

May, 2005, Board Briefing

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the May 12, 2005, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

College Credit Agreement Signed with Southeastern Louisiana University

An agreement between the School System and Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU) allowing students to earn college credit for selected academic courses while still in high school was signed by Superintendent Gayle Sloan and SLU President Randy Moffett.

Students of the Year Presented

St. Tammany Parish Students of the Year for 2004-2005, chosen at the fifth, eighth, and twelfth grade levels, were presented to the Board. Students of the Year are chosen every year at schools across the parish, and one from each of the three grade levels is chosen at the parish level by a committee representing a cross section of the community. Winners are chosen for outstanding academic performance, leadership, service to others, and communication skills. Recognized were:

Milton J. (M. J.) Hernandez, IV
Mandeville Middle School
Elementary Division

Kimber Renee Jones
Boyet Junior High School
Middle/Junior High Division

Lauren Anne Winkler
Slidell High School
High School Division

M. J. Hernandez also was selected a Regional winner and finalist for State Student of the Year.

Outstanding School Support Employees Recognized

Outstanding School Support Employees for 2004-2005 were honored. Receiving recognition for their valuable contributions to the education process were:

Mark Hebert
Paraprofessional
Bonne Ecole Elementary School
Elementary Division

Deborah Vinterella
Paraprofessional

Abita Springs Middle School
Middle/Junior High Division

Susan Shaw
Paraprofessional
Mandeville High School
High School Division

Lynn Coyne
Clerk Typist III
Central Office Human Resources
Non-School Division

American Petroleum Institute Teachers of the Year Honored

The Delta Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute (API) presented API Teacher of the Year honors to four teachers. Receiving the awards were Kelli Bounds of Florida Avenue Elementary School, Rena Oynes of Lake Harbor Middle School, and Donna Johnson of Northshore High School. A First-Year Teacher award was presented to Leslie Callaway of William Pitcher Junior High School.

Leonard P. Monteleone Technology Award Presented

The third annual Leonard P. Monteleone Technology Award was presented to Florida Avenue Elementary School teacher Loretta Highfield for effective integration of technology into the school curriculum.

Resolutions Approved Accepting Low Bid for Refinancing and Authorizing Sale of General Obligation Bonds

Sealed bids from three financial institutions for refinancing General Obligation bonds in the amount of \$35,690,000 were opened, and the low bid submitted by Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., at a 3.86% interest rate, was accepted. A resolution was adopted authorizing the issuance and sale of the bonds, with an anticipated savings in interest of approximately \$1.9 million.

Abita Springs Elementary School Assistant Principal Appointed

Carol Grow, now teaching at Abita Springs Elementary School, was appointed Assistant Principal at the school, following the retirement of Ellie Schroder, current Assistant Principal.

Bayou Woods Elementary School Assistant Principal Appointed

Currently the Resource Helping Teacher at Florida Avenue Elementary School, Mary Jane Smith was appointed Assistant Principal at Bayou Woods Elementary School. She will replace Lizabeth Sanders, who retires after this school year.

Covington High School Assistant Principal Appointed

Roland E. Huie, Jr., currently Administrative Assistant at Fontainebleau High School,

was appointed Assistant Principal at Covington High School. He replaces Lee Hebert who will return to classroom teaching.

Lake Harbor Middle School Assistant Principal Appointed

Current Lake Harbor Middle School Resource Helping Teacher Susannah Welch was appointed Assistant Principal at the school, replacing former Assistant Principal Susan Patin, who was named Principal at Lake Harbor Middle School in March.

Madisonville Junior High School Assistant Principal Appointed

Dwayne J. Kern, currently teaching at Clearwood Junior High School, was appointed Assistant Principal at Madisonville Junior High School. He replaces Frances Shea, who was appointed Principal at the school in December.

Mandeville Junior High School Assistant Principal Appointed

Darlene Palliser, currently Resource Helping Teacher at William Pitcher Junior High School, was appointed Assistant Principal at Mandeville Junior High School. She replaces Laura Carson, who will retire at the end of the school year.

Northshore High School Assistant Principal Appointed

Cheryl Yeates, currently Administrative Assistant and teacher at Northshore High School, was appointed Assistant Principal at the school, replacing Brennan McCurley, who was appointed Principal at Slidell Junior High School in February.

Four Parishwide Assistant Principals Appointed

Four assistant principals were appointed to assist in administration of schools throughout the parish. Appointees and their current positions were Marcella Caesar, a teacher at Chahta-Ima Elementary School; Cheryl Rock, interim Assistant Principal at Slidell High School; Daniel Patrick Thiel, teacher at Fontainebleau Junior High School; and Kim Wood, Data-Based Instruction Specialist for the School System.

