

March, 2005, Board Briefing

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

Superintendent's Award for Character and Citizenship Presented

The winner of and finalists for the second annual Superintendent's Award for Outstanding Character and Citizenship were recognized before the Board. The winner this year is Mandeville High School senior Emery Lafaye Whalen.

Finalists for the award are the Stand By Me Club at Lake Harbor Middle School, Bonne Ecole Elementary School student Ligia Alvarado, and Bonne Ecole Elementary School teacher Tammy Benoit. Along with a special plaque presented to Emery by Superintendent Sloan as winner of the award, Mandeville High School received a \$1,000 contribution from Hibernia Bank. The Superintendent's award is given annually to encourage and recognize extraordinary acts of character, citizenship, and service by individuals, groups, and/or schools within the School System.

Lake Harbor Middle School Principal Appointed

Current Lake Harbor Middle School Assistant Principal Susan Patin was appointed Principal at the school. She succeeds current Principal Cheryl Arabie, who recently was appointed Supervisor of Data Analysis and Management for the School System.

Attendance Boundaries for Monteleone and Fontainebleau Junior High Schools Accepted

The attendance boundaries recommended by the Monteleone-Fontainebleau Junior High Schools Boundary Committee as presented in Proposal Number One were approved for both schools. Monteleone Junior High School will open fall, 2005, and will relieve heavy student enrollment at Fontainebleau Junior High School.

Request to Annex Monteleone Junior High School into City of Mandeville Approved

A resolution requesting the City of Mandeville to annex Monteleone Junior High School into the City limits was approved.

Preliminary Approval Given to Refinancing General Obligation Bonds

Approval was given to consider refinancing \$37 million in general obligation bonds previously issued by the Board, depending on the outcome of bids submitted. The action is expected to result in lower interest rates on the existing bonds and a cost savings in interest over the life of the bonds.

Purchase of Property Near Technology Center Approved

The purchase of property located at 601, 615, 617, and 619 Lafitte Street in

Mandeville was approved. The property will provide additional space for the Instructional Technology Center.

Construction Company Contract Terminated

The contracts between the School Board and TBC, Ltd., for addition and renovation projects at Folsom Junior High, Lee Road Junior High, and Abney Elementary Schools were terminated as a result of TBC, Ltd.,'s being in default.

Pitcher Junior High School Re-roofing Project Accepted

The canopy re-roofing project at Pitcher Junior 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.