

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, May 2, 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, May 2, 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 Awbrey, Hunter Beasley, Mark Cockerham, Michael Hefner, Russell Meyer, and Edward J. Sam, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rickey Hardy (death in family)

I. MEETING OPENINGS

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion (Sam, Meyer) that the Board add the following to the agenda: Special Board Meeting of May 2, 2007 and Sick Leave Bank: Policy Exception. Motion carried.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized the Overall Winners of the 2007 Very Special Arts Festival. They are: Visual Arts – Devin Mercier, Acadiana High and Marie Lovullo, teacher; Caroline Harbison, Morgan Horne, and Tatum Taylor, P. Breaux Middle and Barbara Begnaud, teacher; Craft Arts: Carl Celestine, Damien Singleton, Seth Cox, Antoine Charles and Kendrea Dixon, Acadiana High and Bridget Manuel, teacher.

Also recognized were the 2006-2007 Students of the Year. They are as follows: **Fifth Grade Students** - Caitlan Gordon, Acadian Middle; Haley Laque, L. J. Alleman Middle; Bianca James, Boucher Elementary; Heather Huffman, Broussard Middle; Emily Robinson, Burke Elementary; Brooke Dobbs, Carencro Heights Elementary; Stacey Knowles, Duson Elementary; Breiona Adams, J. W. Faulk Elementary; Kimberly Cornay, Gallet Elementary; Stephanie Watson, J. Wallace James Elementary; Taylor Perrault, Live Oak Elementary; Austin Canty, Martin Middle; Nicholas Zagzoug, Milton Elementary; Lindsey Harris, S. J. Montgomery Elementary; Zachary Rivers, Myrtle Place Elementary; Carolyn LeBlanc, Ossun Elementary; Elise Cosse, Plantation Elementary; Cameron Michalk, Prairie Elementary; Gabe Smith, Ridge Elementary; Destiny C. Sam, Scott Middle; and Stephen Harst, Youngsville Middle. **Eighth Grade Students** - Allison Blessman, Acadian Middle; Anne Brennan, L. J. Alleman Middle; Alexa Thibodeaux, P. Breaux Middle; Jorge Villagomez, Broussard Middle; Jasmine Latiolais, Judice Middle; Amanda Jude, Lafayette Middle; Ann-Elise Bertrand, E. A. Martin Middle; Jaylon Darby, Milton Middle; Angelica Rideaux, N. P. Moss Middle; Kristyn Alleman, Scott

Middle; Dylan Charpentier, Youngsville Middle. **Twelfth Grade Students** - David Harvey, Acadiana High; Renee' Nguyen, Carencro High; Wesley Taylor, Comeaux High; Tanmay Misra, Lafayette High; and Breannie Charles, Northside High and **Competition Winners:** Bianca James, Boucher Elementary; Alexa Thibodeaux, P. Breaux Middle and Tanmay Misra, Lafayette High.

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

- a. Regular Board Meeting of 4/18/07

Motion (Hefner, Meyer) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 18, 2007 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

- b. Special Board Meeting of 5/2/07

Motion (Hefner, Awbrey) that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 2, 2007 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

- a. None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- a. None

B. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Sales Tax Collection Report for March, 2007

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

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

- a. Curriculum Update

An executive summary on the World Languages Academy Spanish Immersion Program at A. Boucher Elementary was presented to the Board by Sandra Billeaudeau, principal of A. Boucher Elementary. The goals for the students enrolled in the program are: to become fluent speakers of the target language; perform academically as well as non-immersion peers; and gain an understanding and a positive attitude toward multiculturalism. This program was created in compliance with the desegregation order, with the goal of attracting other ethnicities to offset the majority population of school.

- b. 2002 Half-Cent Sales Tax Interest Reserve Payout to Classroom Teachers

Billy Guidry, Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer informed the Board that the payout due to the accumulation of interest in the reserve fund as stipulated in the 2002 ½ cent

sales tax is \$147.85. Mr. Guidry also informed the Board that the Blue Ribbon Committee would be reinstated.

