

January, 2006, Board Briefing

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the January 12 2006, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

Principals of the Year Recognized

2005-2006 Principals of the Year for St. Tammany Parish were recognized. Chosen Principals of the Year are Ginger Roper of Bonne Ecole Elementary School, Elementary Division; Roxanne Lagarde of Tchefuncte Middle School, Middle/Junior High School Division; and Billy Percy of Slidell High School, High School Division. The award is presented to principals who demonstrate outstanding leadership and extraordinary contributions to student achievement and school improvement. Principals Roper and Percy also have been selected as regional Principals of the Year.

Mandeville High School Jazz Ensemble Spotlited

The Mandeville High School Jazz Ensemble and Director Paul Frechou were commended for having been chosen by audition to perform in Chicago, Illinois, at the prestigious Midwest Clinic, an international band and orchestra conference. The group was the first Louisiana high school jazz band to perform at the Midwest Clinic and was one of only two high school bands to perform this year.

Sixth Ward Elementary School Renovations Accepted

Renovations to the main building at Sixth Ward Elementary 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.

Recommendation to Pursue Bid Bond Surety for Failure to Honor Bid Tabled

A Committee As A Whole recommendation to make demand on the Bid Bond Surety of MBD Construction Company, Inc., for failure and refusal to honor its bid on a Mandeville High School classroom wing addition was tabled for further discussion at the February meeting of the Committee As A Whole for Business Affairs and Administration.

Bid for Mandeville High School Classroom Wing Addition Accepted

The bid meeting plans and specifications in the amount of \$1,765,700, submitted by O. R. Dixon Construction, Inc., was accepted for a new ten-classroom wing addition to Mandeville High School. The funding source is the 2004 Bond Authorization.

Additional Day of Holiday Added to Calendar

Monday, February 27, 2006, was added to the revised 2005-2006 School Calendar as a school holiday, making the Mardi Gras Holiday for the School System two days.