

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, March 5, 2008 - 5:30 P. M., Board Room

Carl J. LaCombe, 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, March 5, 2008 at 5:30 P.M. pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carl J. LaCombe, President; Gregory Awbrey, Vice President; Mark Babineaux, Hunter Beasley, Mark Cockerham, Michael Hefner, Lionel Lewis, Jr., Edward J. Sam, and Rae Trahan, Board Members; Burnell Lemoine, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**I. MEETING OPENINGS**

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

**ADD TO THE AGENDA**

Motion (Hefner, Cockerham) that the Board add to the Information Agenda: Kennedy Center Art Education Project. Motion carried.

Motion (Hefner, Sam) that the Board add to the Action Agenda: Addendum to Personnel Changes. Motion carried.

**II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

The Board congratulated Northside High School Vikings Wrestling Team for winning the 2007-2008 LHSAA Division II State Wrestling Championship at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner on February 9, 2008. The state championship is Northside High's fourth in five years and is coached by John Simmons and the Assistant Coach Blaine Trahan.

The Board recognized the following teachers who earned Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards bringing the total of National Board Certified Teachers in Lafayette Parish to thirty-seven: Mary Beaulieu, Plantation Elementary; Yvonne Gamble, Lafayette High; Paula Landry, Milton Elementary; William Lee, Terry Turner and Holly Buffy, P. Breaux Middle; Christy Sturm, Carey Lemoine and Cheryl Broussard, Prairie Elementary; Tia Trahan, Drexel Elementary; Marie-Josée Grondin, Acadiana High; and Sue Prudhomme, Ossun Elementary.

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

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

- a. Regular Board Meeting of 2/20/08

Motion (Hefner, Sam) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 20, 2008 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

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

- a. Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearing(s) of 3/5/08

Motion (Hefner, Babineaux) that the minutes of the Special Committee Meeting on Expulsion Hearing(s) of March 5, 2008 be accepted. Motion carried.

### **IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS**

#### **A. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

- a. None

#### **B. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- a. Sales Tax Collection Report for January, 2008

Motion (Awbrey, Sam) that the Board accept the Sales Tax Collection Report for January, 2008. Motion carried.

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

#### **A. INFORMATION REPORTS**

- a. Curriculum Update

Sandy LaBry, Instructional Supervisor, informed the Board that the Kennedy Center is excited to develop an arts education plan for the Lafayette Parish School System. By working together, the group will develop a partnership model to provide comprehensive arts instruction for school-age children that can be adapted in communities across Louisiana and throughout the United States. Lafayette will serve as an arts education role model for the nation.

Nicole Boudreaux, Foreign Languages Supervisor and Sandra Billeaudeau, Principal of A. Boucher Elementary, informed the Board that the World Language Program at A. Boucher Elementary began with the creation of a Spanish Immersion Program, which is now in its third year, and also offers French to Academically Able Students in grades 3, 4 and 5.

- b. Legal Representation

Beasley asked the Board to explore the possibilities of hiring new legal representation for the Lafayette Parish School System.

- c. Grant Submission: Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate

Programs (GEAR UP) Grant

Burnell LeJeune, Director of Career and Technical Education and Schools of Choice informed the Board that the school system has submitted a second GEAR UP grant for the September 1, 2008 through August 30, 2010 funding cycle. This comprehensive program will provide extensive services, leading to improved student performance in core academic subjects, increased student commitment to education and higher rates of student enrollment in postsecondary education, including universities, colleges, technical colleges and vocational programs. Approval to accept the grant will be brought back to the Board upon notification by the U.S. Department of Education.

d. Results of LPSS Auction held on February 16, 2008

Billy Guidry, Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer informed the Board that the auction held on February 16, 2008 had been very successful and that approximately \$16,000 had been received. Pedersen & Pedersen Auctions, Inc. (P& PA, Inc.) provided auctioneering services.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

a. Textbook Adoption Reading K-5 and Literature 6-12. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

b. Early Release of Funds for Textbooks and Consumables. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

