

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 1, 2003 - 5:30 P.M., Board Room

Dr. David G. Thibodaux, 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, October 1, 2003 at 5:30 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kay Gibson (Business)

I. MEETING OPENINGS

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

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized Karl Breaux of Breaux's Mart for his \$1,000 donation to the following schools to assist students with uniform purchases. The schools that received \$200 each were: Northside High School, N. P. Moss Middle, J.W. Faulk Elementary, Evangeline Elementary and Acadian Middle School.

Also recognized was Warren Curtis, Superintendent of Livingston Parish, who spoke to the Board about the importance of asking BESE and State Department to support providing additional funding to the MFP formula for renovations of school facilities.

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

a. Regular Board Meeting of 9/17/03

Motion (Cox, Wilson) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 17, 2003 be approved. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

- a. None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF BILLS

- a. None

B. OTHER REPORTS

- a. Approval of Sales Tax Collection Report for August, 2003

Motion (Sam, Hardy) that the Board accept the Sales Tax Collection Report for August, 2003. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

C. OTHER REPORTS

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

That the Board approve the Personnel Changes:

PERSONNEL CHANGES

RESIGNATIONS:

- CREDEUR, Tracy, Teacher - History - Carencro Middle (**Eff. EOD 05/30/2003**)
- FISHER, Eileen, Teacher - Math - N. P. Moss Middle (**Eff. EOD 09/12/2003**)
- ORTEGO, Laura, Teacher - Resource - Plantation Elem. (**Eff. EOD 09/05/2003**)

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- **THSS - DONOVAN, Victoria, BA-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - SS - Acadian Middle (Eff. 08/13/2003) - AC# 01.1602..711201.002**
- **TMF - PONS, Tammy, BA-ULL, 9 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - French (Half-Time)- Acadian Middle and Fourth (Half-Time) - Evangeline Elem. (Eff. 08/13/2003) AC# 01.1602..711208.002 & 01.1601..711208.027**
- **SHISC - UTTER, Diane, +30-USL, 28 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Hearing Impaired - L. J. Alleman Middle (Eff. 08/26/2003) - AC# 01.1602..711203.006**

- **TE1 - PHILLIPS, Sacha, BA-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - First - Alice Boucher Elem. (Eff. 08/13/2003) - AC# 01.1601..711201.008**
- **TMM - BLOOMER, Sarah, BA-LSU, No Exp., Teacher - Math - P. Breaux Middle (Eff. 08/13/2003) - AC# 01.1602..711201.010**
- **TMS - MALONEY, Courtney, BA-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - Science - P. Breaux Middle (Eff. 08/13/2003 - 01/09/2004) - AC# 01.1602..711201.010**
- **SMMGR - SONNIER, Nadena, BS-USL, No Exp., Teacher - M/M - Broussard Middle (Eff. 09/15/2003 - 05/28/2004) - AC# 01.1602..711203.014**
- **SMHSP - ARCENEUX, Joyce, BS-SU, 35 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Sev. Prof. - Carencro High (Eff. 09/02/2003 - 05/28/2003) - AC# 01.1603..711203.020**
- **THGS - TURNER, John, BS-USL, 12 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Science - Carencro High (Eff. 09/02/2003 - 01/09/2004) - AC# 01.1603..711201.020**
- **THPS - GUIDRY, Stephanie, BA-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - Phy. Science - Comeaux High (Eff. 09/22/2003 - 05/28/2004) - AC# 01.1603..711201.022**
- **TE2 - ROAN, Kelly, BA-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - Second - Ernest Gallet Elem. (Eff. 09/09/2003 - 05/28/2004) - AC# 01.1601..711201.031**
- **THM - UDAYAMURTHY, Ashogan, BS-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - Math - Lafayette High (Eff. 09/19/2003 - 01/09/2004) - AC# 01.1603..711201.040**
- **THM - VERRET, Robert, BS-USL, No Exp., Teacher - Math - Lafayette High (Eff. 09/05/2003 - 01/09/2004) - AC# 01.1601..711201.040**
- **SBDSF - DEMOUCHET, Latasha, BA-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - BD - N. P. Moss Middle (Eff. 09/02/2003 - 05/28/2004) - AC# 01.1602..711203.052**
- **SMMGR - LAVIOLETTE., Eva, BA-ULM., 11 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Resource - Plantation Elem. (Eff. 09/10/2003) - AC# 01.1601..711203.058**

