

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, September 17, 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, September 17, 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, Mark Cockerham, Michael Hefner, Lionel Lewis, Jr., and Rae Trahan, Board Members; Burnell Lemoine, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hunter Beasley (business) and Edward J. Sam

I. MEETING OPENINGS

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

ADD TO THE AGENDA

Motion (Lewis, Babineaux) that the Board add to the Action Agenda: Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Board Insurance Committee and Employee Insurance Advisory Committee of 9/16/08; Permission to Advertise and Fill the Position of Project Director for the “Art Smart” Grant; Permission to Advertise and Fill the Position of Analyst, Computer Services; Revisions to Board Room Technology and Network Storm Preparedness; Voluntary Insurance Benefits for 2009; Addendum to Personnel Changes; and Resolution 09-08-1620 – Employ Special Counsel. Motion carried.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized Garden City Corporation and Uretek ICR for their contribution to the Lafayette Parish School System which involved injecting high density polyurethane beneath the concrete slabs at the North entrance of the building in order to level and realign the surfaces to correct a tripping hazard.

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

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

a. Regular Board Meeting of 9/10/08

Motion (Awbrey, Cockerham) that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 10, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

a. Joint Meeting of the Board Insurance Committee and Employee Insurance Advisory Committee of 9/8/08

Motion (Lewis, Babineaux) that the Board approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting of

the Board Insurance Committee and Employee Insurance Advisory Committee of September 8, 2008. Motion carried.

- b. Joint Meeting of the Board Insurance Committee and Employee Insurance Advisory Committee of 9/16/08

Motion (Babineaux, Awbrey) that the Board approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Board Insurance Committee and Employee Insurance Advisory Committee of September 16, 2008. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- a. APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF BILLS ... July, 2008

General Fund.....	\$25,358,094.73
Special Revenues	67,098.43
Consolidated Direct Federal	99,904.57
Adult Education	56,751.56
Consolidated Other Federal	15,171.73
Special Education.....	61,180.32
Bond Sinking Fund	116,818.53
Consolidated School District #1	-0-
Self-Funded Construction	242,108.17
Construction Account 1999 Bond.....	-0-
Construction Account 2001 Bond.....	-0-
IASA Title I (Federal Programs)	1,512,319.79
Consolidated Other State	57,550.72
LPSB Other Direct Federal.....	243,627.86
LPSB Child Development.....	1,019,041.66
IASA Title II/Title IV/Title VI	21,323.14
School Food Service	222,585.33
Capital Improvement	2,983,124.73
Employee Insurance Fund.....	2,993,350.79
LPSB General & Auto Loss Fund	143,694.13
LPSB Workmen's Compensation.....	232,242.66
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	 \$35,445,988.85

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

B. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. None

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Curriculum Update

Nicole Boudreaux, Supervisor, French Immersion, informed the Board that the French Immersion Program is sixteen years old and is offered at five elementary and two middle school sites. In addition, Lafayette High School offers upper level and AP French courses. French Immersion is part of the Schools of Choice program.

Ms. Boudreaux also informed the Board that Boucher Elementary will offer Chinese Mandarin in the August, 2009 school year.

b. 1988 Sales Tax Unaudited – Actual, Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Billy Guidry, Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer, informed the Board that the report reflects the sales tax revenue and the associated expenditures used for the six priorities which were set forth in the 1987 sales tax election.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

a. 2002 Half-Cent Sales Tax Fund Declaration #2 of Excess Reserve Payout to Teachers for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 . Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

b. 2008-2009 Operational Reimbursement – Contract Bus Drivers
Motion (Hefner, Babineaux) that the Board move 2008-2009 Operational Reimbursement – Contract Bus Drivers to the Action Agenda. Motion carried.

c. General Fund Copier Purchasing Plan. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

d. Self-Funded Construction Fund Budget Revision #3 – Final – Fiscal Year 2007-2008
Motion (Hefner, Babineaux) that the Board move Self-Funded Construction Fund Budget Revision #3 – Final – Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to the Action Agenda. Motion carried.

