Millage Rates.



