

July, 2007, Board Briefing

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the July 19, 2007, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Recognized

Dr. Margo Guilott, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, who is retiring July 31, 2007, was commended and thanked for her service to the children of St. Tammany Parish during her 35-year career as an educator and administrator in the School System. Dr. Guilott has served as a teacher, assistant principal, and Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction before her appointment as Assistant Superintendent. She was recognized for her innovative and effective programs that have successfully addressed the educational needs of all students.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Appointed

Cheryl Arabie, most recently a Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, was appointed Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, upon the retirement of Dr. Margo Guilott July 31. Mrs. Arabie had been a well-experienced teacher, assistant principal, and principal in the School System before accepting a supervisory position in the Central Office.

Assistant Principal at Covington High School Appointed

Deborah McCollum, a mathematics Curriculum Specialist in the School System, was appointed an Assistant Principal at the school, replacing former Assistant Principal Angela Ferrant, who has resigned.

Assistant Principal at Folsom Elementary School Appointed

A member of the Parishwide Assistant Principal pool, Lesa Bodnar, was appointed Assistant Principal at Folsom Elementary School. Her appointment follows the retirement of former Assistant Principal Janice-Diane Bourgeois.

Temporary Assistant Principal at Lee Road Junior High School Appointed

Shelly Morris, a teacher at Covington High School, was appointed temporary Assistant Principal at Lee Road Junior High School for the year, while Assistant Principal Jerry Mendow is on sabbatical.

Assistant Principal at Little Oak Middle School Appointed

Clifford Kendall, Administrative Assistant at Slidell Junior High School, was appointed Assistant Principal at Little Oak Middle School, following the retirement of Assistant Principal Randy Hennick, who is retiring.

Assistant Principal at Pontchartrain Elementary School Appointed

Kimberly Thomas, a teacher at Tchefuncte Middle School, was appointed Assistant Principal at Pontchartrain Elementary School. Her appointment follows the appointment of former Assistant Principal Laura Norsworthy to Principal at Tchefuncte Middle School.

Six Parishwide Assistant Principals Appointed

Six assistant principals were appointed to assist in administration of schools throughout the parish. Appointees and their current positions were Roslyn Hanson, a social studies Curriculum Specialist in the School System; Terrie Mathison, a teacher at Northshore High School; Christopher Oufnac, a teacher at Fontainebleau High School; Lelia Parker, a teacher at Lyon Elementary School; Sarah Revere, a teacher at Pine View Middle School; and Eddie Walker, a teacher at Chahta-Ima Elementary School.

Pupil Progression Plan Revisions Approved

Revisions to the state-mandated Pupil Progression Plan, which outlines such current System policy as student promotion, retention, grading policy, *etc.*, were approved.

Standard-Bearer Program for System Approved

Approval was given for the School System to make a three-year commitment to join a Standard-Bearer network of school districts using ten standards developed by the Schlechty Center for Leadership in School Reform to guide District development and assess capacity District to initiate and support long-term continuous improvement.

Insurance Renewal Approved

The quotation for School System insurance submitted by John W. Dussouy & Company was approved in the amount of \$1,872,696.44. The coverage is for property primary & excess, liability, crime, boiler, and machinery for 2007-2008.

Community Service as a Discipline Alternative Approved

A policy was approved giving administrators authority to consider requiring community service of students as a discipline alternative in lieu of a first suspension, when a student has a satisfactory past record of attendance, grades, and discipline; in cases in which insufficient time exists for serving the terms of a suspension; or in cases of extenuating circumstances approved by the Superintendent.

NCLB/IDEA Application Accepted

The combined application for the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) programs for 2007-2008 was accepted. The NCLB portion covers Title I, II, III, IV, and V programs and the IDEA portion covers preschool and other school special education programs for students with disabilities.

School Bus Operator Job Description Approved

The job description for a school bus operator was approved.

Mandeville Elementary School Renovations Accepted

Renovations to a classroom wing, cafeteria and gymnasium, and administration area of Mandeville Elementary 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.

Replacement of Portable Classrooms Accepted

The replacement of 19 portable classrooms damaged by Hurricane Katrina at various schools 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 Demolition of Skating Rink Building on Property for Covington High Accepted

The low bid submitted by Ronald Jefferson d/b/a Salvage Nine for the demolition of the old Roller Kingdom building on property recently acquired for Covington High School was accepted. The low bid was in the amount of \$48,048. Funding is from the Parishwide Construction fund.