

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, March 21, 2007 - 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 21, 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 P. 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 LaCombe and opened with a prayer by Awbrey. Thibodaux led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board congratulated the Lafayette High School Lady Lions soccer team for finishing as state-runners up for 2006-07 in the LHSAA Division I State Girls Soccer Championship at Independence Stadium in Shreveport on February 24, 2007.

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

- a. Regular Board Meeting of 3/7/07

Motion (Hardy, Sam) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 7, 2007 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

- b. Special Board Meeting of 3/13/07

Motion (Hefner, Awbrey) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 13, 2007 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

- c. Special Board Meeting of 3/21/07

The Special Board Meeting of March 21, 2007 was recessed until after the Regular Board Meeting of March 21, 2007

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

- a. None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. a. APPROVAL OF BILLSFebruary, 2007

General Fund.....	\$10,311,202.58
Special Revenues	480,856.79
Consolidated Direct Federal	96,188.99
Adult Education	37,269.10
Consolidated Other Federal	7,505.07
Special Education.....	158,511.89
Bond Sinking Fund	-0-
Consolidated School District #1	-0-
Self-Funded Construction	1,637.04
Construction Account 1999 Bond.....	-0-
Construction Account 2001 Bond.....	-0-
IASA Title I (Federal Programs)	491,441.83
Consolidated Other State	-0-
Child Development.....	104,553.67
IASA Title II/Title IV/Title VI	3,312.39
School Food Service	1,813,549.83
Capital Improvement	127,500.79
Employee Insurance Fund.....	1,523,920.64
LPSB General & Auto Loss Fund	28,936.08
LPSB Workmen's Compensation.....	125,325.84
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$15,311,712.53

Motion (Hefner, Sam) that the Board accept the ratification of bills for February, 2007.
Motion carried. Thibodaux requested that he be recorded as NO.

B. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. None

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

- a. Curriculum Update

An executive summary on the Very Special Arts Festival was presented to the Board. The purpose of the festival is to provide children with exceptionalities an opportunity to develop and display their artistic talents. The event is open to all students in special education programs, including preschool programs and the gifted/talented program.

- b. Status Report – Policy Committee for Excess Funds Distribution of 2002 Teacher Tax

The Chair requested that the 2001 Sales Tax Proposition Administrative Plan be sent to the Board members.

c. Board Member Credit Hours

The Superintendent informed the Board that the following Board Members: Gregory P. Awbrey, Hunter Beasley, Michael Hefner, Russell Meyer and David Thibodaux had received Board Member Credit Hours for having recently attended the Louisiana School Boards Association Financial Leadership Workshop. Their attendance is applied towards the mandatory six (6) hours of credit as well as the voluntary LSBA certification. The workshop counted for four (4) hours of credit.

d. RFP for Student Information Management System

Beasley requested that staff have vendors give a presentation to the Board regarding Student Information Management System software.

e. Grants for Early Literacy

Beasley informed the Board that he and another professor will be writing a grant for early literacy which will include one, two and three year olds. The goal of the project is to prepare them for entrance into the LA4 program. Mr. Beasley will provide a copy of the proposal to the Superintendent and the Board.

f. Proposal for the Restructuring of the Grants Administration Department

Hefner provided information to the Board for the restructuring of the Grants Administration Department. He asked that the Superintendent and Board get back with him after looking at the information provided.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

a. Revisions to Policy File: JGCD-R – Regulations for Medication Administration. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

b. New Policy File: JGCE-R – Regulations for Medication Administration while on Field Trips. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

c. Additional Funds to Continue Maintenance Department Operations. Motion (Trahan, Sam) that the Board add to the Action Agenda: Additional Funds to Continue Maintenance Department Operations. Motion carried.

d. Disposition of Real Estate located at 100 Poydras Street (Former J.W. James Elementary School Campus)
Motion (Sam, Thibodaux) that the Board add to the Action Agenda: Disposition of Real Estate located at 100 Poydras Street (Former J.W. James Elementary School Campus)

e. Disposition of Real Estate located at 101 North St. Antoine Street (Former St. Antoine Elementary School Campus)

Motion (Sam, Thibodaux) that the Board add to the Action Agenda: Disposition of Real Estate located at 101 North St. Antoine Street.