RECOMMENDED REAPPOINTMENTS:

- **TCC - COURVILLE, Thomas, BA-USL, 22 Yrs. Exp., Curric. Coord. - Acadian Middle (Eff. 08/13/2003) AC# 50.50591.0005.711201.002.0112**
- **TMIA - MARTIN, Richard, BA-USL, No Exp., Teacher - Ind. Arts - Acadian Middle (Eff. 2003-2004 Session) - AC# 01.1602..711206.002**
- **TMLA - PERRIN, Jennifer, BA-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - Lang. Arts - Acadian Middle (Eff. 08/13/2003) - AC# 01.1602..711201.002**
- **TMLA - RANDELL, Ivy, BA-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - Lang. Arts - Acadian Middle (Eff. 08/13/2003) AC# 01.1602..711201.002**
- **TMV - LEGER, Michelle, BME-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - Vocal - L. J. Alleman Middle (Eff. 08/13/2003) AC# 01.1602..711214.006**
- **TEK - BENTLEY, Katherine, BA-ULL, No Exp., Teacher - Kdgn. - Alice Boucher Elem. (Eff. 2003-2004 Session) - AC# 01.1601..711202.008**

TRANSFERS:

- **TMHP - FORET, Jennifer, from Teacher - E. A. Martin Middle to Teacher - PE - Acadian Middle (Eff. 08/13/2003) - AC# 01.1602..711226.002**
- **TMM - LATIOLAIS, Karen, from Teacher - Fifth - Duson Elem. to Teacher - Math - Acadian Middle (Eff. 08/13/2003) - AC# 01.1601..711201.002**

- **TMC - ROTH, Jennifer, from Counselor - L.A.P.S. to Counselor - Acadian Middle (Eff. 08/06/2003) - AC# 01.1602..711211.002**
- **TE5 - SUTTER, Vivian, from Teacher - Fourth - Evangeline Elem. to Teacher - Fifth - Acadian Middle (Eff. 08/13/2003) - AC# 01.1602..711201.002**
- **TMLA - TOLLIVER, Rachel, from Teacher - Alice Boucher Elem. to Teacher - Lang. Arts - Acadian Middle (Eff. 08/13/2003) - AC# 01.1602..711201.002**
- **TMSM - CONQUE, Collen, from Teacher - Third - Vermilion Elem. to Teacher - Science/Math - L. J. Alleman Middle (Eff. 09/09/2003) - AC# 01.1602..711201.006**
- **TMHP - TAYLOR, Erin, from Teacher - PE - Evangeline Elem. to Teacher - PE (Half-Time) - L. J. Alleman Middle (Eff. 08/13/2003) - AC# 01.1602..711226.006**
- **TEV - JACKSON, Patricia, from Teacher - Vocal - Carencro Middle to Teacher - Vocal - Alice Boucher Elem. (Eff. 08/13/2003) - AC# 01.1601..711214.008**
- **SMMGR - SMITH, Debra, from Teacher - Resource - Acadian Middle to Teacher - Resource - Evangeline Elem. & Ossun Elem. (Eff. 09/10/2003) - AC# 01.1601..711203.27 & 01.1601..711203.57**

SERVICE RETIREMENT:

GULLORY, Peggy, Teacher - SS - L. J. Alleman Middle (Eff. 09/04/2003)

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT RENEWALS:

- **ASTC - CONRAD, Charles, Coord. Of Transportation (Eff. 01/17/2004 - 01/16/2006)**
- **ASTC - LEWIS, Patrick, Coord. Of Transportation (Eff. 01/17/2004 - 01/16/2006)**
- **ABPC - MARTIN, Eileen, Business Partnership Coord. (Eff. 01/03/2004 - 01/02/2006)**

