

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

### **LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

Wednesday, April 18, 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, April 18, 2001 at 5:30 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carl LaCombe, President; David Thibodaux, Vice-President; Judy Cox, John Earl Guidry, Rickey Hardy, Michael Hefner, Beverly Wilson, Edward J. Sam, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kay Gibson

#### **I. MEETING OPENINGS**

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

Motion (Sam, Guidry) that the Board add Resolution 4-01-1328 - Declaration of Public Emergency as Action Item J. Motion carried.

#### **II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

None

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

##### **A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:**

###### **a. Regular Board Meeting of 4/4/01**

Motion (Hefner, Cox) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 4, 2001 be approved as presented.

##### **B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:**

###### **a. Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearing(s) of 4/18/01**

Motion (Cox, Sam) that the minutes of the Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearing(s) of April 18, 2001 be approved as presented. Motion

carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.IV.  
**FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS**

**A. APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF BILLS ... FEBRUARY, 2001**

- General Fund \$7,868,057.39
- Special Revenues 128,868.18
- Adult Education 86,953.54
- Special Education 226,192.15
- Bond Sinking Fund -0-
- Consolidated School District #1 100.00
- Construction Account 1995 Bond -0-
- Self-Funded Construction 99, 410.73
- Construction Account 1998 Bond -0-
- Construction Account 1999 Bond 107,196.34
- IASA Title I (Federal Programs) 249,628.74
- Child Development -0-
- IASA Title II/Title IV/Title VI 137,726.18
- School Food Service 255,029.09
- Capital Improvement 103,171.62
- Employee Insurance Fund 1,353,070.24
- LPSB General & Auto Loss Fund .8,192.13
- LPSB Workmen's Compensation 78,841.75
- TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$10,702,438.08

Motion (Guidry, Hefner) that the Board approve the ratification of bills for February, 2001 as presented. Motion carried.

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

a. General Fund Cash Receipts and Disbursements for March, 2001

Motion (Guidry, Hardy) that the Board accept the General Fund Cash Receipts and Disbursements for March, 2001. Motion carried.

**C. OTHER REPORTS**

None

**V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

**A. INFORMATION REPORTS**

a. Curriculum Update

Maxine Hamilton, Supervisor of Substance Abuse, presented to the Board a report on Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Program Overview.

**B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

None

**C. OTHER REPORTS**

None

**VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS**

**A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES**

That the Board approve the following personnel changes:

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

**RESIGNATIONS:**

- SPENCER, Thomas, Teacher - Gifted /Lang. Arts - P. Breaux Middle (**Eff. EOD 04/04/2001**)
- COOLEY, Wanda, Teacher - Elem. - E. A. Martin Middle (**Eff. EOD 05/30/2001**)
- MACON, Jennifer, Teacher - Elem. - Myrtle Place Elem. (**Eff. EOD 05/30/2001**)
- BOLLIICH, Brent, Teacher - Math - C.A.P.S. (**Eff. EOD 05/30/2001**)

**SERVICE RETIREMENT:**

HIGGINS, Patricia, Teacher - Elem. - S. J. Montgomery Elem. (**Eff. 05/31/2001**)

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT RENEWALS:**

- RICHARD, Charles, Asst. Prin. - Northside High (**Eff. 07/08/2001 - 07/07/2005**)
- HENRY, Sharon, Asst. Prin. - Prairie Elem. (**Eff. 08/11/2001 - 08/10/2005**)

**CLERICAL DEPARTMENT**

**RESIGNATION:**

JOHNSON, Carole, Sec. I - Instructional Services - (**Eff. EOD 04/20/2001**)

**SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:**

COLOMB, Verna, Tea. Asst. - J. W. Faulk Elem. (Eff. 04/13/2001 At Noon - 05/30/2001)

## **CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES**

### **TRANSFER:**

BROUSSARD, Sheila, from Sec. I - Child Nutrition Services to Senior Purchasing Clerk - Child Nutrition Services (Eff. 04/19/2001)

### **SERVICE RETIREMENT:**

GUIDRY, Rena, Child Nutrition Tech. - Prairie Elem. (Eff. 05/31/2001)

## **CUSTODIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **RESIGNATION:**

TEZENO, Michael, Custodian - Broadmoor Elem. (Eff. EOD 03/27/2001)

## **WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT**

### **RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:**

HAYNES, Clarence, Warehouse Worker I - Warehouse (Eff. 04/05/2001)

#### **B. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF SECRETARY I - INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary I - Instructional Services.

#### **C. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF SECRETARY I - CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES**

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Secretary I - Child Nutrition Services.

#### **D. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: CGC - ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL/PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL TRANSFER, SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT POLICY**

That the Board approve revisions to Policy File CGC: Administrative/Professional and Technical/Professional Personnel Transfer, Selection and Appointment Policy.

Cox requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

E. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND AWARD BIDS FOR MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS, BREAD, PRODUCE, DRY, STAPLE & FROZEN FOOD ITEMS, PORTIONED FRUIT JUICES, PAPER, PLASTIC, JANITORIAL & MISCELLANEOUS KITCHEN EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

That the Board authorize Child Nutrition Services permission to advertise and award bids for Milk and Milk Products, Bread, Produce, Dry, Staple & Frozen Food Items, Portioned Fruit Juices, Paper, Plastic, Janitorial & Miscellaneous Kitchen Equipment & Supplies.

F. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 4-01-1326 - SUPPORTING LOCAL ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX AND OPPOSING SENATE BILLS 170, 171, 193, 909 AND HOUSE BILL 1493

That the Board adopt Resolution 4-01-1326 - Supporting Local Administration and Collection of Local Sales and Use Tax and Opposing Senate Bills 170, 171, 193, 909 and House Bill 1493.