- C. OTHER REPORTS
 - a. None

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion (Hardy, Meyer) that the Board divide the question on Personnel Changes, and that employees recommended for termination be pulled from the Personnel Changes and voted on separately as Action Item G. Motion carried.

B. LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD HEAD START BUDGET 2007-2008

That the Board approve the Lafayette Parish School Board Head Start budget for 2007-2008.

C. PHYSICAL EDUCATION EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES BID

Bids were received from:

Aluminum Athletic Equipment Company	M-F Athletic Company, Inc.
BSN Sports	Riddell Athletic Products
Gopher Sports Equipment	US Games-Central
Greg Larson Sports	

That the Board accept the bid of Riddell Athletic Products for Physical Education Equipment and Supplies Bid.

D. ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO CONTINUE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

That the Board approve the addition of \$656,000 to the Maintenance Department general fund budget to continue operations through the end of the fiscal year.

E. DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 100 POYDRAS STREET (FORMER J.W. JAMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS)

That the Board review the property appraisal and inform staff of the Board's decision to either declare the property surplus and sell the site or keep the property.

Hardy requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

F. DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 101 NORTH ST. ANTOINE STREET (FORMER ST. ANTOINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS)

That the Board review the property appraisal and inform staff of the Board's decision to either declare the property surplus and sell the site or keep the property.

Hardy requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

G. PERSONNEL CHANGES-EXITING EMPLOYEES

That the Board approve employees recommended for termination.

Motion (Hardy, Sam) that the Board approve Action Items A, B, C, and D, and that Action Items E, F, and G be pulled for discussion. Motion carried. Thibodaux requested that he be recorded as voting NO on Action Item B.

E. DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 100 POYDRAS STREET (FORMER J.W. JAMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS) AND F. DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 101 NORTH ST. ANTOINE STREET (FORMER ST. ANTOINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS)

Motion (Hefner, Awbrey) that the Board declare the Real Estate located at 100 Poydras Street (former J.W. James Elementary School Campus) and 101 North St. Antoine Street (former St. Antoine Elementary School Campus) as property surplus and offer it for sale at the appraised value to the Sheriff's department.

After some discussion, Awbrey withdrew his second and motion died for lack of a second.

Hefner reinstated his motion, and motion died for lack of a second.

After further discussion, no action was taken.

G. PERSONNEL CHANGES – EXITING EMPLOYEES

Motion (Thibodaux, Sam) that the Board go into executive session. Motion carried.

Motion (Thibodaux, Meyer) that the Board go into regular session. Motion carried.

Motion (Meyer, Thibodaux) that the Board uphold the Superintendent's recommendation to terminate Renee Ventroy, teacher at A. Boucher Elementary School. Motion carried. Hardy and Sam requested that they be recorded as voting NO.

Motion (Thibodaux, Awbrey) that the Board go into executive session. Motion carried.

Motion (Thibodaux, Meyer) that the Board go into regular session. Motion carried.

Motion (Sam, Meyer) that the Board uphold the Superintendent's recommendation to terminate Margaret Alexander, computer proctor at Charter High School. Motion carried. Hardy and Awbrey requested that they be recorded as voting NO.

Motion (Thibodaux, Meyer) that the Board go into executive session. Motion carried.

Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

Motion (Thibodaux, Sam) that the Board go into regular session. Motion carried.

Motion (Awbrey, Thibodaux) that the Board uphold the Superintendent's recommendation to terminate Jessica Theall, teacher at Comeaux High School. Motion carried. Hardy 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 Thibodaux, seconded by Awbrey, 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
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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