e. Permission to Advertise and Fill the Position of Project Director for the “Art Smart” Grant
Motion (Trahan, Cockerham) that the Board move Permission to Advertise and Fill the Position of Project Director for the “Art Smart” Grant to the Action Agenda. Motion carried.

f. Permission to Advertise and Fill the Position of Analyst, Computer Services
Motion (Babineaux, Lewis) that the Board move Permission to Advertise and Fill the Position of Analyst, Computer Services to the Action Agenda. Motion carried.

g. Revisions to Board Room Technology and Network Storm Preparedness

Motion (Hefner, Babineaux) that the Board move Revisions to Board Room Technology and Network Storm Preparedness to the Action Agenda. Motion carried.

h. Voluntary Insurance Benefits for 2009. Action to be taken at a subsequent meeting.

C. Other Reports

a. None

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL CHANGES

Personnel Changes

September 17, 2008

New Employees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Augustyn, Alina	Homebound	SpEd Tea. Asst.	09/04/08	01	Replacing M. Walker
*Booker, Doris	Truman ES	Tea. Asst. – LA4	09/17/08	60	New Position
Breaux, Amy	Northside HS	SS Teacher	08/05/08	01	Replacing V. Hebert
Breaux, Jessica	Alleman MS	Interpreter	09/09/08	40	Replacing M. Begnaud
Broussard, Paul	L.A.P.S.	Math Teacher	08/06/08	01	Replacing H. Soileau
Broussard, Tamara	Career Center	Health Occupations	08/06/08	01	Replacing K. Lathan
Carter, Mirah	Carencro HS	Math Teacher	08/06/08	01	New Position
*Ewing, Elzina	Broussard MS	SpEd Tea. Asst.	09/04/08	01	Board Approved
High, Shelia	Carencro HS/Scott MS	Cler. Asst.	09/04/08	01	Board Approved
James, Jason	Northside HS	Biology Teacher	08/15/08	01	Replacing J. Dupuis
Laborde, Stephanie	Business Dept.	School Funds Accountant I	09/17/08	01	New Position
Mouton, JoAnn	Martin MS	Cler. Asst.	09/17/08	01	Board Approved
Olgesbee, Susan	Career Center	FACS Teacher	08/12/08	01	Replacing R. Speer
Stewart, Leniqua	Truman ES	Tea. Asst. – LA4	09/10/08	60	Replacing G. Gros

Employee Transfers

<i>Name</i>	<i>From/To</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Bernard, Linda	Carencro HS (Options to Math Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Open Position
Biggers, Tessie	Comeaux HS to Acadiana HS (FACS Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Open Position
Bowie, Crystal	Lafayette MS to Career Center (FACS Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Replacing B. St. Julien
Casbon, Myles	Acadiana HS (D. C. Teacher to Proj. Oppt.)	08/06/08	01	Replacing N. Lege
Cluse, Wilfred	Northside HS to Northside HS (Spanish to French Teacher)	09/02/08	01	Replacing A. Sonnier
Comeaux, Amy	Acadiana HS (FACS to Keystone Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Reappointment
Cooper, Michael	Acadiana HS (Agri. Teacher to SS Teacher)	08/06/08	01	New Position
Dugas, Mary	C.A.P.S. to Adult Ed (Adult Ed Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Returning from Leave
Duplechin, Gerald	Carencro HS to Career Center (Cabinet Making)	08/06/08	01	Replacing M. Menard
Fabre, Robert	Acadiana HS (PE Teacher to Discipline Center)	08/06/08	01	Replacing M. Casbon
Feehan, Melanie	Carencro HS (LD/Math to Math Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Replacing J. Gott
Frederick, Pamela	Milton ES to Adult Ed (Adult Ed Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Replacing V. King
Henry, Leon	Comeaux HS to Acadiana HS/Comeaux HS (Band Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Itinerant
Jackson, Shalmire	Carencro HS to Career Center (Options Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Open Position
Jones, Danielle	Comeaux HS (Agri. Teacher) to Northside HS	07/31/08	01	New Position

