

February, 2005, Board Briefing

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the February 10, 2005, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

General Obligation Bonds Bid Accepted

Sealed bids for the purchase of \$30 million in General Obligation Bonds were opened and the low bid of 3.98% submitted by Morgan Keegan, Inc., was accepted. Thereafter, the authorization to incur debt and issue the \$30 million in General Obligation Bonds was approved. The issuance is the second resulting from the April, 2004, bond authorization of \$75 million for capital improvements.

Slidell Junior High School Principal Appointed

Brennan McCurley, currently Assistant Principal at Northshore High School, was appointed Principal at Slidell Junior High School. His appointment follows the resignation of former Principal Kim Crosby.

Supervisor of Data Analysis and Management Appointed

Lake Harbor Middle School Principal Cheryl Arabie was appointed Supervisor of Data Analysis and Management. Mrs. Arabie fills a vacancy left by former Supervisor J. P. Beaudoin.

Revisions to Weighted Grades Policy and Pupil Progression Plan Approved

Approval was given to quality point assignments for weighted courses in English, social studies, mathematics, and science. Policy for students repeating courses that are weighted and provisions for helping ensure students are not penalized by a ruling on the implementation of weighted grades were added to the Pupil Progression Plan.

Northshore High School Auditorium Accepted

The new auditorium at Northshore High School was 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.

Bid for Madisonville Elementary School Bus Loop Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications in the amount of \$317,840, submitted by BelouMagner Construction, was accepted for construction of a bus loop at Madisonville Elementary School. The funding source is the 2001 Bond Authorization.

Bids for Pontchartrain Elementary and Tchefuncte Middle Schools Modular Classrooms and Infrastructure Accepted

The low base bid meeting plans and specifications for a 10-classroom modular addition to Pontchartrain Elementary and Tchefuncte Middle Schools was accepted in the amount of \$993,146. The low bid was submitted by Comark Building Systems. The low base bid for the addition infrastructure, submitted by Kent Construction, was accepted in the amount of \$449,250. The source of funding is the 2004 bond authorization.

Bid for Gymnasium Sprinkler System at Slidell High School Accepted

The low base bid of \$148,500, submitted by A & A Mechanical, Inc., for a sprinkler system for the Slidell High School gymnasium was accepted. The source of funding is the 2001 Bond Authorization.

Resolution Passed Urging Consideration of State Excise Tax Exemption for Contracted School Bus Operators

A resolution passed encouraging the Louisiana Legislature, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Excise Tax Division of the State Department of Revenue to consider exempting Louisiana public school contract bus operators from State excise tax on fuel. Currently, public school bus operators may apply for 100% reimbursement of the Federal fuel excise tax. The State of Louisiana allows a 50% reimbursement.