

# **LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, November 20, 2002 - 5:30 P. M., Board Room

Judy H. Cox, 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, November 20, 2002 at 5:30 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael C. Hefner, Vice-President (Business)

### **I. MEETING OPENINGS**

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

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

The Board recognized Coach Kevin Smith from O. Comeaux High School, LAHPERD Health Educator of the Year.

Also recognized were the 2003 National Merit Semi-Finalists who represent the top 1/10 of one percent of students in the country. The semi-finalists from Lafayette High School are Matthew J. Dauphin, James W. Deaton, Edward T. Fei, Michelle L. Pentecost, Catherine E. Riley, Regina A. Sullivan, Joshua M. Wilson, Jacob J. Yentzen and Kimberly L. Ziegler; National Achievement Semi-Finalist (competition specifically for African-American students) Quincy Hilliard, Lafayette High School; National Merit Commended Scholars: Rachel D. Jackson, Thomas P. Lachin, Curry W. Smtih, Robert M. Smith, Eric W. Todd, Laura A. Truxillo and Daniel S. Whitman, Lafayette High School; Michael Hulin and Jesse Dugas, Acadiana High School; Emily Ardoin and Christian Allison, Comeaux High School; National Achievement Commended Scholar: Brandon Haynes, Lafayette High School.

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

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

- a. Regular Board Meeting of 11/6/02

Motion (LaCombe, Gibson) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 6, 2002 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

b. Special Board Meeting of 11/20/02

Motion (Sam, LaCombe) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 20, 2002 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

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

a. Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearing(s)

Motion (Sam, LaCombe) that the minutes of the Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearing(s) be approved as presented. Motion carried. Thibodaux recused himself and Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

**IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS**

**A. APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF BILLS ... September, 2002**

- General Fund \$9,105,466.21
- Special Revenues 63,542.38
- Adult Education 35,971.21
- Consolidated Other Federal 472.24
- Special Education 233,697.63
- Bond Sinking Fund 726.50
- Consolidated School District #1 -0-
- Self-Funded Construction 363,770.33
- Construction Account 1999 Bond 48,447.00
- Construction Account 2001 Bond 102,742.01
- IASA Title I (Federal Programs) 161,157.25
- Child Development 169,243.71
- IASA Title II/Title IV/Title VI 99.72
- School Food Service 410,134.63
- Capital Improvement 124,553.17
- Employee Insurance Fund 2,043,217.20
- LPSB General & Auto Loss Fund 48,263.19
- LPSB Workmen's Compensation 126,782.47

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$13,038,286.85

Motion (Thibodaux, Sam) that the Board approve the ratification of bills for September, 2002. Motion carried.

**B. OTHER REPORTS**

a. None

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

### **A. INFORMATION REPORTS**

#### **a. Curriculum Update**

Harriett Taylor, Supervisor of Student Services, presented to the Board an overview of accountability results for Lafayette Parish School System, and also spoke about the Fall, 2002 School Report Card that is given to parents and principals which shows how well students are performing in their schools.

### **B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

a. None

### **C. OTHER REPORTS**

a. None

## **VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES**

#### **PERSONNEL CHANGES**

##### **RESIGNATIONS:**

- DUPRE, Janet, Teacher - Option 3 - W. D. Smith Career Center (**Eff. EOD 11/04/2002**)
- MILLIGAN, Elizabeth, Teacher - Math/Science - L.A.P.S. (**Eff. EOD 10/24/2002**)
- CHAMPAGNE, Luc, Teacher - French - Northside High (**Eff. EOD 11/01/2002**)
- WYANT, Lisa, Teacher - English - Northside High (**Eff. EOD 12/03/2002**)

##### **RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:**

- **THE** - HEMBLEM, Sylvester, BA-USL, 27 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - English - Acadiana High (**Eff. 10/24/2002 - 05/30/2003**) **AC# 01.1603..711201.004**
- **SMMGR** - UNDERWOOD, Lorainne, +30-ULL, 35 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Resource - Carencro Middle (**Eff. 11/11/2002 - 05/30/2003**) - **AC# 01.1602..711203.016**
- **FHSL** - GUILBEAU, Kandi, Home School Discipline Coordinator - J. W. James Elem. (**Eff. 11/01/2002**) - **AC# 50.50591.0005.711217.075.0119**
- **TEK** - MALVEAUX, Janice, BS-OOSC, 8 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Kdgn. - L. Leo Judice Elem. (**Eff. 11/07/2002 - 05/30/2003**) - **AC# 01.1601..711201.034**