C. OTHER REPORTS

a. None

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL CHANGES

**Personnel Changes**

**March 5, 2008**

**New Employees**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Johnson, Wadra	Plantation ES	SpEd Tea. Asst.	02/19/08	01	Special Ed. Approval
Menard, Ramona	Truancy Dept.	Clerical Asst.	03/06/08	01	Board Approval
Prejean, Sr., Esteve	Drexel ES	Custodian	02/18/08	01	Board Approval
Willis, Angela	Broadmoor ES	SpEd Tea. Asst.	03/03/08	01	Replacing C. LeBlanc

**Employee Transfers**

<i>Name</i>	<i>From/To</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Biasiolo, Fabienne	Evangeline ES to Boucher ES (French) (Magnet Focus Teacher)	02/22/08	57	Magnet Schools A+ACCESS Grant
*Syrie, Georgia	In-House transfer from Half-Time Title I Teacher to Full-Time ELA Teacher	02/27/08-05/26/08	01	Replacing K. Simeral

## One-Year Appointments & Substitutes

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Contract Term</i>	<i>Note</i>
Bourque, Summer	Carencro ES	Title I Teacher	02/25/08 – 05/26/08	New Position
Cannon, Martin	Northside HS	Engineering	02/27/08 – 05/26/08	Replacing D. Spikes
Chirdon, Crystal	Carencro HS	Phy. Science Teacher	02/27/08 – 05/26/08	Replacing C. Wilson
Courville, Agnes	Evangeline ES	French Teacher	02/26/08 – 05/26/08	Replacing F. Biasiolo
Dresser, Heidi	Acadiana HS	At-Risk Intervent. Tea.	02/27/08 – 05/26/08	New Position
Duhon, Nicole	Westside ES	Title I Teacher	03/04/08 – 05/26/08	New Position
Fanguy, Laycie	Comeaux HS	Art Teacher	03/03/08 – 05/26/08	Replacing J. Fox
Labatat, Bridget	Plantation ES	SpEd Tea. Asst.	02/20/08 – 05/26/08	Special Ed. Approval
LeJeune, Nelda	Prairie ES	Half-Time Title I Teacher	02/13/08 – 05/26/08	New Position
<b>*Ruffin, Geneva</b>	Moss MS (G.H.)	½ Time Title I Teacher	02/25/08 – 05/26/08	New Position

## Leaves Requested

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Note</i>
Sadou, Roumana	Prairie ES	SpEd. Tea. Asst.	02/14/08 – 02/13/09	Leave Without Pay

## Other Action

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Note</i>
Ardoin, Christopher	Technology Dept	Computer Tech. (Federal Programs)	02/19/08	Should be Fund 50 not Fund 25
Chavis, Joanne	Burke ES	Counselor	02/07/08	Should be Fund 25 not Fund 01
Lagrange, Donovan	Carencro HS to Central Office (BD Teacher to C. I. Teacher)		11/26/07	Should be Fund 40 not Fund 01
Nehrbass, Elizabeth	Acadian MS to VCC (ELA Teacher to Lead ELA Teacher Middle and High)		12/06/07	Should be Fund 50 not Fund 01
<b>* Syrie, Georgia</b>	Moss MS (G. H.)	Title I Teacher	02/01/08-05/26/08	Should be Half-Time not Full-Time

## Exiting Employees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Chaisson, Joseph	Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance	02/13/08	01	Resignation
Crisler, John	Gallet ES	P. E. Teacher	03/05/08	01	Retirement
Marler, Rebecca	Moss Annex	Hospital/Homebound	02/29/08	01	Retirement
Melancon, Dale	Carencro HS	Math Teacher	02/23/08	01	Retirement
Melancon, Patricia	Faulk ES	Cler. Asst.	09/05/2008	01	Retirement
Nero, Barbara	Adult Ed.	Tea. Asst.	03/19/08	01	Retirement
Prejean, Mary Ann	Montgomery ES	SpEd Tea. Asst.	05/26/08	01	Resignation
Richard, Marcell	Northside HS	P. E. Teacher	02/24/08	01	Deceased
Simeral, Kellie	Moss MS	Gr. 6 ELA Teacher	02/25/08	01	Resignation
Terrell, Erin	Broussard MS	Power Reading Tea.	03/07/08	01	Resignation
Wilford, Lucinda	Carencro MS	Custodian	03/03/08	01	Resignation

