

St. Tammany Parish Public School System **Board Briefing - September, 2004**

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at September 9, 2004, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

Northshore High School Teacher Commended

Northshore High School teacher Kathleen Deshotel accepted a commendation from the Louisiana House of Representatives presented by Representative A. G. Crowe for her part in producing a program about the House of Representatives project to educate students about the process of passing laws. Sixty Northshore High School students participated in the project this year.

United Way Campaign Started

A resolution announcing and supporting the 2004 United Way Campaign was passed. Senior Administration Supervisor Bill Brady, coordinator of the Campaign for the School System, was recognized for receiving the United Way Hidden Hero Award for his past leadership in directing the Campaign.

Bayou Woods Elementary School Assistant Principal Appointed

Mary Lou Boudet, currently Resource Helping Teacher at Bayou Woods Elementary School, was appointed Assistant Principal for the school.

Field Trip and School Travel Policy Revised

Revisions required by State law to the School Board policy on field trips and school-sponsored travel that pertain to the use of travel or booking agents were approved.

Cypress Cove Elementary and Honey Island Elementary Schools Additions Accepted

The additions of eight new classrooms and restrooms at Cypress Cove Elementary and Honey Island Elementary Schools 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.

Slidell High School Roofing Project Accepted

The roofing project at the Slidell High School Ninth Street Center 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.

Heating/Ventilation/ Cooling System for Mandeville Junior High School Accepted

The heating/ventilation/air conditioning renovations at Mandeville Junior High 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.

Fontainebleau High School Auditorium Approved

The new auditorium at Fontainebleau 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.

Abney Elementary School Classroom Addition Accepted

The six-classroom addition at Abney Elementary 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 Renovations to Covington Pathways and Harrison Curriculum Center Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications in the amount of \$1,256,000, submitted by Wainwright Construction & Maintenance, was accepted for renovations to the Covington Pathways and Harrison Curriculum Center facility. The funding source is the 2001 Bond Authorization.

Bid for Bayou Lacombe Middle School Renovations Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for renovations to the industrial arts building at Bayou Lacombe Middle School was accepted in the amount of \$377,000. The low bid was submitted by Vincent Brouillette General Contractors, Inc., of Covington. The source of funding is parishwide construction funds.

2004-2005 Proposed School Board Budgets Adopted

The Superintendent's proposed 2004-2005 General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, and Debt Service Funds budgets were adopted. The General Fund budget includes funds for school crossing guards, added to the budget as recommended by Superintendent Sloan.

2004-2005 Salary Schedules Adopted

School System employee salary schedules for 2004-2005 were adopted. The schedules include increases of \$1,740 for teachers, \$800 for noncertificated employees, and appropriate increases for noncertificated management employees.

Resolution to Mediate Pipeline Tax Collection Approved

A resolution passed authorizing the Louisiana School Boards Association to represent the School System in negotiating the recovery of taxes due from pipeline companies that are currently holding in escrow past ad valorem taxes owed to Louisiana school boards.

Tenure Hearing Called

A resolution calling for an employee Tenure Hearing was approved.