	Support Env. Science Teacher				
Kracke, Brandi	Carencro HS to Lafayette HS (English Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Replacing L. Willis	
Lee, Katherine	Acadiana HS (Spanish to English Teacher)	08/06/08	01	In House Transfer	
Lege, Neal	Acadiana HS (Proj. Oppt. Teacher to PE Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Replacing R. Fabre	
Magee, Kimberly	Lafayette HS to C.A.P.S. (Computer Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Replacing M. Dugas	
Menard, Mike	Career Center to Northside HS (Intervent. Teacher)	08/06/08	01	New Position	
Moore, Mack	Carencro HS (PE Teacher to Proj. Oppt. Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Replacing U. Allen	
Mouton, Harold	Acadiana HS (SS Teacher to Business Teacher)	08/06/08	01	In House Transfer	
Quereau, Michelle	Northside HS to Acadiana HS (English Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Reappointment	
Rogers, Thomas	Carencro MS to Carencro HS (Band Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Replacing P. Rousse	
Smith, Kevin	Acadiana HS (SPED Teacher to PE Teacher)	08/06/08	01	New Position	
Sonnier, Blaze	Judice MS to Carencro HS (Ind. Arts Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Replacing G. Duplechin	
Turner, Abigail	Carencro MS to C.A.P.S. (Math Teacher)	08/06/08	01	Reappointment	

Other Action

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Rogers, Deiana	Carencro HS	Business Teacher	08/06/08	01	Returning From Sabbatical

One-Year Appointments & Substitutes

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Contract Term</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Allen, Ulysses	Carencro HS	PE/Boys Track and Assistant Football Coach	2008-2009	01	Replacing L. Guidry
Budden, Shawn	Northside HS	(Engineering Teacher)	2008-2009	01	Replacing D. Spikes
Campbell, Jade	Acadiana HS	English Teacher	2008-2009	01	Transfer from Northside
Domingue, Josh	Comeaux HS	Agriculture Teacher	2008-2009	01	Replacing D. Jones
Dressler, Heidi	Acadiana HS	Academic Interventionist	2008-2009	01	Reappointment
Fanguy, Lacie	Comeaux HS	Art Teacher	2008-2009	01	Reappointment
Gaudin, Dolores	Lafayette HS	Business Teacher	08/06/08 – 12/19/08	01	Replacing K. Breaux
Hintz, Elizabeth	Comeaux HS	English Teacher	2008-2009	01	Reappointment
Lagneaux, Krysten	Northside HS	Phy. Science Teacher	09/09/08 – 05/23/09	01	New Position
Lambert, Martha	Northside HS	Spanish Teacher	09/08/08 – 05/23/09	01	Replacing W. Cluse
Narcisse, Kevin	Northside HS	Math Teacher	09/02/08 – 05/23/09	01	Replacing M. Schwanz
Nettles, Robert	Carencro HS	Librarian	2008-2009	01	Replacing L. Domingue
Thomassee, Freddie	Comeaux HS	Physical Science	2008-2009	01	Replacing C. Short
Villarroel, Katie	Comeaux HS	Math Teacher	2008-2009	01	Replacing G. Cruice
Yarborough, Kandice	Comeaux HS	Academic Interventionist	09/10/08-05/23/09	01	New Position

Exiting Employees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Derise, Amanda	Comeaux HS	Teacher – Sci.	08/29/08	01	Resigned
Fontenot, Rosa	Myrtle Place ES	Teacher – K	09/30/08	01	Retirement
Roger, James	Plantation ES	Teacher - Gifted	08/09/08	01	Retirement
Ruckstuhl, Wendy	Truman ES	Teacher - PreK	06/27/08	60	Disability Retirement

*Retiree Return to Work

Number of Full-Time, Active Employees by Funding Source as of September 11, 2008

General Fund (01) 3507

2002 Sales Tax (15)	98
Special Revenues (20)	19
Other Grants (25)	33
Consolidated Adult Education (3)	9
Consolidated Other Federal Programs (35)	1
Special Education (40)	128
Self-Funded Construction (45)	1
IASA Title I (50)	89
Consolidated Other State (55)	7
Child Development & Head Start (60)	74
IASA Titles II/III/IV/VI (65)	31
Child Nutrition (70)	226
Group Insurance Fund (85)	2
Magnet Grant (57)	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	4,232
Total last month	4,206
Total year ago	4,260