## \*Retiree Returning to Work

## Number of Full-Time, Active Employees by Funding Source as of February 26, 2008

General Fund (01)	3410
2002 Sales Tax (15)	99
Special Revenues (20)	19
Other Grants (25)	37
Consolidated Adult Education (3)	9
Consolidated Other Federal Programs (35)	1

Special Education (40)	123
Self-Funded Construction (45)	1
IASA Title I (50)	81
Consolidated Other State (55)	9
Child Development & Head Start (60)	76
IASA Titles II/III/IV/VI (65)	31
Child Nutrition (70)	193
Group Insurance Fund (85)	2
Magnet Grant (57)	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>4,102</u>
Total last month	4,104
Total year ago	4,260

AA. ADDENDUM TO PERSONNEL CHANGES

**Personnel Changes - Addendum  
March 5, 2008**

**New Employees**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Christophe, Jennifer	Montgomery ES	SpEd Tea. Asst.	03/03/08	01	Replacing T. Martin
Francis, Clayton	Maintenance Dept.	Carpenter I	03/10/08	01	Replacing M. Newton
McVicar, Arthur	Maintenance Dept.	Carpenter I	03/17/08	01	Replacing T. Dugas
Melancon, Justin	Maintenance Dept.	Electrician I	03/17/08	01	Replacing E. Broussard
Narcisse, Jr., Walter	Career Center	Custodian	03/06/08	01	Replacing J. Joe

**Employee Transfers**

<i>Name</i>	<i>From/To</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Beyt, Linda	Lead Teacher to Environmental Science Pathway Coordinating Teacher	02/21/08	57	Magnet Schools A+ ACCESS Grant
Pippin, Barbara	PreK to Recruiting & Marketing Assistant	03/06/08	57	Magnet Schools A+ ACCESS Grant
Stone, Peggy Begnaud	Montgomery ES to Alleman MS (Interpreter)	02/27/08	40	Replacing M.

**One-Year Appointments & Substitutes**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Contract Term</i>	<i>Note</i>
Aymond, Angela	Carencro HS	Math Teacher	03/03/08 – 05/26/08	Replacing D. Melancon
Broussard, Mary	Faulk ES	Enrichment Teacher	03/04/08 – 05/26/08	Replacing K. Couvillion
Miller, Jessica	Carencro MS	Title I Teacher	03/04/08 – 05/26/08	New Position
<b>*Mills, Sara</b>	Moss Annex	Homebound Teacher	03/03/08 – 05/26/08	New Position
Mire, Leslie		Speech Pathology	03/17/08 – 05/26/08	New Position
Scott, Celeste	Moss Annex	Homebound Teacher	02/29/08 – 05/26/08	Replacing R. Marler
Theriot, Angela	Evangeline ES	Title I Teacher	03/05/08 – 05/26/08	New Position

**Other Action**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Note</i>
Terrell, Erin	Broussard MS	Power Reading Tea.	03/14/08	Resigned 03/14/08 not 03/07/08

**Leaves Requested**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Note</i>
Billeaudeau, Brenda	Lafayette MS	Discipline Ctr. Facilitator	03/17/08 – 05/26/08	Sabbatical Leave

**\*Retiree Returning to Work**

**Number of Full-Time, Active Employees by Funding Source as of March 4, 2008**

General Fund (01)	3416
2002 Sales Tax (15)	99
Special Revenues (20)	19
Other Grants (25)	35
Consolidated Adult Education (3)	9
Consolidated Other Federal Programs (35)	1
Special Education (40)	120
Self-Funded Construction (45)	1
IASA Title I (50)	80
Consolidated Other State (55)	10
Child Development & Head Start (60)	76
IASA Titles II/III/IV/VI (65)	31
Child Nutrition (70)	193
Group Insurance Fund (85)	2
Magnet Grant (57)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,095</b>
Total last month	4,076
Total year ago	4,260

- B. REVISIONS TO 2008-2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR  
That the Board approve revisions to 2008-2009 School Calendar.
- C. NEW LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THIRD PARTY BUS USE  
That the Board approve a new lease agreement for third party bus use.
- D. RESOLUTION 03-08-1602 APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION FOR REFUNDING PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$51,300,000.  
That the Board adopt Resolution 03-08-1602 Application to the State Bond Commission for Refunding Public School Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$51,300,000.

