

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, May 18, 2005 - 5:30 P. M., Board Room

Dr. David G. Thibodaux, 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 18, 2005 at 5:30 P.M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David G. Thibodaux, President; John Earl Guidry, Vice-President; Judy H. Cox, Kay Gibson, Rickey Hardy, Michael C. Hefner, Carl LaCombe, Edward J. Sam, and Beverly Wilson, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

I. MEETING OPENINGS

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

The Superintendent informed the Board that the following items were being pulled from the Agenda: Introduction Items b. Playground Equipment Bid, and g. Revision of Policy File: BCBD - Agendas, and Action Item F. Legal Services Review.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized Michael T. Louviere, Northside High School graduate, recipient of the Poche' Prouet Associates, Ltd. Engineering/Architecture Scholarship to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in the amount of \$1,000.00. This is the fifteenth (15) year that Poche' Prouet Associates, Ltd. has offered a scholarship.

Also recognized was Vicki Nettles with the Acadian Society for Autistic Citizens for its donation of books to the Lafayette Parish School System on behalf of two different families who lost loved ones in 2004.

The Board congratulated the following students who participated in the State Elementary Public School Fitness meet at LSU in Baton Rouge: Jacob Francis, Carencro Heights; Aaron Thornton, Prairie Elementary; Daniel Brown, Plantation Elementary; Amber Lauchner, Plantation Elementary, (finished 2nd overall amongst girl participants); Tylor Payne, Broadmoor Elementary; and Dijon Simmons, Carencro Heights Elementary.

Also congratulated were the following teachers for achieving certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standard: Juanita Barras, Charles M. Burke Elementary; Laurie Godshall, Lafayette High; Vachella Jones-Dobbins, Prairie Elementary; Cheryl Lambert, Broussard Middle; Harriet Maher, Lead Teacher; Carolyn Pierre, Broussard Middle; Diane Touchet, Lafayette

High; and Brandy Welch, Acadian Middle.

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

- a. Regular Board Meeting of 5/4/05

Motion (Guidry, LaCombe) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 4, 2005 be approved as presented. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

- a. None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. a. APPROVAL OF BILLSMarch, 2005

General Fund	\$10,756,504.53
Special Revenues	153,011.09
Consolidated Direct Federal	104,984.33
Adult Education	22,596.48
Consolidated Other Federal	11,059.24
Special Education	487,909.48
Bond Sinking Fund	-0-
Consolidated School District #1	-0-
Self-Funded Construction	38,082.82
Construction Account 1999 Bond	0-0
Construction Account 2001 Bond	-0-
IASA Title I (Federal Programs)	204,657.43
Child Development	377,207.90
IASA Title II/Title IV/Title VI	29,136.17
School Food Service	390,050.47
Capital Improvement	745,409.38
Employee Insurance Fund	2,365,032.38
LPSB General & Auto Loss Fund	19,477.64
LPSB Workmen's Compensation	174,407.31
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$15,879,526.65

Motion (Sam, Guidry) that the Board approve the ratification of bills for March, 2005. Motion carried. Hardy requested that he be recorded as voting NO.

B. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. None

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

- a. 2005-2006 Designated Stops and Express (Transit) Routes

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

- a. Early Release of Funds for Library Periodicals. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- b. Playground Equipment Bid (pulled from agenda)
- c. Exhaust Hood/Fan Replacement for Comeaux High School Bid. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- d. Exhaust Hood/Fan Replacement for Northside High School Bid. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- e. Walk-in Cooler/Freezer Replacement for J. W. Faulk Elementary School Bid. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- f. Revisions to Policy File: DJDA-R - Travel Expense Reimbursement Regulations. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.
- g. Revisions to Policy File: BCBD - Agendas (pulled from agenda)

C. OTHER REPORTS

- a. None

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

**PERSONNEL CHANGES - May 18, 2005
(positions are funded via General Fund, unless noted otherwise)**

NEW HIRE:

ARCENEUX, Debra, Custodian - Ossun Elem. [new position in accordance with formula]
(Effective 05/19/2005)

EXITING EMPLOYEES:

WILLS, Ina, Child Nutrition Manager III - Charles Burke Elem. (Resignation Effective End of the Day 05/02/2005) [Fund 70]