A1. ADDENDUM TO PERSONNEL CHANGES

ADDENDUM

Personnel Changes September 17, 2008

New Employees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Alexander, Darlene	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	Alleman MS/Woodvale ES
*Alford, Betty	Nursing Dept.	Nursing Supv.	09/22/08	01	Replacing B. Vincent
Andrus, Allen	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	Ascension Day/Career Center Cathedral Carmel
Arceneaux, Lashrya	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	Gallet ES/Youngsville MA
Bernard, Angeliq	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	Replacing L. Chadwick
Blanchard, Rachelle	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	Lafayette HS/Woodvale ES
Breaux, Rosalyn	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	Career Center/Cathedral Carmel Lafayette MS
Citizen, Lillian	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	S.E.A.S.
Clavelle, Phyllis	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	Broadmoor ES/P. Breaux MS
Davis, Michelle	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	Acadian MS/Faulk ES
Gault, Judy	Maintenance	Account Clerk I	09/18/08	01	New Position
Fusilier, Raphael	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	Fatima & Martin MS
Hebert, Michael	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	Truman Montessori
Josey, Lisa	Lafayette MS	Computer Proctor	09/15/08	50	New Position
Nickerson, Penny	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	P. Breaux MS/Plantation ES
Prudhomme, Eric	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	Replacing S. Randall
Rideau, Daphane	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	Fatima
Thibodeaux, Nicole	Transportation	Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	P. Breaux MS/Northside HS

Watford, Janet	Lafayette HS	SpEd Tea. Asst.	09/22/08	01	Plantation ES Replacing R. Goodley
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Employee Transfers

<i>Name</i>	<i>From/To</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Andrus, Craig	Live Oak ES (4 th – Teacher) to Lafayette MS (Asst. Principal II)	09/18/08	01	Replacing M. Magee
Fusilier, Raphael	Warehouse Worker I to Bus Driver	09/18/08	01	Fatima & Martin MS

Exiting Employees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Note</i>
Bergeron, Kim	Technology	Tech. Facilitator	10/01/08	01	Retirement
Johnson, Brenda	Transportation	Bus Attendant	05/26/08	01	Resigned

***Retiree Returning to Work**

Number of Full-Time, Active Employees by Funding Source as of September 11, 2008

General Fund (01)	3520
2002 Sales Tax (15)	98
Special Revenues (20)	19
Other Grants (25)	33
Consolidated Adult Education (3)	9
Consolidated Other Federal Programs (35)	1
Special Education (40)	128
Self-Funded Construction (45)	1
IASA Title I (50)	90
Consolidated Other State (55)	7
Child Development & Head Start (60)	74
IASA Titles II/III/IV/VI (65)	31
Child Nutrition (70)	226
Group Insurance Fund (85)	2
Magnet Grant (57)	5
TOTAL	4,249
Total last month	4,206
Total year ago	4,260

B. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Assistant Director of Special Education.

C. APPROVAL OF THE JOB EVALUATION/RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE FINDINGS FOR THE INSTRUCTIONAL DEPARTMENT

That the Board approve the findings of the Job Evaluation/Reclassification Committee changing the Instructional Department employees pay grade.

Hefner requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

D. REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: DJCB – SALARY DEDUCTIONS

That the Board approve revisions to Policy File: DJCB – Salary Deductions.

E. REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: GBRIH – SICK LEAVE BENEFITS SEQUENCE FOR TEACHERS AND BUS OPERATORS

That the Board approve revisions to Policy File: GBRIH – Sick Leave Benefits Sequence for Teachers and Bus Operators.

F. NEW POLICY FILE: GBRIK – EXTENDED SICK LEAVE POLICY FOR SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND NON-TEACHING ADMINISTRATORS AND PROFESSIONALS

That the Board approve new Policy File: GBRIK – Extended Sick Leave Policy for Support Personnel and Non-Teaching Administrators and Professionals.