**RESOLUTION 03-08-1602  
APPLICATION TO STATE BOND COMMISSION FOR  
NOT EXCEEDING \$51,300,000 OF  
REFUNDING PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS**

A resolution making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to issue, sell and deliver not exceeding \$51,300,000 of Refunding Public School Bonds of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, all in the manner provided for by Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, that:

SECTION 1. Application be and the same is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority for the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), to issue, sell and deliver not exceeding \$51,300,000 of Refunding Public School Bonds of the Issuer (the "Bonds"), to bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding five percent (5%) per annum, to mature no later than April 1, 2019, to be sold at par or a discount not exceeding 5% thereof, all in the manner provided for by Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, for the purpose of refunding the Issuer's outstanding (i) Public School Bonds, Series 1995B; (ii) Public School Bonds, Series 1998; and (iii) Public School Bonds, Series 1999, and paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, which Bonds shall be secured by and payable from a 1% sales and use tax authorized at an election held on September 18, 1965.

SECTION 2. A real necessity is hereby found for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the aforesaid bonds, and accordingly Foley & Judell, L.L.P., Bond Counsel, are hereby employed and requested to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the issuance of the aforesaid bonds of the District for the purposes stated hereinabove. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale of the bonds, and shall furnish their opinion covering the legality of the issuance thereof. The fee of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the each issue or series of bonds of the District is hereby fixed at a sum not to exceed the maximum fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for comprehensive legal and coordinate professional services in the issuance of revenue bonds, based on the amount of said bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses. Bond Counsel fees may be paid from the proceeds of said bonds and shall be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of each issue or series of bonds. Pursuant to instructions from the Chairman of the Governing Authority, Foley & Judell, L.L.P. shall also assist in the preparation of an official statement containing detailed and comprehensive financial and statistical data required with respect to the sale of the aforesaid bonds; and the costs of the preparation and printing of such official statement may be paid from the proceeds of the issue for which it has been prepared. Said official statement shall be submitted to such nationally recognized bond rating service or services as may be recommended by Bond Counsel, together with a request that an appropriate rating be assigned. Payment for all ratings shall be made by the Secretary, upon presentation of appropriate statements from the particular rating services furnishing

the ratings. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fee herein designated, and the Secretary is hereby empowered and directed to make payment to said Bond Counsel in payment of the fees herein provided for under the conditions herein enumerated.

SECTION 3. The Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to prosecute the refunding and the Bond Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by this Governing Authority.

SECTION 4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to said State Bond Commission by the Parish School Board or the Parish School Board's bond counsel, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application. By virtue of applicant/issuer's application for acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval is expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing and other matter subject to the approval, including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap or other product or enhancement covered thereby.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Gregory Awbrey, Mark Babineaux, Hunter Beasley, Mark Cockerham, Michael Hefner, Carl LaCombe, Lionel Lewis, Jr., Edward Sam, and Rae Trahan

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2008.

/s/ Carl LaCombe

/s/ Burnell Lemoine

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Carl LaCombe, President  
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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Burnell Lemoine, Secretary-Treasurer  
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF LAFAYETTE

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution



adopted by said Parish School Board on March 5, 2008, making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to issue, sell and deliver not exceeding \$51,300,000 of Refunding Public School Bonds of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, all in the manner provided for by Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said Parish School Board at Lafayette, Louisiana, on this, the 5th day of March, 2008.

/s/ Burnell Lemoine

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Secretary-Treasurer

(SEAL)

Motion ( Hefner, Awbrey) that the Board approve Action Items A, B, C, and D. 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 Sam, seconded by Beasley, and carried that the meeting adjourn.

SIGNED:

/s/ Carl J. LaCombe

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Carl J. LaCombe, President  
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SIGNED:

/s/ Burnell Lemoine

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Burnell Lemoine, Secretary-Treasurer  
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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