

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, April 4, 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, April 4, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl J. LaCombe, President; Rae Trahan, Vice-President; Gregory L. Awbrey, Hunter Beasley, Mark Cockerham, Rickey Hardy, Michael Hefner, Russell Meyer, and Edward J. Sam, 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 Hefner. Beasley led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Sam, Awbrey) that the Board elect a Vice-President to replace Dr. David Thibodaux. Motion carried.

Motion (Hefner, Hardy) that the Board add the following items to the agenda: Special Board Meeting of April 3, 2007 and Naming of Board Room in honor of Dr. David Thibodaux. Motion carried.

Motion (Trahan, Meyer) that the Board also add Transportation Department and Transportation Issues to the agenda. Motion carried.

The Chair called for nominations for Vice-President.

A motion was made by Sam, and seconded by Awbrey that Rae Trahan be placed in nomination for Vice-President.

Hardy placed in nomination Mark Cockerham for Vice-President.

Cockerham declined the nomination.

It was moved by Sam and seconded by Awbrey that nominations for Vice-President be closed. Motion carried.

The Chair called for a voice vote on the nomination. Motion carried.

The Board congratulated Trahan on being selected as Vice-President for the remainder of 2007.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized students from Lafayette High School who are promoting a fund raiser for Sleep-in-the-Box. Money that is collected will be given to the Homeless Program.

Also recognized was Plantation Elementary for being named by Standard and Poor's as one of only 12 Louisiana schools that significantly narrowed the achievement gap between higher and lower performing student groups during the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school years.

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

- a. Regular Board Meeting of 3/21/07

Motion (Sam, Awbrey) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 21, 2007 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

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

Motion (Hefner, Meyer) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 21, 2007 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

- c. Special Board Meeting(s) of 4/4/07

Motion (Hefner, Beasley) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting(s) of April 4, 2007 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

- d. Special Board Meeting of 4/3/07

Motion (Awbrey, Meyer) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 3, 2007 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

- a. Joint Meeting of the Board Insurance Committee/Employee Insurance Advisory Committee of 3/19/07

Motion (Hefner, Awbrey) that the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Board Insurance Committee/Employee Insurance Advisory Committee of March 19, 2007 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- a. None

B. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Sales Tax Collection Report for February, 2007

Motion (Hefner, Sam) that the Board accept the Sales Tax Collection Report for February, 2007. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

- a. Curriculum Update

An executive summary about Smaller Learning Communities was presented to the Board by Burnell LeJeune, Supervisor. This grant is designed to create smaller schools within the large high schools. The goal is to improve school climate, increase student achievement and provide academic rigor.

- b. Naming of Board Room in Honor of Dr. David Thibodaux

A motion was made by Hardy and seconded by Beasley that the Board move to action Naming of Board Room in honor of Dr. David Thibodaux for his hard work and dedication to the Lafayette Parish School System.

After some discussion about students working on a project honoring Dr. Thibodaux, Beasley withdrew his second and the motion died for lack of a second.

- c. Transportation Department and Transportation Issues

Discussion was held regarding plans for the Transportation Department since Ronald Despenza had declined the position of Chief Operations Officer. It was requested that the finance department provide budget information on transportation at the Budget Workshop on April 18, 2007. Also, that information on a three bell system be provided and that goals be established.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

- a. Social Studies Textbooks Adoption. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- b. Advertise and Award Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease for Broadmoor Elementary School Property. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- c. Advertise and Award Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease for E. A. Martin Middle School Property. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- d. Advertise and Award Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease for Prairie Elementary Property. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

- e. Advertise and Award Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease for L. J. Alleman Middle School Property. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- f. Advertise and Award Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease for Woodvale Elementary School Property. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- g. Bathroom Paper and Dispensers Bid. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- h. Limestone Bid. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- i. Library Periodicals Bid. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- j. Early Release of Funds for Library Periodicals. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- k. Early Release of Funds for Copier Agreements. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- l. Early Release of Funds for Replacement Textbooks and Consumables. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- m. Introducing EPA HealthySEAT. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