- c. Intergovernmental Agreement with Sheriff's Department

This item was deferred until the next Regular Board Meeting.

- d. Transportation Audit Report

This item was deferred until the next Regular Board Meeting.

- e. eGrant Update

Beasley requested that the eGrant application be presented to the Board at the next Regular Board Meeting.

- f. Sick Leave Bank: Policy Exception

Motion (Awbrey, Sam) that the Board add this item to the Action Agenda.
Motion carried.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

- a. Bids for Youngsville Middle School Re-roofing Project. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- b. Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education Local Application Plan. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- c. Meal Price Increase for Middle School Campuses. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

C. OTHER REPORTS

- a. None

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL CHANGES

The Board Attorney informed the Board that the attorney for Linda Sam, had requested that she be removed from the Personnel Changes because she had requested a hearing before the Board.

**Personnel Changes
May 2, 2007**

New Employees

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Fund	Note
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Williams, Junius	Boucher ES	Custodian	5/3/2007	01	Replacing J Mouton
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Leaves Requested

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Note
Neto, Pauline	P Breaux MS	Teacher	08/09/07 - 01/07/08	Sabbatical leave
Benoit, Carol	Judice MS	Cafeteria Tech	04/02/07 - 05/31/07	Leave without pay
Garbarino, Stacey	Carencro HS	Teacher	08/09/07 - 01/07/08	Sabbatical leave
Vondenstein, Marie	Burke ES	Teacher	08/09/07 - 05/31/08	Sabbatical leave
Daigle, Elizabeth	Gallet ES	Teacher Asst.	03/27/07 - 05/25/07	Leave without pay
Thompson, Linda	Lafayette MS	Teacher Asst.	05/21/07 - 05/31/07	Leave without pay
Cormier, Carla	Gallet ES	Custodian	03/30/07 - 05/31/07	Leave without pay
Donellan, Jeanne	Acadiana HS	Teacher Asst.	05/03/07 - 05/31/07	Leave without pay
Motte, Ebony	Broussard MS	Teacher	08/09/07 - 01/07/08	Sabbatical leave

Other Action

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Note
Garner, Daniel	Alleman MS	Teacher	May 3 & 4, 2007	Suspension without pay
Glover, Gregory	Woodvale ES	Custodian	May 3 - 7, 2007	Suspension without pay
Duplechin, Gerald	Carencro HS	Teacher	May 3 - 7, 2007	Suspension without pay
LeJeune, Hayley	Carencro HS	Teacher	May 3 - 7, 2007	Suspension without pay
Cormier, Geraldine	Transportation	Board Bus Driver	6/1/2007	Rescind retirement

Exiting Employees

Name	Location	Position	Effective	Fund	Note
Rice, Alana	Gallet ES	Teacher	4/18/2007	01	Resignation
Royer, Kristin	Carencro HS	Teacher	5/31/2007	01	Resignation
Villemarette, Diane	Northside HS	Teacher	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Martin, Jacqueline	Carencro HS	Teacher	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
McNeal, Linda	Evangeline ES	Teacher	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Brasseaux, Glenda	Myrtle Place ES	Teacher	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Foster, Patricia	Comeaux HS	Teacher	7/9/2007	15	Retirement
Walker, Cynthia	Scott MS	Teacher	9/4/2007	01	Retirement
Murphy, Mary	Broadmoor ES	Teacher	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Lavezzorio, Marilyn	Carencro HS	Teacher	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Reamer, Brenda	Alleman MS	Teacher	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Coles, Judith	Career Center	Secretary	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Pipkin, David	Live Oak ES	Teacher	3/23/2007	01	Resignation
Dalfrey, Mary	Westside ES	Cafeteria Mgr	6/1/2007	70	Retirement
Sonnier, Marlene	Evangeline ES	Teacher	8/21/2007	01	Retirement
Broussard, Pamela	Live Oak ES	Teacher Asst.	5/31/2007	01	Resignation
Martin, Glynn	Scott MS	Teacher	6/1/2007	01	Retirement
Marks, Mary	Evangeline ES	Cafeteria Mgr	6/1/2007	70	Retirement
Daigle, Cody	Moss Annex	Teacher	5/31/2007	15	Resignation