CLERICAL DEPARTMENT

RESIGNATIONS:

- **ANTOINE, Rose, Cler. Asst. - Federal Programs (Eff. EOD 10/24/2003)**
- **RAWLINSON, Donna, Sec. II - Sales Tax (Eff. 10/02/2003 AT NOON)**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:

ETA - HALE, Dustin, Tea. Asst. - Alice Boucher Elem./SEAS/Westside Elem. (Eff. 10/02/2003) - AC# 01.1601..711225.08 & 01.1601..711225.74

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:

ETSSE - BROWN, Shameeca, Tea. Asst. - SEAS - N. P. Moss Annex (Eff. 09/18/2003) AC# 01.1601..711219.199

TRANSFER:

ETSSE - WATERS, Ken, from Head Custodian I - Broadmoor Elem. to Tea. Asst. - P. Breaux Middle (Eff. 09/22/2003) - AC# 01.01602..711219.010

SERVICE RETIREMENT:

ALEXANDER, Elizabeth, Tea. Asst. - Alice Boucher Elem. (Eff. 10/10/2003)

CHILD NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

TRANSFER:

NSFSM2 - BROUSSARD, Melinda, from Child Nutrition Tech. - Judice Middle to Child Nutrition Manager II - Youngsville Middle (Eff. 09/22/2003) AC# 70.1602..711306.078.0116

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

BATISTE, Lydia, Child Nutrition Tech. - Carencro Middle (Eff. 08/13/2003 - 01/09/2004)

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:

UBA - ARCENEUX, Ginger, Bus Attendant - Transportation (Eff. 08/13/2003) AC# 01.1309..711802

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

RESIGNATION:

MOUTON, Lakisha, Custodian - P. Breaux Middle (Eff. EOD 10/22/2003)

B. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT IN THE FEDERAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Clerical Assistant in the Federal Programs Department.

C. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF HEAD CUSTODIAN I AT BROADMOOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Head Custodian I at Broadmoor Elementary School.

D. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: JHF - GRADUATION CEREMONIES

That the Board approve revisions to Policy File: JHF - Graduation Ceremonies.

Hefner requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

E. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 10-03-1416 - NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES MONTH

That the Board adopt Resolution 10-03-1416 - National High School Activities Month.

RESOLUTION 10-03-1416

WHEREAS, the National Federation of High Schools has designated the month of October, 2003 as National High School Activities Month; and,

WHEREAS, more than half of the students in this nation's senior high schools are involved in at least one co-curricular activity; and,

WHEREAS, this other half of education plays a significant role in the total educational development of high school students; and,

WHEREAS, participation in activities such as athletics, speech, music, debate, drama, spirit and others generally lead to positive development for all and often lead to superior achievement; and,

WHEREAS, participation and achievement in those areas, often contributes to increased interest and performance in strictly academic areas; and,

WHEREAS, both academic and co-curricular achievement contribute greatly to the social development and interaction of all high school students; and,

WHEREAS, that development directly benefits local communities by channeling young people's interest and talents into positive efforts, and by instilling in them an early sense of civic duty and community pride; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby proclaim the month of October, 2003 as

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES MONTH

in Lafayette Parish and urge our community to promote activities in recognition of this month.

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 October 1, 2003 at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana, this 1st day of October, 2003.

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

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F. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 10-03-1417 - RED RIBBON WEEK

That the Board adopt Resolution 10-03-1417- Red Ribbon Week.

RESOLUTION 10-03-1417

National Drug Awareness Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug abuse has been identified as one of the greatest threats to the future of our nation, and the 15 to 24 year old age group is dying faster than any other age group; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified preventive education efforts by community members be launched to reduce the demand for drugs; and,

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth, the State Department of Education and the Lafayette Parish School Board Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Program are sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Celebration offering citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug free lifestyles; and,

WHEREAS, the National Red Ribbon Celebration will be celebrated in every community in America during "Red Ribbon Week" October 20-24, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, business, government, law enforcement, schools, religious institutions, service organizations, youth, physicians, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to drug free, healthy lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign; and,

WHEREAS, the community of Lafayette Parish further commits its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon Celebration; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby support October 20 -24, 2003 as

Red Ribbon Week

and encourage citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug free community.