- **THM - SIMON, Gwendolyn, BS-USL, 10 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Math - Lafayette High (Eff. 12/02/2002 - 05/30/2003) - AC# 01.1603.711201.040**
- **TE2 - OWENS, Roylyn, BA-USL, 31 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Second - Woodvale Elem. (Eff. 10/02/2002) - AC# 01.1601.711201.076**

**TRANSFER:**

**TEK - MARTIN, Cynthia, from Teacher - Charles Burke Elem. to Teacher - Kdgn. - Evangeline Elem. (Eff. 10/14/2002) - AC# 01.1601..711201.027**

**LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:**

**UMSTEAD, Helen, Teacher - Language - Scott Middle (Eff. 01/10/2003 - 05/30/2003)**

**SERVICE RETIREMENT:**

**SIAS, Beatrice, Teacher - Kdgn. - Prairie Elem. (Eff. 11/14/2002)**

**CLERICAL DEPARTMENT**

**RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:**

**CCAS - WEEKLY, Mary Anne, Cler. Asst. - J. W. James Elem. (Eff. 11/21/2002) AC# 01.1601..711503.075**

**TRANSFER:**

**CCAS - MENARD, Cheryl, from Clerical Asst. (Part-Time) - Plantation Elem. to Cler. Asst. (Full-Time) - Plantation Elem. (Eff. 11/01/2002) - AC# 01.1601..711503.058**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:**

**ETSSE - ARNOLD, Vanessa, Tea. Asst. - Lafayette High (Eff. 11/01/2002) AC# 01.1603..711219.040**

**CHILD NUTRITION DEPARTMENT**

**TRANSFER:**

**NSFSM2 - WILLS, Ina, from Child Nutrition Tech. - Broadmoor Elem. to Child Nutrition Manager II - Milton Elem. (Eff. 11/21/2002) - AC# 70.1601.711306.048**

**EXTENSION OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:**

DIXON, Shirley, Child Nutrition Tech. - Comeaux High (Eff. 11/04/2002 - 01/22/2003)

**SERVICE RETIREMENT:**

LANDRY, Anna, Roving Area Manager - Child Nutrition (Eff. 11/28/2002)

**CUSTODIAL SERVICES**

**RESIGNATION:**

McZEAL, Charles, Head Custodian II - Youngsville Middle (Eff. EOD 11/20/2002)

**RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:**

- JCS - ANTOINE, Alvin, Custodian - Charles Burke Elem. (Eff. 11/21/2002) AC# 011601.711804.015
- JCS - TAYLOR, Russell, Custodian - Carencro High (Eff. 11/21/2002) AC# 01.1603..711804.020

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

**RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:**

MMT1 - MILLER, Lance, Tech. I (Telecommunications) - Maintenance Dept. (Eff. 11/21/2002)  
AC# 01.1203..711603

**TRANSFER:**

MM2 - TRAHAN, Horace, from Carpenter II - Maintenance Dept. to Small Engines/Ground  
Mechanic II - Maintenance Dept. (Eff. 11/21/2002) - AC# 01.1203..711606

B. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF ROVING AREA  
MANAGER FOR CHILD NUTRITION

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Roving Area  
Manager for Child Nutrition.

C. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF HEAD  
CUSTODIAN II AT YOUNGSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Head  
Custodian II at Youngsville Middle School.

D. APPROVAL OF 1987 ½ CENT SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION REPORT

That the Board approve the 1987 ½ Cent Sales Tax Distribution Report for fiscal year 2001-2002.

#### E. APPROVAL OF 2002 ½ CENT SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION REPORT

That the Board approve the 2002 ½ Cent Sales Tax Distribution Report for fiscal year 2001-2002.

#### F. APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF METAL ATHLETIC LOCKERS

Bids received from

- Atlas-Edco, Inc.
- Louisiana School Equipment Company, LLC

That the Board accept the bid from Louisiana School Equipment Company, LLC for the purchase of metal athletic lockers to ensure that the school system is in compliance with Title IX Regulations for girls' athletics.

#### G. APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF KEYBOARD LAB EQUIPMENT

Bids received from

- Gitz Music Company
- Lafayette Music Company, Inc.
- Prof Erny's Music Company

That the Board accept the bid from Lafayette Music Company, Inc. for the purchase of keyboard lab equipment.