Request permission to fill the following vacancy:

Position	Location	Explanation	Fund
Chief Operations Officer	Central Office	Mr. Despenza declined position	01

Number of Full-Time, Active Employees by Funding Source as of April 25, 2007

General Fund (01)	3,495
2002 Sales Tax (15)	106
Special Revenues (20)	20
Other Grants (25)	35
Consolidated Adult Education (30)	9
Consolidated Other Federal Programs (35)	1
Special Education (40)	108
Self-Funded Construction (45)	1
IASA Title I (50)	102
Consolidated Other State (55)	10
Child Development--Head Start (60)	81
IASA Titles II/III/IV/VI (65)	26
Child Nutrition (70)	190
Group Insurance Fund (85)	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	4,186
Total Last Month	4,189
Total Year Ago	4,284

B. RESOLUTION 05-07-1554 – NATIONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS MONTH AND NATIONAL EMPLOYEE FITNESS MONTH

That the Board adopt Resolution 05-07-1554 – National Physical Education and Sports Month and National Employee Fitness Month.

RESOLUTION 05-07-1554

WHEREAS, the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports has designated the month of May 2007 as National Physical Education and Sports Month and National Employee Fitness Month; and,

WHEREAS, National Physical Education and Sports Month is our country’s celebration of Fitness and Sports and many agencies have initiated Fitness programs designed to improve our quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, National Physical Education and Sports Month is a time when we can do something special to direct deserved national attention to this extraordinary effort; and,

WHEREAS, the opportunities they provide have been instrumental in influencing millions of Americans to participate in Fitness and Sports activities; and,

WHEREAS, all employees will have the opportunity to participate in some type of physical fitness programs and activities; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that children learn the sports and other skills that lead to participation and enjoyment throughout life; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School System does hereby proclaim the month of May 2007 as

**NATIONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS MONTH
AND
NATIONAL EMPLOYEE FITNESS MONTH**

in Lafayette Parish and urge our community to promote activities in recognition of this month.

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 May 2, 2007 at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana,
this 2nd day of May 2007.

/s/ James H. Easton

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

- C. RESOLUTION 05-07-1555 – SCHOOL NURSE DAY
That the Board adopt Resolution 05-07-1555– School Nurse Day.

RESOLUTION - 05-07-1555

WHEREAS, it is important that we recognize the efforts of school nurses and their association with the students of our schools; and,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the care of and contributions being made to the overall development of our children by school nurses; and,

WHEREAS, we express our gratitude and appreciation for the expertise of school nurses in our school environment and acknowledge their vital role as professionals; and,

WHEREAS, May 9, 2007 has been designated by the National Education Association as a day of honor for our school nurses; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby support May 9, 2007, as

SCHOOL NURSE DAY

in Lafayette Parish and urges our community to promote activities in recognition of this month.

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LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

- D. RESOLUTION 05-07-1556 – TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
That the Board adopt Resolution 05-07-1556 – Teacher Appreciation Week.

RESOLUTION 05-07-1556

WHEREAS, teachers personify America's belief that universal public education is a key to meeting the challenges of our changing world; and,

WHEREAS, teachers strive to make every classroom an exciting, productive place to learn and grow; and,

WHEREAS, teachers reach out to foster the well-being of each student, regardless of ability, social or economic background, race, ethnic origin, or religion; and,

WHEREAS, teachers motivate individual students to find new directions in life and to reach high levels of achievement; and,

WHEREAS, teachers influence our lives long after our school days are only memories; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2007, as

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

and urge all citizens to observe this week by taking time to remember and salute the teachers who shape the future of our children, our community, and the community of nations.

