

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, March 19, 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 19, 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 Awbrey. Sam led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADD TO THE AGENDA

Motion (Awbrey, Sam) that the Board add to the agenda the following: Permission to Advertise and Fill the Position of Assistant Principal I at S. J. Montgomery Elementary and Addendum to the Personnel Changes. Motion carried.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

a. Regular Board Meeting of 3/5/08

Motion (Sam, Cockerham) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 5, 2008 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

b. Special Board Meeting of March 19, 2008 (BT)

Motion (Awbrey, Cockerham) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 19, 2008 (BT) be approved as presented. Motion carried.

c. Special Board Meeting of March 19, 2008 (RRT)

Motion (Hefner, Lewis) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 19, 2008 (RRT) be approved as presented. Motion carried.

d. Special Board Meeting of March 19, 2008 (canceled)

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

a. None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. APPROVAL OF BILLS

a. APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF BILLS ... January, 2008

General Fund.....	\$10,841,446.74
Special Revenues	83,890.51
Consolidated Direct Federal	1,087,433.29
Adult Education	23,047.40
Consolidated Other Federal	4,092.52
Special Education.....	478,903.97
Bond Sinking Fund	-0-
Consolidated School District #1	-0-
Self-Funded Construction	17,988.47
Construction Account 1999 Bond.....	-0-
Construction Account 2001 Bond.....	-0-
IASA Title I (Federal Programs)	200,854.18
Consolidated Other State	80,894.94
Child Development	725,880.57
IASA Title II/Title IV/Title VI.....	35,456.01
School Food Service	3,103,177.99
Capital Improvement	433,562.45
Employee Insurance Fund.....	2,627,041.83
LPSB General & Auto Loss Fund	46,410.85
LPSB Workmen's Compensation.....	438,821.26
LPSB Other Direct Federal.....	745.95
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	20,229,648.93

Motion (Hefner, Cockerham) that the Board approve the ratification of bills for January, 2008. Motion carried.

B. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Ratification of Purchases for February, 2008

Motion (Awbrey, Cockerham) that the Board accept the Ratification of Purchases for February, 2008. Motion carried.

b. Summary of Grant Funding and Activity

Motion (Lewis, Beasley) that the Board receive the Summary of Grant Funding and Activity Report. Motion carried.

c. Budget-to-Actual Status Report

Motion (Awbrey, Sam) that the Board receive the Budget-to-Actual Status Report. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Curriculum Update

Donna Denny, Director of Technology Services, provided the Board with a Technology Services update and informed them that every Lafayette student needs 21st century skills for success in learning and in life. Technology Services is comprised of three sections: Instructional Technology, Network and Infrastructure, and Support and Repair. The goal of the Lafayette Parish School System is to make the technology environment of our schools match the tools and approaches of the work and civic life that students will encounter after graduation.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

a. Biometrics for Meal Counting. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

b. Child Nutrition Services – Food, Produce, Supply and Equipment Bids. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

c. Science Supplies and Equipment Bid. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

d. Welding Supplies and Equipment Bid. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

e. School Buses Bid. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

f. Three Bell Time System: Order of Schools and Bell Times.

Motion (Hefner, Trahan) that the Board move Three Bell Time System: Order of Schools and Bell Times to the Action Agenda. Motion carried. Awbrey and Babineaux requested that they be recorded as voting NO.

g. Parochial School Zones. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

h. Schools of Choice: Designated Stops. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

i. Revisions to School Accounting and Internal Control Officer Job Description. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

j. Sales Tax Auditing Contract Assignment.

Motion (Hefner, Lewis) that the Board move Sales Tax Auditing Contract Assignment to the Action Agenda. Motion carried.

- k. Edushift Contract Amendment for “A+Access”. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- l. Edushift Contract Amendment for “SHAPE – Supporting Healthy Active People Everyday”. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- m. Edushift Contract Amendment for “Frontiers of American History”. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- n. Edushift Contract Amendment for “Smaller SPACES”. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- o. Edushift Contract Amendment for “C.A.R.E.S.- Counseling At-Risk Elementary Students”. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- p. Edushift Contract Amendment for “M.A.R.K.! – Mentoring At-Risk Kids”. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- q. Edushift Contract Amendment for “LINK – Local Intervention Network for Kids”. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- r. Permission to Approve the Auditor I – Sales Tax Job Description. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- s. Permission to Approve the Maintenance Technician II – Small Appliances Job Description. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- t. Permission to Approve the New Printer II Job Description. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- u. Recommendation for Reduction in Force due to Programming Changes through Reorganization. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

C. OTHER REPORTS

- a. None

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL CHANGES

Personnel Changes

March 19, 2008

New Employees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Albert, Charles	Maintenance	Grounds Maint. Worker	03/20/08	01	Replacing J. Chaisson
Fontenot, Jeremiah	Caencro HS	Custodian	03/20/08	01	Board Approval
Foreman, Veronica	Truman Montessori	Clerical Assistant	03/20/08	01	Replacing M. Voisin
LaFleur, Andrea	James ES	Home School Liaison	03/20/08	50	Replacing K. Guilbeau