C. OTHER REPORTS

- a. None

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A PERSONNEL CHANGES

**Personnel
Changes
April 4, 2007**

New Employees	Location	Position	Effective	Fund	Note
Nguyen, Jody	Ridge ES	ESL Teacher Assistant	4/5/2007	01	Replacing C Vu
Bourque, Lyndi	SEAS	Teacher Asst	4/5/2007	40	Replacing A Ball
Aucoin, Karen	Prairie ES	SpEd Teacher Assistant	4/5/2007	40	Replacing J Collins
Nicandro, Irene	Montgomery ES	SpEd Teacher Assistant	4/5/2007	40	Replacing T Clement
Littleton, Lora	Live Oak ES	SpEd Teacher Assistant	4/5/2007	40	Replacing T Gordon
Mai, John	Lafayette HS	Interpreter	4/5/2007	01	Replacing C Moreland
Leger, Linda	Alleman MS	SpEd Mild Moderate	4/5/2007	01	Replacing C Hawkins
Boudreaux, Rachel	SEAS	SpEd Teacher Assistant	4/5/2007	40	Replacing D Chevalier

Employee Transfers & Promotions

Name	From	To	Effective	Fund	Note
Patin, Yvette	Woodvale ES	SEAS (Tchr Asst)	4/5/2007	40	Replacing N Charles
Hebert, David	Teacher (Lafayette HS)	Asst Principal (Broussard MS)	July, 2007	01	Replacing A Lasseigne

Leaves Requested

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Note
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Besse, Christine	Evangeline ES	Teacher	08/13/07-05/31/08	Sabbatical leave
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Exiting Employees

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Fund	Note
Bedel, Josiane	Alleman MS	Teacher	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Lewis, Michelle	Moss Annex	Teacher Asst	3/30/2007	01	Resignation
Nero, Marie	Burke ES	Custodian	3/29/2007	01	Resignation
Williams, Debra	Comeaux HS	Teacher	6/1/2007	15	Retirement
Chaney, Patricia	E Martin MS	Speech Therapist	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Lopez, Rosamaria	Acadiana HS	Teacher	6/1/2007	01	Resignation
George, Eva	Carencro MS	Teacher Asst	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Jones, Kiya	Woodvale ES	Teacher Asst	3/23/2007	01	Resignation
Provost, Kathleen	Lafayette HS	Teacher	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
West, Patricia	Truman Montessori	Teacher	6/1/2007	60	Retirement
Cormier, Geraldine	Transportation	Board Bus Driver	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Zimmer, Mary C	Special Education	Social Worker	6/27/2007	25 & 01	Retirement
Montet, Cynthia	Northside HS	Teacher Asst	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Fontenot, Janel	Drexel ES	Teacher	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Obey, Mathew	Acadian MS	Cafeteria Tech	3/21/2007	70	Resignation
Gothe, Mary	Child Nutrition	Secretary	2/16/2007	70	Retirement
Gartland, Vincent	Transportation	Board Bus Driver	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Lecompte, Vergie	Transportation	Board Bus Driver	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Charles, Nathalie	SEAS	Teacher Asst	3/23/2007	60	Resignation
Duran, Teresa	Sales Tax Office	Secretary	3/30/2007	01	Resignation
Malveaux, Julie	Boucher ES	Teacher	3/13/2007	01	Resignation

Request permission to fill the following vacancies:

Position	Location	Note	Fund
Secretary I	Public Relations	Replacing S Lormand	01
Receptionist	Public Relations	S Jolet	01

Number of Full-Time, Active Employees by Funding Source as of March 30, 2007

General Fund (01)	3,497
2002 Sales Tax (15)	106
Special Revenues (20)	20
Other Grants (25)	35
Consolidated Adult Education (30)	9
Condoliated Other Federal Programs	1
(35) Special Education (40)	110
Self-Funded Construction	1
(45) IASA Title I (50)	101
Consolidated Other State (55)	10
Child Development--Head Start	81
(60) IASA Titles II/III/I V/VI	26
(65) Child Nutrition (70)	190
Group Insurance Fund (85)	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	4,189
Total Last Month	4,182
Total Year Ago	4,284

Awbrey requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

- B. RESOLUTION 04-07-1552 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
That the Board adopt Resolution 04-07-1552 – National Library Week.

RESOLUTION 04-07-1552

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

WHEREAS, our nation's public, academic, school and specialized libraries transform their communities; and,

WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in their communities; and,

WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in the 21st century; and,

WHEREAS, libraries are part of the American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning; and,

WHEREAS, libraries bring you a world of knowledge both in person and online; and,

WHEREAS, libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the “digital divide;”and,

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week with The Campaign for America’s Libraries; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby proclaim April 15-21, 2007 as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

and encourage all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available and thank their librarians and library workers for making information accessible to all who walk through the library’s doors. Come see why now is the perfect time to come together @ your library.