G. PERMISSION TO CONDUCT NON-EXCLUSIVE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

That the Board approve the granting of permission to Beta Land Services, LLC to conduct a non-exclusive geophysical survey on the following locations owned by the Lafayette Parish School system totaling approximately 115.83 acres; N. P. Moss Middle – 40 acres; J.W. Faulk Elementary – 13.44 acres; Anse La Butte Section 16 – 31.193 acres; small lot owned by School Board - .6427 acres; Northside High School – 25.615 acres; and small lot owned by School Board – 4.94 acres; and that permission is granted with the requirement that any entry onto the property by the company be coordinated with the site administrator.

H. RESOLUTION 09-08-1618 – DECLARATION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY – HURRICANE GUSTAV

That the Board adopt Resolution 09-08-1618 – Declaration of Public Emergency – Hurricane Gustav.

RESOLUTION – 09-08-1618

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY – HURRICANE GUSTAV

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make emergency repairs to school facilities due to the damages caused by Hurricane Gustav on September 1, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, there is not sufficient time to properly advertise and/or receive bids for the repairs necessary to protect the buildings from further damages; and,

WHEREAS, R.S. 28:2212 (D) (1) provides that the normal public bid requirements shall not apply in cases of extreme public emergency where such emergency has been certified to by the public entity and notice of such public emergency shall, within ten (10) days thereof, be published in the official journal of the public entity proposing or declaring such public emergency; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board recognizes and declares that an emergency exists at the school facilities damaged by Hurricane Gustav, that repairs must be made to protect the buildings from further damages, to make the necessary

repairs to restore the buildings to their pre-storm conditions, and approves and authorizes the expenditure of funds to make those necessary repairs.

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 September 17, 2008, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana
this 17th day of September, 2008

/s/ Burnell Lemoine

Burnell Lemoine, Secretary-Treasurer
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

- I. RESOLUTION 09-08-1619 – DECLARATION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY – HURRICANE IKE
That the Board adopt Resolution 09-08-1619 – Declaration of Public Emergency – Hurricane Ike.

RESOLUTION – 09-08-1619

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY – HURRICANE IKE

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make emergency repairs to school facilities due to the damages caused by Hurricane Ike on September 12, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, there is not sufficient time to properly advertise and/or receive bids for the repairs necessary to protect the buildings from further damages; and,

WHEREAS, R.S. 28:2212 (D) (1) provides that the normal public bid requirements shall not apply in cases of extreme public emergency where such emergency has been certified to by the public entity and notice of such public emergency shall, within ten (10) days thereof, be published in the official journal of the public entity proposing or declaring such public emergency; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board recognizes and declares that an emergency exists at the school facilities damaged by Hurricane Ike, that repairs must be made to protect the buildings from further damages, to make the necessary repairs to restore the buildings to their pre-storm conditions, and approves and authorizes the expenditure of funds to make those necessary repairs.

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 September 17, 2008, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana
this 17th day of September, 2008

/s/ Burnell Lemoine

Burnell Lemoine, Secretary-Treasurer
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

J. RECONSIDERATION OF MOTION REGARDING LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM PUPIL PROGRESSION PLAN FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

That the Board reconsider the approval of the Lafayette Parish School system Pupil Progression Plan for the 2008-2009 year as voted upon at the August 6, 2008 Regular Board Meeting.

Babineaux requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

K. RESOLUTION 09-08-1620 – EMPLOY SPECIAL COUNSEL

That the Board adopt Resolution 09-08-1620 – Employ Special Counsel.

RESOLUTION – 09-08-1620

EMPLOY SPECIAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 42:263 authorizes the retention of special counsel by any School Board upon a statement of reasons why such counsel is necessary and upon approval by the La. Attorney General; and,

WHEREAS, Lafayette Parish School Board and its staff are in need of special counsel experienced in the various issues and areas of tort litigation, worker’s compensation, and other miscellaneous areas, to be required on an as-needed basis as determined on writing by the Assistant District Attorney presently acting as general counsel for the Board; and,

