

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Wednesday, March 7, 2001 - 5:30 P. M., Board Room

Carl LaCombe, President, Presiding

The School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at its meeting place, the Lafayette Parish School Board Administrative Building, Board Room, Lafayette, Louisiana, on Wednesday, March 7, 2001 at 5:30 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl LaCombe, President; David Thibodaux, Vice-President; Kay Gibson, John Earl Guidry, Rickey Hardy, Michael Hefner, Beverly Wilson, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Edward J. Sam (LSBA), Judy Cox (Business)

I. MEETING OPENINGS

The meeting was called to order by LaCombe and opened with a prayer by Hardy. Hefner led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Retired Colonel Paul Morvant and Karen Fontenot with the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #141 presented educational CDs that include 3D World Atlas and Compton's Encyclopedia to the following schools: Acadian Middle, L. J. Alleman Middle, P. Breaux Middle, Broussard Middle, Carencro Middle, Judice Middle, Lafayette Middle, E. A. Martin Middle, Milton Elem/Middle, N. P. Moss Middle, Scott Middle, Youngsville Middle and the Media Center.

The Board recognized and congratulated Sandy LaBry, English, Speech and Foreign Languages Supervisor for participating in the Kennedy Center Partners in Education Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Also recognized and congratulated was Kim Prejean, Librarian at Carencro Heights Elementary, Recipient of the Louisiana Library Association's Modisette Award for Elementary Librarians.

Special recognition to the Acadiana High School Boys State Soccer Team, Division 1-5A Soccer Runners-Up and also to the Acadiana High School Cheerleaders winners of the National Champion Co-ed Cheerleaders Competition.

III. CORRECTIONS AND/OR APPROVAL OF BOARD/COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

a. Regular Board Meeting of 2/21/01

Motion (Hefner, Wilson) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 21, 2001 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

a. Board Insurance Committee and Employee Insurance Advisory Committee of 3/5/01

It was moved by Guidry that the Board approve the above minutes except for Item II. Budget Recommendations for 2001-2002 and that the Committee come back to the Board with three (3) options to consider at the next Board meeting. After further discussion, Guidry withdrew his motion.

Motion (Guidry, Hardy) that the Board receive the report as presented. Motion carried.

b. Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearings of 3/7/01

Motion (Hardy, Hefner) that the minutes of the Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearings of March 7, 2001 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A APPROVAL OF BILLS

a. None

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. None

C. OTHER REPORTS

a. Presentation of 1999-2000 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Motion (Gibson, Guidry) that the Board approve the 1999-2000 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Motion carried.

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Curriculum Update

An update on Teaming was presented to the Board by Ellen Ventress, Curriculum Coordinator.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

a. None

C. OTHER REPORTS

a. None

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

That the Board approve the following personnel changes:

PERSONNEL CHANGES

RESIGNATIONS:

- NICHOLAS, Josie, Teacher - Art/SS - Judice Middle (**Eff. EOD 02/19/2001**)
- SIMON, Mariosa, Teacher - Lang. Arts - Judice Middle (**Eff. EOD 02/13/2001**)
- EBOKO, Priscilla, Teacher - Bilingual - Vermilion Elem. (**Eff. EOD 02/18/2001**)

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- DUGAS, Mary, BS-NSU, 2 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Elem. - S. J. Montgomery Elem. (**Eff. 02/01/2001 - 05/30/2001**)
- PITRE, Sheila, BA-MSU, 6 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Elem. - Ossun Elem. (**Eff. 02/20/2001 - 05/30/2001**)
- MENARD, Eileen, BA-USL, 2 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Elem. - Plantation Elem. (**Eff. 02/15/2001 - 05/30/2001**)
- BROUSSARD, Michelle, BS-USL, No Exp., Teacher - Resource - Scott Middle (**Eff. 02/19/2001 - 05/30/2001**)
- HEBERT, Keri, BA-USL, No Exp., Teacher - Elem. - Scott Middle (**Eff. 02/23/2001 - 05/30/2001**)

