

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, January 3, 2007 - 5:30 P. M., Board Room

James H. Easton, Ed.D., Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent, 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, January 3, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl J. LaCombe, President; David Thibodaux, Vice-President; Gregory Awbrey, Hunter Beasley, Rickey Hardy, Michael Hefner, Russell Meyer, Edward J. Sam, and Rae Trahan, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

I. MEETING OPENINGS

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

The Superintendent informed the Board that the Recognition of Acadiana High School Football Team, would be held on January 17, 2007.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS

Louis Perret, Clerk of Court, swore in the following elected Board members: Russell Meyer, District 1; Carl J. LaCombe, District 2; Rickey Hardy, District 3; Edward J. Sam, District 4; Michael C. Hefner, District 5; Gregory Awbrey, District 6; David G. Thibodaux, District 7; Hunter Beasley, District 8; and Rae Trahan, District 9.

**B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:
NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD PRESIDENT FOR 2007**

The Chair called for nominations for president for a one-year term.

Hardy placed in nomination Gregory Awbrey for president for a one-year term. Hefner seconded the nomination.

Awbrey declined the nomination.

Sam placed in nomination Carl J. LaCombe for president for a one-year term. Awbrey seconded the nomination.

It was moved by Thibodaux, and seconded by Hefner and carried that the nominations for president be closed.

The Chair called for a voice vote on the nomination. Motion carried. Hardy and Hefner requested that they be recorded as voting NO.

The Chair announced that LaCombe had been elected President for 2007.

Easton congratulated the new President and turned the meeting over to him.

C. NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 2007

The Chair called for nominations for vice-president for a one-year term.

Hardy placed in nomination Rae Trahan for vice-president for a one-year term. Hefner seconded the nomination.

Trahan declined the nomination.

Awbrey placed in nomination David Thibodaux for vice-president for a one-year term. Sam seconded the nomination.

It was moved by Hefner, seconded by Beasley and carried that the nominations for vice-president be closed.

The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion carried. Hardy and Hefner requested that they be recorded as voting NO.

The Chair announced that Thibodaux had been elected Vice-President for 2007.

OFFICIAL LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS

Carl J. LaCombe, President	District 2
David G. Thibodaux, Vice-President	District 7
Russell Meyer	District 1
Rickey Hardy	District 3
Edward J. Sam	District 4
Michael C. Hefner	District 5
Gregory Awbrey	District 6
Hunter Beasley	District 8
Rae B. Trahan	District 9

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

- a. Regular Board Meeting of 12/6/06

Motion (Thibodaux, Hefner) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 6, 2006 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

- a. None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. APPROVAL OF BILLSOctober, 2006

General Fund.....	\$12,126,187.68
Special Revenues	372,471.13

Consolidated Direct Federal	170,200.58
Adult Education	20,420.64
Consolidated Other Federal	265,819.06
Special Education.....	62,816.97
Bond Sinking Fund	1,024.11
Consolidated School District #1	-0-
Self-Funded Construction	27,515.91
Construction Account 1999 Bond.....	-0-
Construction Account 2001 Bond.....	-0-
IASA Title I (Federal Programs)	594,997.44
Child Development	52,733.68
IASA Title II/Title IV/Title VI	2,841.95
School Food Service	436,912.51
Capital Improvement	423,927.75
Employee Insurance Fund.....	3,087,743.75
LPSB General & Auto Loss Fund.....	73,864.81
LPSB Workmen's Compensation.....	155,630.33
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	 \$17,875,108.30