**RESOLUTION - 4-01-1326**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Louisiana grants local governments the right to levy and collect local sales and use taxes while prohibiting many other tax levy sources; and,

**WHEREAS**, sales and use tax revenues for the Lafayette Parish School Board represent approximately 67% of our tax revenues; and,

**WHEREAS**, local administration and collection of sales and use taxes are the best means to protect our most important revenue source and local governments do not wish to delegate the responsibility of managing this critical function to any agency which has no vested interest or accountability to the taxing jurisdiction; now,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lafayette Parish School Board urges and requests every member of the Parish Legislative delegation to vigorously support local administration and collection of these taxes and oppose Senate Bills 170, 171, 193, 909 and House Bill 1493 or any such bill authorizing state administration or collection of local sales and use taxes; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana School Boards Association, to the Governor of Louisiana, members of the Lafayette Legislative Delegation, to the State Superintendent of Public Education, to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and to all Superintendents throughout the state.

**C E R T I F I C A T E**

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Lafayette Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at its Regular Board Meeting of April 18, 2001 at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.

/s/James H. Easton, Ed.D., Secretary-Treasurer

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Wilson requested that this item be pulled for reading purposes.

G. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 4-01-1327 - SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 173 WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO ENACT EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS FROM LOCAL SALES TAXES

That the Board adopt Resolution 4-01-1327 - Supporting Senate Bill 173 which would require a Two-Thirds Majority Vote to Enact Exemptions and Exclusions from Local Sales Taxes.

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**WHEREAS**, sales and use tax revenues for the Lafayette Parish School Board represent approximately 67% of our tax revenues; and,

**WHEREAS**, local administration and collection of sales and use taxes are the best means to protect our most important revenue source; and,

**WHEREAS**, local governments do not wish to have continuing Legislation consisting of exemptions or exclusions which further erode its tax base; and,

**WHEREAS**, the present constitution authorizes the Legislature to exempt or exclude any goods, tangible personal property, or services from local sales or use tax; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 173 proposes a constitutional amendment requiring that exemptions or exclusions must be enacted by the Legislature upon a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each House of the Legislature; now,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lafayette Parish School Board requests every member of our local Legislative delegation to vigorously support Senate Bill 173; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana School Boards Association, to the Governor of Louisiana, members of the Lafayette Legislative Delegation, to the State Superintendent of Public Education, to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and to all Superintendents throughout the state.

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**H. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH CAMPAIGN & OPINION ANALYSTS, INC. FOR REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN**

That the Board authorize the Board President to execute along with the Lafayette City-Parish Council the Agreement for Services with Campaign & Opinion Analysts, Inc. for Reapportionment Plan.

**I. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS FROM ADJOINING PARISHES**

That the Board authorize the Superintendent to grant students from adjoining parishes admission to the Lafayette Parish School System if all requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 17:105 are met.

Wilson requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

**J. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION - 4-01-1328 - DECLARATION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY**

That the Board adopt Resolution 4-01-1328 - Declaration of Public Emergency regarding the re-roofing project at Truman Elementary School.

**RESOLUTION - 4-01-1328**

**DECLARATION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the recent rains caused major water leaks in the present roof structure at Truman Elementary School which were not previously detected; and,

**WHEREAS**, the health and safety of the students and staff at Truman Elementary School are at risk due to the large number of water leaks; and,

**WHEREAS**, valuable equipment and furniture including computers are at risk due to the water leaks; and,

**WHEREAS**, the intercom and fire alarm system's wiring is at risk due to the water leaks; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is insufficient time to fully advertise and receive bids for the re-roofing project and implement the re-roofing operation to protect the health and safety of the students and staff and properly maintain the safety equipment and computers utilized at Truman Elementary; and,

**WHEREAS**, Louisiana Revised Statute 38:2212 (D) (1) provides that the normal public bid requirements shall not apply in cases of extreme public emergency where such emergency has been certified to by the public entity and notice of such public emergency shall, within ten (10) days thereof, be published in the official journal of the public entity proposing or declaring such public emergency; now,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lafayette Parish School Board recognizes and declares that an emergency exists at Truman Elementary School due to the large number of water leaks that may affect the health and safety of the students and staff at the school and may cause severe damage to equipment and computers including safety sensitive intercom and fire alarm wiring and approves and authorizes the expenditure of funds to complete the re-roofing project at Truman Elementary School as soon as possible.

### **C E R T I F I C A T E**

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### **LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

Sam requested that this item be pulled for discussion and reading purposes.

Motion (Hardy, Hefner) that the Board approve Action Items A, B, C, E and H, that Action Items D, F, G, I and J be pulled for discussion. Motion carried. Thibodaux requested that he be recorded as voting NO on Action Items A, B and C.

### **D. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: CGC - ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL/PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL TRANSFER, SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT POLICY**

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**I. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS FROM ADJOINING PARISHES**

Motion (Wilson, Sam) that the Board authorize the Superintendent to grant students from adjoining parishes admission to the Lafayette Parish School System if all requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 17:105 are met, and that the Superintendent be allowed to make decisions as to which students may attend our Parish. Motion carried.

**J. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION - 4-01-1328 - DECLARATION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY**

Motion (Sam, Hardy) that the Board approve Resolution 4-01-1328 - Declaration of Public Emergency regarding the re-roofing project at Truman Elementary School as read. Motion carried.

**VII. REPORTS**

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**B. BOARD PRESIDENT/MEMBERS**

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

**C. SUPERINTENDENT**

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **IX. ADJOURN**

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

SIGNED:

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

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