WHEREAS, through her past experience, and past history with the Board, Ms. Dawn Morris, Attorney at Law, of Lafayette, Louisiana, in her individual capacity as a sole practitioner has such experience, training and expertise to represent the Lafayette Parish School Board; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED, by the Lafayette Parish School Board that Dawn Morris, in her individual capacity, be retained as special counsel with respect to tort litigation, worker’s compensation matters, and any other legal matters as deemed necessary and upon the written recommendation of the Assistant District Attorney representing the Lafayette Parish School Board as general counsel for the purpose of advising, consulting with, and

representing the Lafayette Parish School Board, including but not limited to any existing legal matters she is presently involved in; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Dawn Morris shall be paid for her services at hourly rates not to exceed that set by the La. Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for Special Counsel with like years of experience; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Dawn Morris shall keep itemized records for presentation to the Superintendent, the Lafayette Parish School Board, or the Assistant District Attorney assigned to represent the School Board with respect to the services rendered at said hourly rates with the fees and charges and the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to pay the same upon submission and receipt thereof, with a copy of same being made available to the Assistant District Attorney representing the School Board upon his/her request for same; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to the approval of this resolution by the Attorney General, the employment of Dawn Morris shall be effective as of September 17, 2008.

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 September 17, 2008, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana
this 17th day of September, 2008.

/s/ Burnell Lemoine

Burnell Lemoine, Secretary-Treasurer
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

L. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: IHA-R – GUIDELINES FOR GRADING SYSTEMS

That the Board approve revisions to Policy File: IHA-R – Guidelines for Grading Systems.

Awbrey requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

M. 2008-2009 OPERATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT – CONTRACT BUS DRIVERS

That the Board approve the 2008-2009 Operational Reimbursement calculations for Contract Bus Drivers.

N. REVISIONS TO BOARD ROOM TECHNOLOGY AND NETWORK STORM PREPAREDNESS

That the Board approve upgrading the Board Room Technology and upgrading the network to minimize storm damage which will result in a budget increase of \$228,343 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

O. SELF-FUNDED CONSTRUCTION FUND BUDGET REVISION #3 – FINAL –
FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

That the Board approve the Self-Funded Construction Fund Budget Revision #3-Final for fiscal year 2007-2008.

P. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF PROJECT
DIRECTOR FOR THE “ART SMART” GRANT

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Project Director for the “Art Smart” Grant.

Q. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND FILL THE POSITION OF ANALYST,
COMPUTER SERVICES

That the Board grant permission to advertise and fill the position of Analyst, Computer Services.

Motion (Babineaux, Trahan) that the Board approve Action Items A, A1, B, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, M, N, O, P, and Q and that Action Items C, J, and L be pulled for discussion. Motion carried.

C. APPROVAL OF THE JOB EVALUATION/RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE
FINDINGS FOR THE INSTRUCTIONAL DEPARTMENT

Motion (Hefner, Awbrey) that the Board defer action on Approval of the Job Evaluation/Reclassification Committee Findings for the Instructional Department until the next Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

J. RECONSIDERATION OF MOTION REGARDING LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL
SYSTEM PUPIL PROGRESSION PLAN FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion (Awbrey, Cockerham) that the Board rescind action taken on August 6, 2008 regarding Lafayette Parish School System Pupil Progression Plan for the 2008-2009 School Year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Awbrey and seconded by Babineaux that the Board accept the Lafayette Parish School System Pupil Progression Plan with changes made on testing and deleting paragraph 9, after some discussion Awbrey rephrased his motion as follows:

that the Board approve the Lafayette Parish School System Pupil Progression Plan for the 2008-2009 School Year with all changes made previously except for the deletion of paragraph 3. Motion carried.

L. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO POLICY FILE: IHA-R – GUIDELINES FOR
GRADING SYSTEMS

Motion (Awbrey, Hefner) that the Board approve revisions to Policy File: IHA-R – Guidelines for Grading Systems reflecting the changes made to the Lafayette Parish School System Pupil Progression Plan for the 2008-2009 School Year.

VII. REPORTS

- A. Public Comments
Comments were made by the public. No action was taken.
- B. Board President/Members
Comments were made by the Board President. 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 Awbrey 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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