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 April 4th, 2007, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana
this 4th day of April, 2007

/s/ James H. Easton

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

C. REVISIONS TO THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL CALENDAR

That the Board approve revisions to the 2007-2008 School Calendar to reflect the change in the date for graduation for the district high schools.

D. REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: JGCD-R – REGULATIONS FOR MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

That the Board approve revisions to Policy File: JGCD-R – Regulations for Medication Administration.

E. NEW POLICY FILE: JGCE-R – REGULATIONS FOR MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION WHILE ON FIELD TRIPS

That the Board approve Policy File: JGCE-R – Regulations for Medication Administration while on Field Trips.

F. STATUS OF GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

That the Board renew the contract of Amy Trahan, Grants Administrator for the period June 8, 2007 through June 7, 2009.

Meyer requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

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

A. PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion (Awbrey, Hardy) that the Board approve the Personnel Changes. After some discussion Awbrey withdrew his motion.

Motion (Beasley, Hefner) that the Board divide the question regarding Request Permission to Fill the Receptionist and Secretary I vacancies in the Public Relations Department. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

Motion (Awbrey, Hefner) that the Board approve Personnel Changes without the Receptionist and Secretary I vacancies in the Public Relations Department. Motion carried.

Motion (Awbrey, Trahan) that the Board divide the question regarding the separate positions of Receptionist and Secretary I. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

Motion (Awbrey, Beasley) that the Board approve the Receptionist position in the Public Relations Department.

A substitute motion was made by Hardy, that the Board approve the Receptionist and Secretary I positions in the Public Relations Department. Motion died for lack of a second.

The Chair called for a voice vote on the original motion. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

Motion (Beasley, Sam) that the Secretary I position in the Public Relations Department be sent to the next Regular Board meeting under Introduction.

An amendment to the motion was made by Hefner, that the Board defer action on the Secretary I position in the Public Relations Department until the budget hearing when Public Relations' cost center is discussed. Motion carried.

F. STATUS OF GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

Motion (Meyer, Beasley) that the Board not renew the contract of Amy Trahan, Grants Administrator which becomes effective at the end of the day of June 7, 2007; and that any statements made by Ms. Trahan to the media or any individuals concerning the action of other employees of the system in the handling of any matters connected with the office of the Grants Administrator have not been considered and they form no basis whatsoever in the decision not to renew this contract.

After some discussion, Awbrey called for the question.

A substitute motion was made by Hardy that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to renew the contract of Amy Trahan, Grants Administrator for the period of June 8, 2007 through June 7, 2009. Motion died for lack of a second.

The Chair called for a voice vote on the original motion. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

Motion (Awbrey, Beasley) that the Board eliminate the Grants Administrator position.

A substitute motion was made by Hefner and seconded by Hardy that the Board schedule a Board Workshop regarding "Functions of Grants Administrator's Office".

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion. Voting for were: Hardy, Hefner, Meyer and Sam. Voting against were: Awbrey, Beasley, Cockerham, LaCombe, and Trahan. Motion failed.

Motion (Awbrey, Beasley) that the Board eliminate the Grants Administrator position.

Hefner called a Point of Order because the item was not on the agenda.

A substitute motion was made by Beasley that the Board direct the Superintendent to instruct Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer to oversee the budget of Title I due

to the realization that Title I funds have not yet been received, and that only a few months remain for the Lafayette Parish School System to receive those funds from the state; and to direct Grants Administrator Ms. Amy Trahan to turn over any and all documents pertaining to the eGrant application to the Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer prior to the April 10, 2007 Technical Assistance Meeting with the Louisiana State Department of Education; incase the Technical Assistance Meeting with the State Department is canceled or postponed any and all documents pertaining to the eGrant application will be turned over to the Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer on or before April 10, 2007.

Awbrey withdrew his original motion and seconded Beasley's motion which became the original motion.

After some discussion, Beasley withdrew his motion.

Motion (Awbrey, Beasley) that the Board buyout the remainder of the Grants Administrator's contract.

A substitute motion was made by Hefner that the Board send the above item to the next scheduled Board Workshop. Motion died for lack of a second.

Hefner called a Point of Order because the item was not on the agenda.

After some discussion, Awbrey withdrew his original motion.

Motion (Awbrey, Beasley) that the Board add buying out of Grants Administrator's contract to the Action Agenda.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Voting for were Awbrey, Beasley, Cockerham, Meyer, and Trahan. Voting against were: Hardy, Hefner and LaCombe. Sam abstained. Motion failed.

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/ James H. Easton

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