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

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G. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 10-03-1418 - CAPITAL OUTLAY - MFP FORMULA - SCHOOL FUNDING

That the Board adopt Resolution 10-03-1418 - Capital Outlay - MFP Formula - School Funding.

Hardy requested that this item be pulled for reading purposes.

H. APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SUPPLIES

Bids were received from:

- Best Computer Supplies
- Campus Technology
- CCV Software
- Custom Computer Specialists
- Dell Marketing
- Educational Resources
- Learning Services, Inc.
- Logisoft
- MCPC
- Riverdeep
- SDF Professional Computers, Inc.
- Software House International
- Tom Snyder Productions
- Troxell Communications, Inc.

That the Bid of Learning Services, Inc. on items 1-8S, 9P, 14-15S, 18P, 22-23S, 25-26, 27-28P, 29-30S, 34-40P, 42-44S, 45P, 48S, 54-56S, 57P, 58S, 59P and 60-61S be accepted; that the bid of Logisoft on items 1P, 10-13P, 16-18S, 20-22P, 24S, 29-30P, 31-37S and 49P be accepted; that the bid of Software House

International on items 9S, 14-15P, 21S, 27-28S, 31-33P, 41S, 42P, 45S and 62S be accepted; that the bid of Educational Resources on items 19, 23-24P, 54-56P, 57S, 58P, 59S and 60-61P be accepted; that the bid of Custom Computer Specialists on items 10-13S, 16P, 20S and 46S be accepted; that the bid of Tom Snyder Productions on items 2-8P be accepted; that the bid of Dell Marketing on items 41P, 43-44P, 47S and 48P be accepted; that the bid of CCV Software on items 17P and 38-40S be accepted; that the bid of SDF Professional Computers, Inc. on items 46-47P be accepted; that the bid of MCPC on item 50P be accepted; that the bid of Riverdeep on item 62P be accepted; and that the bid of Best Computer Supplies on item 49S be accepted.

Motion (Wilson, Sam) that the Board approve Action Items A, B, C, E, F and H as presented, and that Action Items D and G be pulled for discussion. Motion carried.

D. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: JHF - GRADUATION CEREMONIES

After some discussion, this item was pulled from the agenda.

G. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 10-03-1418 - CAPITAL OUTLAY - MFP FORMULA - SCHOOL FUNDING

RESOLUTION 10-03-1418

CAPITAL OUTLAY - MFP FORMULA - SCHOOL FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish School System and its students have a critical need for adequate facilities and school buildings in which to hold school; and,

WHEREAS, Article VIII, §13(B) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 expressly provides for local and state funding of a minimum program of education for school children in all school districts within the State of Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education is assigned responsibility for and mandated to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program of education in all public elementary and secondary schools and to equitably allocate such funds to parish and city school systems; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana is required by the same provisions of the Constitution of 1974 to provide funding in accordance with the Minimum Foundation Program formula; and,

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of the Parish of Lafayette have heretofore shouldered the burden of providing facilities and school buildings for its school children without a contribution from the State of Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish School Board finds, accordingly, that the State of Louisiana has breached its obligation under Article VIII, §13(B) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 by failing to include funding for educational facilities and school buildings as a component of the formula for a minimum program of education; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board joins in suit against the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the State of Louisiana, and other appropriate parties to require the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the State of Louisiana to meet their Constitutional obligation to provide for and adequately fund a minimum foundation program of education by including the cost of facilities and school buildings in the minimum foundation program for public elementary and secondary schools.

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

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Motion (Hardy/Board Members) that the Board adopt Resolution 10-03-1418 - Capital Outlay - MFP Formula - School Funding. 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 members. 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 LaCombe and carried that the meeting adjourn.

SIGNED:

/s/David G. Thibodaux, Ph.D., President /s/James H. Easton, Ed.D., Secretary-Treasurer

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