

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 19, 2001 - 1:30 P.M., Board Room

Carl LaCombe, President, Presiding

The School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, met in special session at its regular meeting place, the Lafayette Parish School Board Administrative Building, Board Room, Lafayette, Louisiana, on Wednesday, September 19, 2001 at 1:30 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

I. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION - 9-01-1346 CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF SALES AND USE TAXES THEREIN; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

RESOLUTION - 9-01-1346

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2001**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

TEACHERS COMPENSATION SALES TAX PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR THE LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL 1/2% SALES AND USE TAX TO IMPROVE COMPENSATION FOR ALL CLASSROOM TEACHERS (REGULAR AND SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS, NURSES, ASSESSMENT TEACHERS, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS, SPEECH THERAPISTS, COUNSELORS, LIBRARIANS AND SOCIAL WORKERS) BY AN EQUAL PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN SALARIES AND RELATED BENEFITS.

Shall the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "School Board"), under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, La. R.S. 33:2721.6, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, be authorized to levy and collect an additional tax of one-half of one percent (1/2%) (the "Tax"), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the Parish of Lafayette, all as defined in La. R.S. 47:301 to 47:317, inclusive, except that as provided by Act 2 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature of 1982, the Tax shall not be collected on food and prescription drug items presently exempted from state sales and use taxes under La. R.S. 47:305, with the avails or proceeds of said Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax) being dedicated and used to provide for payment of an equal percentage increase in salaries and related benefits to all classroom teachers (regular and special education teachers, nurses, assessment teachers, school psychologists, speech therapists, counselors, librarians and social workers) beginning January 11, 2002?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Daily Advertiser*, a daily newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in Lafayette, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Office, 113 Chaplin Dr, Lafayette, Louisiana, on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2001, at FIVE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (5:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the

said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2001, as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election, including but not limited to, appropriate submission to the Federal Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Lafayette Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Lafayette Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to levy and collect the sales and use tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

Motion (Guidry, Wilson) that the Board recess for ten (10) minutes. Motion carried.

Motion (Guidry, Hardy) that the Board reconvene. Motion carried.

Motion (Hardy, Gibson) that the Board adjourn the meeting. Motion failed.

Discussion continued on other propositions that were proposed by the Board.

Motion (Hardy, Wilson) that the Board adjourn the meeting.

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

The President called for a ten (10) minute recess.

Motion (Hefner, Hardy) that the Board reconvene. Motion carried.

Discussion continued on propositions. The Board agreed that Draft #4 be discussed at the Regular Board Meeting.

Motion (Hefner, Sam) that the above item be deferred to an Action Item at the Regular Board Meeting of September 19, 2001. Motion carried.

II. ALFRIEDA MASON, SECRETARY I - CENSUS AND ATTENDANCE, APPEAL HEARING

A letter was received from Alfrieda Mason's attorney asking the Board for a continuance on this case. The President informed the Board that the hearing had been canceled.

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

SIGNED:

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

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