

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD RETREAT MEETING**

Friday and Saturday, December 5-6, 2008 - 5:30 P. M., Jefferson Island

Carl J. LaCombe, President, Presiding

The School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, met at Rip Van Winkle Gardens, Jefferson Island, Louisiana, on Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6, 2008 pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl J. LaCombe, President; Mark Babineaux, Hunter Beasley, Shelton J. Cobb, Mark Cockerham, Michael Hefner, Edward J. Sam, and Rae Trahan, Board Members; Burnell Lemoine, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory Awbrey, Vice-President (business)

SESSION I:

OVERVIEW

The Superintendent opened the meeting by informing the Board that Lafayette High School had been awarded a bronze medal by U.S. News and World Report for being selected as one of the top 100 schools in the nation. He also informed them that the Louisiana School Boards Association had approved the Board Retreat as hours needed by Board members to be certified for Act 380.

Staff reviewed their 2007-2008 departmental goals and financial savings in various areas. John Warner Smith, Chief Executive Officer with Education's Next Horizon, spoke about pushing forward to the next horizon of school improvement in Louisiana where each child will reach his or her potential

SESSION II:

Cheryl Taylor, President, Right Angle, unveiled the new logo for the Lafayette Parish School System. Public Relations staff has plans for a kick off campaign that unveils the logo to the public promoting the positives of the Lafayette Parish School System.

Rick Rozelle, President and Chris Craig, Organizational Development Manager of Center for Educational Leadership and Technology, presented the Board a strategic planning tool that helps to identify the right things in an organization to pursue in order to achieve and sustain organizational results.

Staff provided the Board with an update on Academic Audits that have been completed thus far in the lowest School Performance Score schools. The Board was also informed about Immediate Steps for Improving Student Achievement through mandatory use of EduSoft and full implementation of the Louisiana Comprehensive Curriculum.

Organizational changes and a review of maintenance recommendations were also shared with the Board.

A roundtable discussion was held on the following: establishing goals for 2008-2009; transportation; staffing schools; grants, program changes, reconstitution; facilities study; coordinated school health; ESL; and Comprehensive High School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

SIGNED:

/s/ Carl LaCombe

Carl LaCombe, President
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SIGNED:

/s/ Burnell Lemoine

Burnell Lemoine, Secretary-Treasurer
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