Motion (Hardy, Sam) that the Board accept the ratification of bills for October, 2006. Motion carried. Thibodaux requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

b. APPROVAL OF BILLSNovember, 2006

General Fund.....	\$12,543,368.32
Special Revenues	378,494.27
Consolidated Direct Federal	102,475.85
Adult Education	30,278.68
Consolidated Other Federal	4,967.95
Special Education.....	157,897.34
Bond Sinking Fund	650.00
Consolidated School District #1	-0-
Self-Funded Construction	19,956.74
Construction Account 1999 Bond.....	33,351.09
Construction Account 2001 Bond.....	-0-
IASA Title I (Federal Programs)	183,891.10
Child Development	63,601.19
IASA Title II/Title IV/Title VI	7,853.05
School Food Service	435,554.37
Capital Improvement	151,104.39
Employee Insurance Fund.....	2,472,947.74
LPSB General & Auto Loss Fund.....	65,527.72
LPSB Workmen's Compensation.....	166,547.65
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	 \$16,818,467.45

Motion (Hardy, Sam) that the Board accept the ratification of bills for November, 2006. Motion carried. Thibodaux and Awbrey requested that they be recorded as voting NO.

- B. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - a. Sales Tax Collection Report for November, 2006

Motion (Thibodaux, Hardy) that the Board accept the Sales Tax Collection Report for November, 2006. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

- a. None

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

- a. None

C. OTHER REPORTS

- a. None

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

Personnel Changes

January 3, 2007

Leaves Requested

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Note
Fusilier, Karen	Carencro HS	Secretary	11/29/06-02/05/07	Leave without pay
Pizzeck, Beth	Ridge ES	Teacher	01/10/07-05/31/07	Sabbatical leave

Exiting Employees

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Fund	Note
Matthews, Lisa	Human Resources	Receptionist	1/3/2007	01	Termination
Trahan, Rae	Transportation	Bus Driver	12/31/2006	01	Resignation

Number of Full-Time Employees by Funding Source as of December 31,

General Fund (01)	3,651
2002 Sales Tax (15)	106
Special Revenues (20)	13
Other Grants (25)	36
Consolidated Adult Education (30)	8
Special Education (40)	118
Self-Funded Construction (45)	1
IASA Title I (50)	108
Consolidated Other State (55)	10
Child Development--Head Start (60)	84
IASA Titles II/III/IV/VI (65)	28
Child Nutrition (70)	188
Group Insurance Fund (85)	2
TOTAL	4,353
Total Last Month	4,337
Total Year Ago	Unavailable

Motion (Hardy, Thibodaux) that the Board approve the Personnel Changes. Motion carried.

- B. RESOLUTION 01-07-1544 – DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY
That the Board adopt Resolution 01-07-1544 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

WHEREAS, contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. have had a significant impact on the Civil Rights Movement of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, all people of all creeds, colors, ethnic backgrounds, and socio-economic levels, can benefit from the principles that Dr. King preached; and,

WHEREAS, in this time of increasing violence, Dr. King's emphasis on nonviolence and calls for peace are even more poignant; and,

WHEREAS, in this time when many are again attempting to focus on ethnicity and race as primary considerations, the message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that people should "...not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character..." can and should provide enlightened guidance; and,

WHEREAS, in this time when so many seemed determined to tear apart the fabric of our society, Dr. King's plea for all Americans to transcend the things which separate and divide us so that we might reach that spiritual plateau where we can celebrate our common humanity assumes an even greater urgency; and,

WHEREAS, in this time when so many choose to criticize and belittle this country, Dr. King's references to America and "...the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence..." as positive ideals devoutly to be embraced and good ideas enthusiastically to be pursued can and should provide refreshing insight into the wonder and glory of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, students and the general public will be able to participate in a variety of activities sponsored by the Lafayette Martin Luther King Holiday Committee; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby support January 15, 2007, the national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and directs our administrators and teachers to remember this famous American through appropriate classroom and school activities which focus upon his dream of unity and brotherhood of all Americans.

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 January 3, 2007, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana,
this 3rd day of January, 2007.

/s/ James H. Easton

James H. Easton, Ed.D, Secretary-Treasurer
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Motion (Sam, Thibodaux) that the Board approve Resolution 01-07-1544 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. 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 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 Thibodaux, seconded by Trahan, and carried that the meeting adjourn.

SIGNED:

/s/ Carl J. LaCombe

Carl J. LaCombe, President
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SIGNED:

/s/ James H. Easton

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