RETURNING FROM SABBATICAL LEAVE:

DEAN, Karen, BA-USL, 4 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Kdgn. - J. W. Faulk Elem. (Eff. 01/11/2001)

RESCIND SABBATICAL LEAVE:

ALLAIN, Mary, Teacher - Math - Lafayette High (Eff. 01/11/2001)

SERVICE RETIREMENTS:

- MORROW, Patricia, Teacher - Elem. - Myrtle Place Elem. (Eff. 05/31/2001)
- CORMIER, Irene, Teacher - Elem. - Westside Elem. (Eff. 05/31/2001)
- DELAHOUSAYE, Denise, Teacher - Elem. - Woodvale Elem. (Eff. 05/31/2001)

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT RENEWALS:

- BROUSSARD, Marian, Asst. Prin. - Live Oak Elem. (Eff. 07/08/2001 - 07/07/2005)
- GAUDIN, Jules, Assistant Superintendent of Finance - Central Office (Eff. 07/21/2001 - 07/20/2005)

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

MENARD, Angela, Tea. Asst. - L. J. Alleman Middle (Eff. 03/01/2001 - 05/30/2001)

RETURNING FROM LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

- DeROUEN, Phyllis, Tea. Asst. - J. W. Faulk Elem. (Eff. 03/01/2001)
- LeBLANC, Leona, Tea. Asst. - Live Oak Elem. (Eff. 02/12/2001)

SERVICE RETIREMENT:

ARSEMENT, Shirley, Tea. Asst. - Carencro Hghts. Elem. (Eff. 02/07/2001)

CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

TRANSFER:

BATISTE, George, from Warehouse Worker I - Warehouse to Warehouse Worker I - Child Nutrition Services (Eff. 03/08/2001)

SERVICE RETIREMENT:

ROGER, Edna, Child Nutrition Services Tech. - Carencro Middle (Eff. 03/09/2001)

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

RESIGNATION:

GEORGE, Paul, Custodian - Woodvale Elem. (Eff. EOD 02/15/2001)

B. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL I AT G. T. LINDON ELEMENTARY

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Assistant Principal I at G. T. Lindon Elementary.

C. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF WAREHOUSE WORKER I FOR THE WAREHOUSE AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Warehouse Worker I for the Warehouse at the Central Office.

D. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF SECRETARY I AT JUDICE MIDDLE SCHOOL

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary I at Judice Middle School.

E. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF COMPUTER TECHNICIAN IN THE CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Computer Technician in the Child Nutrition Services Department.

F. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF SENIOR PURCHASING CLERK IN THE CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Senior Purchasing Clerk in the Child Nutrition Services Department.

G. APPROVAL OF CHANGE OF JOB DESCRIPTION OF WAREHOUSE WORKER I

That the Board approve the Change of Job Description of Warehouse Worker I to read Commercial License Preferred.

H. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL EDUCATION BUSES

Bids were received from

Kent-Mitchell Bus Sales

Lingo International, Inc.

That the Board accept the bid of \$706,695.68 from Lingo International, Inc. for the purchase of sixteen(16) Regular Education Buses and the bid of \$353,202.00 from Kent-Mitchell Bus Sales and Service, Inc. for the purchase of six(6) Special Education Buses.

Gibson requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

I. APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVISION #2 FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001

That the Board approve the General Fund Budget Revision #2 Fiscal Year 2000-2001 as recommended by staff.

Hefner requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

J. PERMISSION TO EXERCISE THE RENEWAL OPTIONS ON FISCAL AGENCY CONTRACT

That the Board grant permission to Exercise the Renewal Options on Fiscal Agency Contract with Hibernia National Bank.

Above action item was pulled from the agenda.

K. APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE AND AWARD OIL, GAS & MINERAL LEASE FOR SECTION 16 - RIDGE

That the Board grant approval for the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to advertise and award an oil, gas and mineral lease on about 557 acres of property on Section 16, Township 10 South, Range 3 East located in Lafayette Parish. Royalty and lease revenues from this site are shared between Vermilion Parish who receives 6.09% and Lafayette Parish who receives 93.91%.

