

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Wednesday, May 2, 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, May 2, 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, Kay Gibson, John Earl Guidry, Rickey Hardy, Michael Hefner, Beverly Wilson, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Edward J. Sam (Business)

I. MEETING OPENINGS

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

A. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion (Hefner, Wilson) that a presentation by Dean Cindi Chance, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, be added to the agenda under Recognitions/Presentations. Also, that Special Board Meeting of May 2, 2001 be added under Approval of Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized two speech students from Carencro Middle School. Kaitlin Broussard performed a Dramatic Interpretation and Jordan Arceneaux presented a Humorous Interpretation. Both students are in Mrs. Kay Chadwick's class.

The Board also recognized and congratulated the retirees from the Lafayette Parish School System for the 2000-2001 school year.

Dean Cindi Chance, from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, presented to Phyllis Bartlett, Title I/Staff Development Facilitator, the Outstanding School/University Collaborative Award for her work with the Professional Development Schools and collaborative efforts with the University.

Also recognized were the Lafayette Parish Students-of-the-Year. Special recognition was given to Katherine Marie Kulbeth, twelfth grade student at Comeaux High winner of the Lafayette Parish Twelfth Grade Student-of-the-Year; Brady Higginbotham, fifth grade student at Ernest Gallet Elementary winner of the Lafayette Parish Fifth Grade Student-of-the-Year, Region III Student-of-the-Year and Louisiana Student-of-the-Year; Philip Cortese, eighth grade student at L.J. Alleman Middle winner of the Lafayette Parish Eighth Grade Student-of-the-Year, Region III Student-of-the-Year and Louisiana Student-of-the-Year.

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

a. Regular Board Meeting of 4/18/01

Motion (Gibson, Thibodaux) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 18, 2001 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

b. Special Board Meeting of 5/2/01

Motion (Hefner, Wilson) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 2, 2001 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

a. Board Insurance Committee and Employee Insurance Advisory Committee Meeting of 4/24/01

Motion (Hefner, Gibson) that the minutes of the Board Insurance Advisory Committee Meeting of April 24, 2001 be approved as amended:

Motion (Dupre, Bourque) that the Board Insurance Committee/Employee Insurance Advisory Committee recommends a 12.5% premium increase along with the following benefit changes; 1) increase the \$20 co-pay to \$30 co-pay, 2) have mandatory generic substitutions for **new** prescriptions and 3) increase the co-pay for 90 day prescriptions from \$10/20 to \$20/40 **effective July 1, 2001.**

b. Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearing(s) of 5/2/01

Motion (Guidry, Cox) that the minutes of the Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearings of May 2, 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. Sales Tax Report of March 31, 2001

Motion (Guidry, Hefner) that the Board accept the Sales Tax Report of March 31, 2001. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Curriculum Update

Harriett Taylor, Supervisor of Student Services, presented to the Board a report on the Department of Student Services.

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

RESIGNATION:

WAY, Mary Elizabeth, Teacher - Lang. Arts - Broussard Middle (Eff. EOD 04/17/2001)

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

PORTIER, LaDonna, Teacher - Elem. - Ernest Gallet Elem. (Eff. 03/23/2001 - 05/30/2001)

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT RENEWALS:

- BOUDREAUX, Dr. Karen, Title I - Program Supervisor/Research & Evaluator - Federal Programs (Eff. 05/03/2001 - 05/02/2005)
- TATE, Timothy, Instructional Supervisor - Federal Program (Eff. 06/01/2001 - 05/31/2005)

SERVICE RETIREMENTS:

BOURGEOIS, M. Anne, Teacher - English - Lafayette High (Eff. 05/31/2001)

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:

WHITAKER, Dolores, School Nurse - Special Education (Eff. 05/03/2001)

TRANSFER:

HIMEL, Rhett, from Tea. Asst. - P. E. - Ernest Gallet Elem. to Computer Tech. - SPED (Eff. 05/03/2001)

CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

TRANSFER:

MENARD, Phyllis, from Data Processing Clerk - Child Nutrition Services to Computer Technician - Child Nutrition Services (Eff. 05/03/2001)

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- PIERRE, Mary, Custodian - Acadiana High (Eff. 05/03/2001)
- IRVIN, Debra, Custodian (Part-Time) - Myrtle Place Elem. (Eff. 05/03/2001)
- MAYON, Ryan, Custodian - Ossun Elem. (Eff. 05/03/2001)
- LILLY, Mary, Custodian - Scott Middle (Eff. 05/03/2001)

B. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: IHAA-R MID-TERM/FINAL EXAMINATIONS (HIGH SCHOOL)

That the Board approve the revisions to Policy File: IHAA-R Mid-Term/Final Examinations (High School).

C. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: JCDB STUDENT DRESS CODE

That the Board approve the revisions to Policy File: JCDB Student Dress Code.

D. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: JCDB-R STUDENT DRESS CODE REGULATIONS

That the Board approve revisions to Policy File JCDB-R Student Dress Code Regulations.

Hardy requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

E. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF LIBRARY PERIODICALS

Bids were received from

- Discount Magazine Subscription
- Magazine Subscriptions PTP
- Demco Media

That the Board accept the bid from Magazine Subscriptions PTP for the purchase of Library Periodicals.

F. APPROVAL OF EARLY RELEASE OF BUDGET FUNDS FOR LIBRARY PERIODICALS

That the Board approve the Early Release of Budget Funds to purchase Library Periodicals for the 2001-2002 school session.

G. APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR FIRE ALARM/INTERCOM SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AT ACADIANA HIGH SCHOOL

Bids were received from

- R.F.B. Electric, Inc.
- E.P. Breaux Electrical, Inc.

That the Board accept the bid of \$337,000 from R.F.B. Electric, Inc. for the replacement and repairs to the fire alarm/intercom system at Acadiana High School.

H. APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR RE-ROOFING PHASE II AT TRUMAN ELEMENTARY

Bids were received from

- Pellerin & Wallace
- Grosjean Contractors
- Vaughan Roofing
- Miller Roofing

That the Board accept the bid of \$353,985 from Vaughan Roofing for Re-Roofing Phase II at Truman Elementary.

I. APPROVAL OF PUPIL PROGRESSION PLAN COMMITTEE

That the Board approve the 2000-2001 Pupil Progression Plan Committee.

J. APPROVAL OF 2001 LEAP 21 SUMMER REMEDIATION SCHOOL FOR GRADES 4 AND 8

That the Board approve the 2001 LEAP 21 Summer Remediation School for Grades 4 and 8.

K. APPROVAL OF PUPIL-TEACHER RATIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002 - MOVED TO SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF MAY 2, 2001.

L. APPROVAL TO RETAIN DESEGREGATION CONSULTING ATTORNEY TO CONDUCT DISTRICT WIDE DESEGREGATION COMPLIANCE AUDIT AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION PLAN FOR ACHIEVING UNITARY STATUS

That the Board approve Retaining a Desegregation Consulting Attorney to Conduct District Wide Desegregation Compliance Audit and Submit Recommendation Plan for Achieving Unitary Status.

Hefner requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

Motion (Gibson, Hardy) that the Board approve Action Items A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I and J, that Action Items D and L be pulled for discussion. Motion carried.

D. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: JCDB-R STUDENT DRESS CODE REGULATIONS

Motion (Hardy, Wilson) that the Board approve the Revisions to Policy File: JCDB-R Student Dress Code Regulations. Motion carried.

L. APPROVAL TO RETAIN DESEGREGATION CONSULTING ATTORNEY TO CONDUCT DISTRICT WIDE DESEGREGATION COMPLIANCE AUDIT AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION PLAN FOR ACHIEVING UNITARY STATUS

Motion (Hefner, Thibodaux) that the Board approve to Retain Desegregation Consulting Attorney to Conduct District Wide Desegregation Compliance Audit

and Submit Recommendation Plan for Achieving Unitary Status and interview the top three candidates.

Substitute motion (Guidry, Gibson) that the Board include in the budget process a line item of \$60,000 to Retain a Desegregation Consulting Attorney to Conduct District Wide Desegregation Compliance Audit and Submit Recommendation Plan for Achieving Unitary Status, and that if the Board chooses to vote to retain a Desegregation Consulting Attorney that the line item remain in the budget, that authorization be given to staff and legal counsel to begin at an appropriate time an assessment of the Board's compliance with the Green Factors concerning desegregation and report back to the Board.

Hefner withdrew his original motion after discussion was held.

The substitute motion becomes the original motion. The Chair called for the vote on the motion. Motion carried. Hardy and Thibodaux requested that they be recorded as voting NO.

VII. REPORTS

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

B. BOARD PRESIDENT/MEMBERS

No comments were made.

C. SUPERINTENDENT

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURN

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

SIGNED:

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

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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