DAVID, Samuel, Teacher - PE - Comeaux High (Resignation Effective End of the Day 5/31/2005)

FAULK, Ellen, Teacher - Pre-K - K. Drexel Elem. (Resignation Effective End of the Day 06/01/2005)

FREDERICK, Claudette, Tea. Asst. - SPED - S. J. Montgomery Elem. (Disability Retirement Effective 04/04/2005)

BRACKIN, Steve, Teacher - BD - N. P. Moss Annex (Service Retirement Effective 04/29/2005)

SORRELL, JR., John, Teacher - Physics - Northside High (Resignation Effective End of the Day 06/01/2005)

ROBICHEAUX, Georganna, Federal Program Reading Teacher - Adult Ed. (Service Retirement Effective 05/26/2005)

PALOMBO, John, Teacher - Math - L.A.P.S. (Resignation Effective End of the Day 07/15/2005)

LEWIS, Lena, Bus Attendant - Transportation Dept. (Resignation Effective End of the Day 04/22/2005)

SABBATICAL LEAVE:

NWANERI, Leslie, Teacher - SS - Scott Middle (Professional Improvement Sabbatical effective 08/15/2005 - 01/12/2006)

LEAVES REQUESTED:

NEZEY, Dana, Tea. Asst. - SPED - P. Breaux Middle (Leave Without Pay Effective 04/29/2005 - 06/01/2005)

FONTENOT, Marguerite, Child Nutrition Manager III - Comeaux High (Leave Without Pay Effective 04/04/2005 - 09/30/2005)

WALLIS, Wendy, Teacher - 5th - Prairie Elem. (Leave Without Pay Effective 2005-2006 Session)

VALDETERO, Blake, Counselor - Carencro Middle (Maternity Leave Effective 05/02/2005 - 05/02/2006)

RETURNING FROM LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

BOUDREAUX, Lynette, Cler. Asst. - Prairie Elem. (Effective 06/01/2005)

BEUTOW, Barbara, RN - Nursing Dept. (Effective 05/18/2005)

RETURNING FROM MATERNITY LEAVE:

SINGLETON, Shawnette, Teacher - PE - Acadian Middle/L. J. Alleman Middle (Effective 04/04/2005)

TRANSFERS:

RICHARD, Brenda, from Child Nutrition Tech. - Charles Burke Elem. to Child Nutrition Tech. - P. Breaux Middle (Effective 05/09/2005)

ALLEMAN, Tammy, from Child Nutrition Tech. - Comeaux High to Child Nutrition Tech. - Charles Burke Elem. (Effective 05/09/2005)

SUSPENSIONS WITHOUT PAY:

DURBIN, John-Carencro High School, four days (Effective May 19, 20, 23, and 24, 2005)

LLOYD, Ianthia-Carencro Middle School, one day (Effective May 19, 2005)

RICHARD, Annette-Alleman Middle School, one day (Effective May 19, 2005)

MANUEL, Barbara-Lafayette Middle School, three days (Effective May 19, 20, and 23, 2005)

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT RENEWALS:

LASSEIGNE, Alvin, Asst. Prin. II - L. J. Alleman Middle (Effective 09/04/2005 - 09/03/2007)

WELCOME, Jr., Preston, Asst. Prin. I - Alice Boucher Elem. (08/07/2005 - 08/06/2007)

DOUCET, William, Asst. Prin. I - Charles Burke Elem. (Effective 08/11/2005 - 08/10/2007)

OLIVIER, Paulette, Asst. Prin. II - Carencro Hghts. Elem. (Effective 08/07/2005 - 08/06/2007)

ARMSTRONG, Linda, Asst. Prin. II - Carencro Middle (Effective 09/04/2005 - 09/03/2007)

SAMPY, Shirley, Asst. Prin. II - Carencro High (Effective 08/11/2005 - 08/10/2007)

DOUGLASS, Gilbert, Asst. Prin. II - Comeaux High (Effective 07/21/2005 - 07/20/2007)
 ARNIE, Mary, Asst. Prin. I - K. Drexel Elem. (Effective 08/07/2005 - 08/06/2007)
 THOMAS, Nicholas, Asst. Prin. I - Ernest Gallet Elem. (Effective 08/07/2005 - 08/06/2007)
 FULCHER, Dr. Virgel, Asst. Prin. II - Lafayette High (Effective 09/04/2005 - 09/03/2007)
 THOMAS, Lisa, Asst. Prin. I - Plantation Elem. (Effective 09/04/2005 - 09/03/2007)
 McCANN, Paula, Asst. Prin. I - Ridge Elem. (Effective 09/04/2005 - 09/03/2007)
 KHALID, Jelani, Asst. Prin. II - Scott Middle (Effective 09/04/2005 - 09/03/2007)