L. APPROVAL OF POLICY FILE: GBBAC - HIRING OF LEAP 21 REMEDIATION SUMMER SCHOOL TEACHERS

That the Board approve Policy File: GBBAC - Hiring of Leap 21 Remediation Summer School Teachers.

Wilson requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

M. ELIMINATION OF POLICY FILE: IHAA-R FINAL EXAMINATIONS

That the Board approve the elimination of Policy File: IHAA-R Final Examinations.

Above action item was pulled from the agenda.

N. APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board approve the list of textbooks recommended by the English Language Arts Committees for use in reading in grades K-8, composition in grades 9-12, speech in grades 9-12 and journalism in grades 9-12 for the current adoption cycle, 2001-2007.

Hefner requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

O. APPROVAL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED SCIENCE IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS

That the Board approve the Integrated Science Program for middle schools and that all current Scope, Sequence and Coordination (SS&C) staff be retained as Integrated Science teachers.

Above action item was pulled from the agenda.

P. HIRING ADDITIONAL SCIENCE TEACHERS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED SCIENCE PROGRAM

That the Board approve the hiring of three additional science teachers for implementation of the Integrated Science Program.

Above action item was pulled from the agenda

Motion (Gibson, Wilson) that the Board approve Action Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G and K, that Action Items H, I, L and N be pulled for discussion and that Action Items J, M, O and P be pulled from the agenda. Motion carried. Thibodaux requested that he be recorded as voting NO on Action Items C, E and F.

H. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL EDUCATION BUSES

Motion (Guidry, Hefner) that the Board accept the bid of Lingo International, Inc. in the amount of \$706,695.68 for the lease purchase of sixteen(16) Regular Education Buses and the bid of Kent-Mitchell Bus Sales and Service, Inc. in the amount of \$353,202.00 for the lease purchase of six (6) Special Education Buses. Motion carried.

I. APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVISION #2 FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001

Motion (Hefner, Gibson) that the Board approve the General Fund Budget Revision #2 Fiscal Year 2000-2001 as recommended by staff and that an additional one million dollars be transferred to the Group Health Insurance Fund. Motion carried.

(General Fund Budget Revision #2 Made Part of the Minutes)

L. APPROVAL OF POLICY FILE: GBBAC - HIRING OF LEAP 21 REMEDIATION SUMMER SCHOOL TEACHERS

Motion (Hardy, Wilson) that the Board approve Policy File: GBBAC - Hiring of Leap 21 Remediation Summer School Teachers. Motion carried.

N. APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion (Hefner, Gibson) that the Board approve the list of textbooks recommended by the English Language Arts Committees for use in reading in grades K-8, composition in grades 9-12, speech in grades 9-12 and journalism in grades 9-12 for the current adoption cycle, 2001-2007. Hardy asked that he be recorded as voting NO. Motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were made by the public. No action was taken.

Motion (Guidry, Hardy) that Success for All Program be added to the agenda. Motion carried. Wilson requested that she be recorded as voting NO.

A lengthy discussion was held and the question was called for.

Motion (Guidry, Hardy) that the Success for All teachers be allowed to vote on the Success for All Program, that they not be required to sign the ballots, that the vote be counted at their meeting, that no intimidations to vote in any way be allowed and that all eleven (11) Success for All schools be allowed to vote.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Voting for were Guidry, Hardy, Thibodaux and LaCombe. Voting against were Wilson, Hefner and Gibson. Absent were Sam and Cox. Motion carried.

B. BOARD PRESIDENT/MEMBERS

Comments were made by the Board. No action was taken.

C. SUPERINTENDENT

Comments were made by the Superintendent. No action was taken.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Hardy, seconded by Hefner and carried that the meeting adjourn.

SIGNED:

/s/Carl LaCombe, President /s/James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer

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