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/s/ James H. Easton

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LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

- E. RESOLUTION 05-07-1557 – CHILD NUTRITION EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION
That the Board adopt Resolution 05-07-1557 – Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation.

RESOLUTION 05-07-1557

CHILD NUTRITION EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, nutritious meals at school are an essential part of the school day; and,

WHEREAS, the staff of the Child Nutrition Services Department are committed to providing healthful, nutritious meals to the children of the Lafayette Parish School System; and,

WHEREAS, the men and women who prepare and serve school meals help nurture our children through their daily interaction and support; and,

WHEREAS, the week of May 7-11, 2007 is Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board expresses its deep appreciation to these valuable employees and commends their good work on behalf of the children.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

- F. 2007 SUMMER PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

That the Board approve the 2007 Summer Program for Middle and Secondary School students that need to repeat one or more subjects.

G. 2007 GEE SUMMER REMEDIATION PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

That the Board approve the 2007 GEE Summer Remediation program for high school students in the core curriculum areas of Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies to assist students in passing the GEE (exit exam).

H. 2007 EXTENDED LEARNING SUMMER PROGRAM, KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 7TH GRADE

That the Board approve the 2007 Extended Learning Summer Program for Kindergarten through seventh grade at Acadian and Carencro Middle, K. Drexel Elementary, Evangeline Elementary, J. Wallace James Elementary, Live Oak Elementary and Ossun Elementary, and the site of the Broadmoor/E.A. Martin Middle ESL program.

I. 2007 ESL SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM, PRE-K –TWELFTH GRADE

That the Board approve the 2007 ESL Summer School Program, Pre-K through 12th grade.

J. GRADES 4TH AND 8TH LEAP SUMMER REMEDIATION SCHOOL

That the Board approve Grades 4th and 8th LEAP Summer Remediation School.

K. SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)

That the Board approve the Special Education Extended School Year (ESY).

L. TITLE I PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM (JUNE 4-29 AND JULY 2-13, 2007)

That the Board approve the Title I Preschool Summer Program (June 4-29 and July 2-13, 2007).

Beasley requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

M. HIPPY SUMMER PROGRAM (JUNE 4-29, 2007)

That the Board approve the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) Summer Program (June 4-29, 2007).

Beasley requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

N. EARLY CHILDHOOD – FOUR YEAR OLD SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

That the Board approve the Early Childhood – Four Year Old Summer School Program (June 4-29, 2007 and July 2-13, 2007).

Beasley requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

O. EPA HEALTHY SEAT

That the Board approve the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Healthy School Environments Assessment Tool (Healthy SEAT) as the official environmental assessment guideline for the Lafayette Parish School System.

P. ACADIANA HIGH PARTIAL RE-ROOFING PROJECT BIDS

That the Board award the low bid and alternate #1 for the Acadiana High School Partial Re-roofing project to A & L Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$762,755.

Q. BROUSSARD MIDDLE RE-ROOFING PROJECT BIDS

That the Board award the low bid and all three alternates for the Broussard Middle School Re-roofing project to Grosjean Contractors in the amount of \$466,900.

R. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION FORM

That the Board receive an update regarding Superintendent Evaluation Form.

Awbrey requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

S. SICK LEAVE BANK: POLICY EXCEPTION

That the Board approve an exception to Policy File: CGPGG – Sick Leave Bank to allow employees to donate sick leave days to Aimee M. Thibodaux for extended bereavement leave.

Motion (Awbrey/Trahan) that the Board approve Action Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, O P, Q and S, and that Action Items L, M, N, and R be pulled for discussion. Motion carried.

L. TITLE I PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM (JUNE 4-29 AND JULY 2-13, 2007)

Motion (Beasley, Sam) that the Board approve the Title I Preschool Summer Program (June 4-29 and July 2-13, 2007). Motion carried.

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R. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION FORM

The Chair requested that this item be brought back to the Board at the next Regular Board Meeting.

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 Awbrey, seconded by Beasley, 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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