

Board *notes*

Lafayette Parish Regular Board Meeting December 4, 2002

Moss Chorus Performs for the Board

The Lafayette Parish School Board was entertained with a Christmas presentation by the N.P. Moss Middle School Chorus. Under the direction of Fayester Foulcard, the chorus performed two holiday tunes and their rendition of "You've Got a Friend." Ms. Foulcard then gave the Board a Christmas gift with her performance of "Silent Night."

Board Proclaims Attendance Awareness Week

The Board approved a resolution proclaiming the week of Dec. 9-13 as Attendance Awareness Week. The primary purpose of Attendance Awareness Week is to remind the youth of this parish that regular school attendance helps to mold productive citizens. The Truancy Assessment and Service Center (TASC), working under the direction of Census and Attendance in the Lafayette Parish School System, is reminding parents that it is their responsibility to get their children to school every day.

Board Approves Resolutions for LSBA

The Board approved three resolutions to forward on to the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA), to the Governor, members of the Lafayette Legislative Delegation, the State Superintendent of Public Education, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to Superintendents throughout the state. The first resolution petitions LSBA to sponsor legislation that will change the textbook adoption cycle to coincide with major states and also to allocate sufficient funds to cover the increased actual cost of books. The Board approved a resolution endorsing a funding level increase for the Teacher Tuition Exemption Program, which pays tuition costs for hundreds of Lafayette teachers who return to colleges and universities to expand their knowledge base in their subject area and gain certification. The Board also endorsed a resolution

petitioning LSBA to sponsor legislation that will provide early childhood education funding in areas of facilities, staffing, equipment, evaluation, and transportation for state mandated programs. One other resolution was proposed but not acted on by the Board. That resolution requested consideration for the enforcement of laws that would restrict expelled students from driving by suspending their driver's license for a specified time. The Board decided to meet with legislators about the issue and try to get input from parents before endorsing the resolution.

Board Cancels Last December Board Meeting and Reschedules January Meetings.

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holiday schedule, the Board voted to cancel the December 18 meeting. It also voted to move its January meetings to the second and fourth Wednesday of the month since the first Wednesday falls on Jan. 1 (New Year's Day), which is part of the holidays for schools and the administration. The January meetings will be held on the 8th and 22nd.

In other action, the Board:

- approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 11/20/02;
- approved the Ratification of Bills for October, 2002;
- approved the Sales Tax Collection Report for October, 2002;
- received a Curriculum Update Report about the Media Center and libraries;
- approved recommended personnel changes;
- approved the Capital Improvement Fund Budget Revision #1 Fiscal Year 2002-2003;
- approved the Special Revenue Funds Budget Revision #1 Fiscal Year 2002-2003;
- approved the Self-Funded Construction and Bond Funds Budget Revision #1 Fiscal Year 2002-2003.