#### H. APPROVAL TO CONDUCT GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

That the Board approve Eagle Geophysical to conduct geophysical surveys on the following Lafayette Parish School System properties: Comeaux High School, 37 acres; Park next to Plantation Elementary School, 17.5 acres; Plantation Elementary School, 11.95 acres; Sale Tax Office, less than one acre; and Scott Middle School, 20 acres, and that any entry onto the property by the company be coordinated with the site administrator.

#### I. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 11-02-1391 - PARTICIPATION IN THE LOUISIANA QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BOND PROGRAM (YEAR TWO (2)) IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,100,000

LaCombe requested that this item be pulled for roll call purposes.

Motion (Gibson, Sam) that the Board approve Action Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, and that Action Item(s) I be pulled for roll call purposes. Motion carried.

I. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 11-02-1391 - PARTICIPATION IN THE LOUISIANA QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BOND PROGRAM (YEAR TWO (2)) IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,100,000

That the Board adopt Resolution 11-02-1391 - Participation in the Louisiana Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program (Year Two (2)) in an additional amount not to exceed \$3,100,000.

**RESOLUTION 11-02-1391**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION BY THE LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD (THE "BORROWER") IN THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (THE "AUTHORITY") QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BOND PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM"); ESTABLISHING ONE OR MORE QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMIES; ADOPTING ONE OR MORE COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION PLANS; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LOAN FROM THE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES OF THE BORROWER FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE LOAN AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") has established its Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program (the "Program") to allow qualified public schools within the State of Louisiana (the "State") to borrow monies for various projects authorized under the QZAB Regulations (as defined herein); and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has established the Program to reduce the costs, burdens and complexities generally associated with Qualified Zone Academy Bond ("QZAB") financing and to allow qualified public schools to access QZAB financing by borrowing from a loan pool rather than by issuing individual bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borrower has determined that (i) it has a need to finance the projects identified in **Exhibit A** attached hereto (the "Projects"); (ii) the costs of the Projects constitute "Qualified Purposes" pursuant to Section 1397E of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the sections of the Regulations of the United States Department of the Treasury applicable thereto (the "QZAB Regulations"); (iii) it desires to establish one or more Qualified Zone Academies as set forth in **Exhibit B** attached hereto (each an "Academy" and collectively the "Academies") and (iv) it desires to obtain QZAB financing for the Projects and to participate in the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the Program, each of the Academies has received or will receive an allocation of the State's QZAB limitation from the Department of Education of the State and the Borrower will borrow monies from the Program for use in each Academy pursuant

to a Loan Agreement with the Authority (the "Loan Agreement") and the Promissory Note delivered by the Borrower in connection therewith (the "Promissory Note") for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) years at no (0%) interest; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to the Borrowers receipt of its QZAB financing, the Borrower may expend its own funds for the purpose of accomplishing certain portions of the Projects, and reasonably expects to reimburse said expenditures from monies borrowed from the Program, said reimbursement not to exceed the amount of the Loan (as defined herein).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby resolved by the governing body of Lafayette Parish School Board (the "Board"), that:

**SECTION 1.** Each of the Projects shown in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and the expenditures in connection therewith are hereby approved with such changes, additions, or deletions as may be approved by the Borrower's Authorized Representative, and the Borrower hereby declares its intent to undertake the Projects.

**SECTION 2.** Each of the Academies shown in **Exhibit B** attached hereto is hereby designated as a "Qualified Zone Academy" pursuant to the QZAB Regulations.

**SECTION 3.** The Borrower hereby declares its intent to borrow not to exceed \$3,100,000 (the "Loan") from the Authority for the purpose of completing the Projects pursuant to the terms of the Comprehensive Education Plan, the Loan Agreement, the Promissory Note, the Standby Security Agreement, the Contribution Agreement, and the Tax Regulatory Agreement (each as defined herein, and collectively referred to herein as the "Borrower's Financing Documents"). The Loan shall be repaid from Lawfully Available Funds (as defined in the Loan Agreement), and shall be for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) years at 0% interest.

