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Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the January 11, 2007, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

Ceremonial Swearing-In Held

Thirteen returning and two newly-elected School Board Members took part in a ceremonial swearing-in. Board Members began new four-year terms in January.

Board Officers and Chairpersons Elected

District 1 Board Member Neal Hennegan was elected School Board President, and District 15 Board Member Mary K. Bellisario was elected Vice President. District 2 Board Member Elizabeth Heintz and District 8 School Board Member Daniel Zechenelly were elected to Chair the Human Resources/ Education Committee and the Business Affairs/Administration Committee, respectively. All are elected to one-year terms.

Former Board President Recognized

Former School Board President Donald Villere received formal remarks of appreciation and commendation from fellow Board Members on his previous two years of service as Board President. Mr. Villere continues to serve on the Board, representing District 6.

System Recognized for Outstanding Financial Reporting

The School System has earned the highest awards given for financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the American School Board Officials International (ASBO) for the 18th consecutive year. The awards, which are given for outstanding reporting of School Board finances to the public, were presented by Louisiana State Treasurer John Kennedy and Louisiana State Legislative Auditor Steve Theriot. School System Chief Accountant Brett Stoltz also was honored for outstanding preparation of the 2005-2006 School Board financial report.

Educators Honored for Technology Expertise

Three School System educators were presented awards from the Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators (LACUE). The awards are given for outstanding integration of technology in the classroom.

Administrator of the Year:

Dr. Jean Krieger, Principal, Woodlake Elementary School

Educator of the Year:

Glen Walden, Assistant Principal, Salmen High School

Special:

Jarrod Nix, Para Tech, Salmen High School

United Way Awards Given

Recognition was given to the following schools and other School System offices for outstanding participation in the United Way Campaign. School System personnel and students donated almost \$123,000 to the United Way this year.

Awards presented to the outstanding schools/sites:

Elementary School: Alton Elementary School

Middle/Junior High School: Madisonville Junior High School

High School: Mandeville High School

Site: Slidell Transportation

Award presented to the site with the most employee dollars raised:

St. Tammany Parish School Board Central Office

Award presented to the school with the most employee dollars raised:

Mandeville Middle School

Award presented to the school with the most student dollars raised:

Mandeville Elementary School

Recognition for 100% Participation:

Folsom Junior High, Honey Island Elementary, Lyon Elementary, Mandeville Elementary School, Covington Annex, Slidell Transportation, Technology Center

Northshore High School Assistant Principal Appointed

Acting Assistant Principal Frank Jabbia was appointed Assistant Principal at Northshore High School. His appointment follows the retirement of former Assistant Principal Sharyn Schmit.

Bid for Construction of New High School Accepted

The bid submitted by McDonnell Group Construction Services with value engineered adjustments to reduce costs was accepted for construction of the new high school approved in the April, 2004, bond authorization.

Bid for Construction of Early Childhood Center for Folsom Elementary School Accepted

The low bid meeting bid requirements submitted by Ross A. Grand, LLC, in the amount of \$1,115,000, for the construction of a new early childhood center at Folsom Elementary School was accepted. The April, 2004, bond authorization is the source of funding for the project.

Bids for Construction of Early Childhood Center in Pearl River Area Rejected

Bids for the construction of an early childhood center in the Pearl River area were rejected for being over budget. The project will be re-bid.

Additions and Renovations to Abita Springs Middle School Accepted

Renovations to the main building and a six-classroom addition at Abita Springs Middle School were accepted as substantially complete, subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.

Renovations to Slidell High School Accepted

Renovations to Slidell High School classroom wings 1 and 2 were accepted as substantially complete, subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.