Number of full-time employees by funding source for April, 2005, payroll:

General Fund (01).....	3,538
2002 Sales Tax (15).....	92
Special Revenues (20).....	28
Teaching American History Grant(25).....	7
& Small Learning Communities Grant	
Consolidated Adult Education (30).....	12
Consolidated Other Federal (35).....	7
Special Education (40).....	98
LPSS Self-Funded Construction (45).....	1
IASA Title I (50).....	95
Child Development–Head Start (60).....	84
IASA Titles II/III/IV/VI (65).....	33
Child Nutrition (70).....	203
LPSS Group Insurance Fund (85).....	2
 TOTAL.....	 4,200
Total last month:	4,188

B. CARL PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION LOCAL APPLICATION PLAN

That the Board approve the submission of the local application plan of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Basic Grant to the State Department of Education.

C. 2005 ESL SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR PRE-K - TWELFTH GRADE

That the Board approve the 2005 ESL Summer School Program for Pre-K - Twelfth Grade beginning June 2, 2005 through July 29, 2005.

D. EARLY CHILDHOOD EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board approve the Early Childhood Program proposal for Extended School Year beginning June 6, 2005 through July 29, 2005.

E. REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: JCDB-R - STUDENT DRESS CODE REGULATIONS

That the Board approve the revisions to Policy File: JCDB-R Student Dress Code Regulations.

Hardy requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

F. LEGAL SERVICES REVIEW (PULLED FROM AGENDA)

G. MATH TEXTBOOKS ADOPTION

That the Board approve Math Textbooks Adoption.

Hardy requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

Motion (Gibson, Guidry) that the Board approve Action Items A, B, C, and D, and that Action Items E and G be pulled for discussion. Motion carried.

E. REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: JCDB-R - STUDENT DRESS CODE REGULATIONS

Motion (Hardy, Sam) that the Board adopt Revisions to Policy File: JCDB-R - Student Dress Code Regulations, without the revisions to Section III. Additional Guidelines for All Schools - A-Hair and Facial Hair #1 - No restrictions on hair length, but hairstyle must not cover the eyes.

Wilson asked for a friendly amendment to the motion that Section II. Guidelines for Uniforms for Elementary, Middle and High School - F - Shoes, remain as is. Hardy accepted the amendment to the motion.

A substitute motion was made by Guidry that the Board approve Revisions to Policy File: JCDB-R - Student Dress Code Regulations as presented. Motion died for lack of a second.

After some discussion a motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Guidry that the Board divide the question regarding hair and footwear. Motion carried.

The chair called for a voice vote on the original motion. Motion carried. Guidry, Gibson and Wilson requested that they be recorded as voting NO.

Motion (Wilson, Guidry) that the Board adopt the same language on footwear as last year in Policy File: JCDB-R - Student Dress Code Regulations.

After some discussion, a call for the question was made by Guidry.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Voting for were Gibson and Wilson. Voting against were Cox, Guidry, Hardy, Hefner, LaCombe, Thibodaux and Sam. Motion failed.

Motion (Hefner, Sam) that the Board approve the policy file on footwear as presented by staff. Motion carried. Wilson requested that she be recorded as voting NO.

Gibson exited the meeting.

G. MATH TEXTBOOKS ADOPTION

Motion (Guidry, Hardy) that the Board approve Math Textbooks Adoption, and approve funding and that textbooks be ordered immediately. Motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

A. Public Comments

Comments were made by the public. No action was taken.

B. Board President/Members

The Board President informed the Board that effective immediately he was stepping down as Board President and would hand in a letter of resignation to the Superintendent. He then turned the gavel over to the Vice-President.

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 LaCombe and carried that the meeting adjourn.

SIGNED:

/s/ John Earl Guidry

John Earl Guidry, Acting President
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SIGNED:

/s/ James H. Easton

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