Creekside Junior High School Principal Appointed

Lisa Virga, currently Assistant Principal at East Jefferson High School in Metairie, was appointed Principal at Creekside Junior High School. She replaces retiring Principal Carol Barlow.

Fifth Ward Junior High School Principal Appointed

Current Acting Principal James L. Smith was appointed Principal at Fifth Ward Junior High School, following the retirement of former Principal T. J. Rogers.

Whispering Forest Elementary School Principal Appointed

Eric Sacks, currently Assistant Principal at Carolyn Park Middle School, was appointed Principal at Whispering Forest Elementary, with the retirement of current Principal Kay Fortenberry.

Supervisor of Construction Appointed

Sammy Mannino, currently an estimator and project manager with Frank Anzalone, General Contractor, was appointed a Supervisor of Construction.

Revisions to Guidelines for Personnel Evaluation Approved

Changes to the guidelines for personnel evaluation were approved.

Pupil Progression Plan Accepted

With annual review of the System Pupil Progression Plan complete, recommended revisions to the Plan were approved. The State-mandated Plan sets out System grading, promotion, and retention policy.

Revisions to Out-of District Student Attendance Policy Accepted

Revisions to the policy for students wishing to attend schools out of their attendance district were approved.

Land Purchase for New High School Approved

The purchase of 60 acres of property northeast of State Highway 1088 and Interstate 12 was approved for a new high school to relieve growth at Fontainebleau High School in the Mandeville area. The future school is a capital improvements project from the April, 2004, bond authorization.

Land Purchase for New Elementary School Approved

The purchase of 15 acres of property on the west side of Pinehurst Boulevard, north of Old Spanish Trail in Slidell was approved for a new elementary school for the Slidell area encompassing current boundaries for Brock Elementary School and portions of Abney Elementary School. The future school was included in the April, 2004, bond authorization.

Insurance Coverage for Substitute School Bus Drivers Approved

Board-provided insurance to cover substitute school bus drivers when driving buses owned by regular driver/owners was approved.

Bayou Lacombe Middle School Renovation Accepted

Renovations to the Industrial Arts Building at Bayou Lacombe 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.

Bid for Slidell High School Drainage Work Accepted

The low base bid in the amount of \$109,684.95 was accepted for drainage work at Slidell High School. Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc., submitted the bid. The funding source is the Parishwide Construction fund.

Quotation for Reroofing Project at Bayou Lacombe Middle School Accepted

The low quotation meeting plans and specifications for reproofing the library at Bayou

Lacombe Middle School was accepted. Fischer's, Inc., submitted the low quote in the amount of \$46,200. The Roofing Fund is the source of funding.

Quotation for Reroofing Project at Folsom Elementary School Accepted

The low quotation meeting plans and specifications for roof removal and replacement at Folsom Elementary School was accepted. Fischer's, Inc., submitted the low quote in the amount of \$85,373. The Roofing Fund is the source of funding.

Quotation for Drainage Work at Covington High School Accepted

The low quotation meeting plans and specifications for drainage work on the Covington High School football field was accepted. Stranco, Inc., submitted the low quote in the amount of \$75,065. The Parishwide Construction Fund is the source of funding.

Quotation for Gymnasium Floor Replacement at Salmen High School Accepted

The low quotation meeting plans and specifications for replacement of the gymnasium floor at Salmen High Schools was accepted. Arms Building and Maintenance, Inc., submitted the low quote of \$91,300. The funding source is the Parishwide Construction Fund.

Superintendent's Revised Budgets for 2004-2005 Approved

Revisions to the 2004-2005 School Board Budgets as recommended by the Superintendent were approved. The revised General Fund budget is approximately \$275 million.

Levy of 2005 Millages Approved

Levy of the following 2005 millage rates for support of the School System was approved. The millages are the same as those adopted in November, 2004.

<u>Parishwide Taxes Millage</u>	<u>Millage</u>
Constitutional Tax	3.70
Additional Support Tax	5.19
Constructing, Maintaining And Operating Tax	3.70
Additional Support - Improving, Maintaining & Operating Tax	38.10
Bond and Interest Tax (Debt Service)	<u>23.90</u>
District 12	
Total	74.59

Request for Property Easement Near Mandeville Elementary School Approved

A request by the City of Mandeville was approved for a property easement on Monroe Street near Mandeville Elementary School for a sidewalk