

# **St. Tammany Parish Public School System**

## **Board Briefing - July 2003**

*Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the July 10, 2003, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.*

### **New Principal for Slidell High School Appointed**

Former Northshore High School Principal William C. Percy, Jr., was appointed Principal for Slidell High School, following the retirement of Principal Joseph Buccaran. Mr. Percy most recently served as Principal of Silliman Academy in Clinton, Louisiana.

### **Assistant Principals Appointed**

Assistant Principals were appointed at four schools.

Paul Fradella, a teacher at Northshore High School, was appointed to Mandeville High School.

Angela Tamburello, most recently the Associate Dean of ITT Technical Institute in St. Rose, Louisiana, was appointed to Covington High School.

Kevin Darouse, currently an Administrative Assistant at Fontainebleau High School, was appointed Assistant Principal there.

Leslie Cook, currently an IEP Facilitator in the System, was appointed to a temporary, one-year position at Pearl River High School, while current Assistant Principal Michael Winkler serves as temporary Principal. Principal Karen Devillier is taking sabbatical for the 2003-2004 school year.

### **Strategic Planning Process Approved**

A process for revising the School System strategic plan during the 2003-2004 school year was approved. The process will begin in August, 2003, and a written plan is expected to be complete by spring, 2004.

### **Proposed Alternative School Status for High School Limited English Proficient Program Accepted**

A proposal was accepted seeking alternative school status for the high school Limited English Proficient (ESL) program. The proposal includes the provision that, for accountability purposes, Iowa test and GEE 21 scores for ESL students be included in test scores at the student's school of origin.

### **Proposed Class IV and Class VIII Alternative Program for Special Education Students Accepted**

A proposed program was accepted to provide an alternative program for fourth and eighth grade students in Special Education who have scored "unsatisfactory" on the LEAP. The program will be called Class IV and Class VIII and will provide a one-year concentrated study in reading and math.

### **2003-2004 Pupil Progression Plan Revisions Passed**

Editorial revisions and provisions for weighted grades in the 2003-2004 Pupil Progression Plan were approved. The State Department of Education-mandated plan establishes School Board policy for student grades, retention, and promotion.

### **Revisions to Instructional Technology Student User Agreement Accepted**

Changes to the student user agreement portion of the Instructional Technology use policy were accepted.

### **Superintendent's Reorganization Plan Approved**

Superintendent Sloan's plan for reorganization of the School System administration was approved. The positions of Deputy Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources were added. The Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Director of Personnel positions were eliminated.

Mr. Trey Folse will move from his current position as Assistant Superintendent for Administration to Deputy Superintendent. Mr. Folse will continue to supervise Administration supervisors, as well as Directors of Business Affairs and Information Technology. Mr. Pete Jabbia was named Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and will supervise an expanded personnel function for the School System.

### **Cafeteria Monitor Job Description and Pay Rate Revised**

The minimum education qualification for cafeteria monitors was changed from high school diploma or its equivalent *required* to *preferred*. The pay rate was approved at \$7.50 per hour for monitors having a high school or above diploma and \$5.15 per hour for monitors without a high school diploma.

### **2003-2004 Salary Schedule for Non-Certificated Employees Revised**

The non-certificated employees salary schedule was revised to include the \$476.37 pay increase provided through State Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) funding.

### **Fiscal Agent Chosen**

Hibernia/Hancock Banks were accepted as Fiscal Agents for the Board, based on competitive proposals. The terms of the agreement are from October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2007.

### **Insurance for Property, Primary & Excess Liability, Crime, Boiler and Machinery Accepted**

Insurance coverage from John W. Dussouy & Company was accepted for property, primary & excess liability, crime, boiler and machinery at a premium of \$1,517,318.

### **Paving Addition at Madisonville Elementary School Accepted**

The paving addition at Madisonville Elementary School was accepted as substantially complete, subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.

**Roadways and Drainage Project at Mandeville High School Accepted**

The roadways and drainage work at Mandeville High School was accepted as substantially complete, subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.

**Kitchen Facility at Instructional Technology Center Accepted**

The kitchen facility at the Instructional Technology Center was accepted as substantially complete, subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.