Employee Transfers

<i>Name</i>	<i>From/To</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Alfred, Johnnie	Lafayette MS Part-time/Northside HS Full-time (Clerical Assistant)	03/31/08	01	Replacing A. Racca
Bernard, Shane	Ossun ES to Burke ES/Acadiana HS (Custodian)	03/10/08	01	Replacing J. French
Thibodeaux, David	Carencro HS/Ossun ES (Custodian)	03/17/08	01	Replacing S. Bernard

One-Year Appointments & Substitutes

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Contract Term</i>	<i>Note</i>
Bagneris, Melissa	Ossun ES	Title I Teacher	01/21/08 – 05/26/08	New Position
Estay, Vanessa	Boucher ES	MMR Teacher	03/07/08 – 05/26/08	Replacing S. Milburn
Hall, Catherine	L. Leo Judice ES	Kdgn. Teacher	03/07/08 – 05/26/08	Replacing P. Guidry

Other Action

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Note</i>
Muse, Tabatha	Broussard MS	HOST Reading Program	09/08/07	Change from Fund 50 to Fund 01
Jackson, Chiffonia	Burke ES	Counselor	03/31/08	Suspension without pay – One day only

Exiting Employees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Arceneaux, Nellie	Alleman MS	Librarian	05/27/08	01	Retired
French, Jerry	Acadian MS/Burke ES	Custodian	02/29/08	01	Resigned
Gardner, Robert	Lafayette HS	Math Teacher	05/26/08	01	Resigned
Guidry, Lance	Carencro HS	PE Teacher	02/29/08	01	Resigned
LaGrange, Amanda	Ridge ES	ESL Teacher	05/26/08	01	Resigned
Lemelle, Lela	Truancy Office	Attendance Adm.	06/13/08	01	Retired
Willis, Tommy	Northside HS	Custodian	03/11/08	01	Resigned
Wilson, Curtis	Carencro HS	Phy. Science Teacher	03/07/08	01	Resigned

Number of Full-Time, Active Employees by Funding Source as of March 14, 2008

General Fund (01)	3413
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)	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	4,092
Total last month	4,095
Total year ago	4,260

AA. ADDENDUM TO PERSONNEL CHANGES

**Addendum to Personnel Changes
March 19, 2008**

Employee Transfers

<i>Name</i>	<i>From/To</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Hebert, Jed	Montgomery ES (Asst. Prin.) to Drexel ES (Principal II)	03/21/08	01	Replacing S. Wiltz

B. TEXTBOOK ADOPTION READING K-5 AND LITERATURE 6-12

That the Board approve the textbooks recommended by the K-5 Reading, 6-8 Literature, and 9-12 Literature Textbook Adoption Committees for use in grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 respectively, for the current adoption cycle.

C. EARLY RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TEXTBOOKS AND CONSUMABLES

That the Board approve the Early Release of Funds for Textbooks and Consumables for the 2008-2009 school session.

D. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL I AT S. J. MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Assistant Principal I at S. J. Montgomery Elementary.

LaCombe requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

E. SALES TAX AUDITING CONTRACT ASSIGNMENT

That the Board approve the assignment of Lafayette Parish School System's sales tax auditing services contract from Broussard Partners and Associates (BPA) to PRA Government Services, LLC, as outlined in the attached documents.

F. THREE BELL TIME SYSTEM: ORDER OF SCHOOLS AND BELL TIMES

That the Board determine the order of school bell times based on the three bell parent/employee survey and route optimization results.

Hefner requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

Motion (Sam, Cockerham) that the Board approve Action Items A, AA, B, C and E, and that Action Items D and F be pulled for discussion. Motion carried.

D. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL I AT S. J. MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY

Motion (Hefner, Cockerham) that the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Assistant Principal I at S. J. Montgomery Elementary. Motion carried.

F. THREE BELL TIME SYSTEM: ORDER OF SCHOOLS AND BELL TIMES

Motion (Hefner, Lewis) that the Board approve route optimization Scenario 2 which determines the order of school bell times as follows: High Schools – start time 7:15 a.m. and dismissal time 2:15 p.m.; Elementary Schools – start time 7:55 a.m. and dismissal time 2:55 p.m.; and Middle Schools – start time 8:35 a.m. and dismissal time **3:35** p.m. for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried. Awbrey requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

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 Hefner, seconded by Sam, and carried that the meeting adjourn.

SIGNED:

/s/ Carl J. LaCombe

Carl J. LaCombe, President
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SIGNED:

/s/ Burnell Lemoine

Burnell Lemoine, Secretary-Treasurer
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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