**SECTION 4.** Prior to the closing of the Loan, the Borrower may expend its own funds for the purpose of accomplishing certain portions of the Projects; accordingly, a portion of the proceeds of the Loan may be used to reimburse said expenditures in accordance with the QZAB Regulations and the Borrower's Financing Documents. No portion of the Loan shall be used to reimburse expenditures incurred more than 60 days before the date of this Resolution; furthermore, the allocation of the Loan to reimburse the Borrower shall be made in writing not later than 18 months after the later of: (a) the date the original expenditure is paid or (b) the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the original expenditure is paid. The Loan proceeds shall be used to reimburse Project expenditures and not for the reimbursement of operating costs or similar working capital items. This resolution is the official action of the Board to state the Borrower's intent to reimburse prior Project expenses from Loan proceeds.

**SECTION 5.** The Comprehensive Education Plan for each Academy (the "Comprehensive Education Plan") is hereby approved in substantially the form and on substantially the terms shown on **Exhibit C** attached hereto, with such changes, additions, or deletions as may be approved by the Borrower's Authorized Representative.



**SECTION 6.** The State of Louisiana Qualified Zone Academy Bonds Program Application (the “Application”) is hereby approved in substantially the form and on substantially the terms shown in **Exhibit D**, with such changes, additions, or deletions as may be approved by the Borrower’s Authorized Representative.

**SECTION 7.** The Loan Agreement is hereby approved in substantially the form and on substantially the terms shown in **Exhibit E** attached hereto, with such changes, additions, or deletions as may be approved by the Borrower’s Authorized Representative.

**SECTION 8.** The Promissory Note is hereby approved in substantially the form and on substantially the terms shown in **Exhibit F** attached hereto, with such changes, additions or deletions as may be approved by the Borrower’s Authorized Representative.

**SECTION 9.** The Standby Security Agreement (the “Standby Security Agreement”) is hereby approved in substantially the form and on substantially the terms shown on **Exhibit G** attached hereto, with such changes, additions or deletions as may be approved by the Borrower’s Authorized Representative.

**SECTION 10.** The Contribution Agreement (the “Contribution Agreement”) is hereby approved in substantially the form and on substantially the terms shown on **Exhibit H** attached hereto, with such changes, additions or deletions as may be approved by the Borrower’s Authorized Representative.

**SECTION 11.** The Tax Regulatory Agreement (the “Tax Regulatory Agreement”) is hereby approved in substantially the form and on substantially the terms shown in **Exhibit I** attached hereto, with such changes, additions or deletions as may be approved by the Borrower’s Authorized Representative.

**SECTION 12.** The Board finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special bond counsel in connection with the Loan, and accordingly the law firm of Foley & Judell, LLP, of New Orleans, Louisiana (the “Borrower’s Counsel”), is hereby employed as special bond counsel to the Borrower to do and perform comprehensive legal work with respect to the Loan. Said special bond counsel shall review all documents and cause all necessary changes to be made, confer with the Program’s representatives, and furnish the local counsel’s opinion regarding the Loan. The fee of special bond counsel in connection with the Loan is hereby fixed at a sum not exceeding one fourth (25%) of the maximum fee for comprehensive and coordinate professional services performed in the issuance of revenue bonds allowed by the Attorney General’s fee schedule based on the amount of the Loan, plus “out-of-pocket” expenses, each of said fees to be contingent upon the execution of the Loan.

**SECTION 13.** The Board hereby designates its President and Secretary (either of them acting alone) or such other officer(s) as they may designate as the “Borrower’s Authorized Representative” for purposes of this Resolution. The Borrower’s Authorized Representatives (any one of them acting alone) are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of and in the name of the Borrower, to do any and all things necessary to effectuate and to implement this Resolution, including without limitation (i) to execute and deliver the Borrower’s Financing

Documents; (ii) to arrange for publication of this Resolution as may be required by law; (iii) to accept any qualified contributions from any qualified contributor, (iv) to execute and deliver any and all other agreements, documents or certificates necessary to implement the transactions contemplated herein; and (v) to approve any changes, additions or deletions in any of the Borrower's Financing Documents and other agreements, documents, or certificate referred to or contemplated by this Resolution.

**SECTION 14.** If any provision, item or application of this Resolution or the applications thereof are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications; and, to this end, the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

**SECTION 15.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board and made available to the public in the same manner as other official actions of the Board.

**SECTION 16.** All Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The Chair called for a roll call vote.

YEAS: Judy H. Cox, Kay Gibson, John Earl Guidry, Rickey Hardy, Carl LaCombe, Edward Sam, David Thibodaux, and Beverly Wilson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Michael Hefner

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002.

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

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

## **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**

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

## **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **IX. ADJOURN**

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

SIGNED:

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

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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