

August, 2007, Board Briefing

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the August 9, 2007, Special Board and regular School Board Meetings and August 16, 2007, Public Hearing and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

August 16, 2007, Public Hearing

Comments on Superintendent's Proposed 2007-2008 General Fund Budget Heard

The School Board heard public comments on the Superintendent's proposed General Fund budget for 2007-2008. The budget is scheduled for School Board review at the September 6, 2007, Committee As A Whole Meeting and for adoption at the September 13, 2007, Board Meeting.

August 9, 2007, Special Board Meeting

Collective Bargaining Agreements Approved

The collective bargaining agreements for all bargaining units within the School System, as negotiated by the School System negotiating team and the St. Tammany Federation of Teachers and School Employees team, were approved by the School Board. Upon approval by the Federation employees, the contracts will be in effect for a four-year period for teachers and other certified personnel, secretaries and clerks, food service technicians, paraprofessionals, maintenance personnel, custodial personnel, and bus owners/operators/attendants.

August 9, 2007, Board Meeting

State Legislative Delegation Thanked

The St. Tammany Parish Delegation of the Louisiana State Legislature was recognized and thanked for ongoing support of the St. Tammany Parish Public School System and especially for efforts to ensure salary increases and accompanying benefits for School System educators and support personnel during the most recent legislative session.

Employee Salary Schedules Approved

The 2007-2008 salary schedules for School Board employees were approved. The schedules included State salary increases but did not reflect changes from the collective bargaining agreements, which had not been ratified by the St. Tammany Federation of Teachers and School Employees at the time.

Demolition of Old Agriscience Building at Lee Road Junior High School Accepted

The demolition of the old agriscience building at Lee Road 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. The building, which was no longer usable, had been replaced by a new facility.

St. Tammany Junior High School Sprinkler System Accepted

A new sprinkler system for the two-story building at St. Tammany 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.

Bid for Madisonville Junior High School Renovation Accepted

The low base bid plus alternates 1 and 2 meeting plans and specifications for renovations to Madisonville Junior High School, submitted by Polk Construction in the amount of \$5,081,200, was accepted. The April, 2004, Bond Authorization is the source of funding.

Architectural Firms for Type I-B Architectural/Engineering Services Pool Accepted

Assignment to the Type I-B Services rotation pool of architectural/engineering design services firms was extended one year for the following firms:

- Argus Architecture/Engineering
- Burgdahl & Graves Architects
- Fauntleroy & Latham Architects, APC
- GSE Associates, Inc.
- Knight & Associates, APAC
- Moates Savoie Hunley (MSH) Architects
- N-Y Associates, Inc.
- Scairono/Martinez Architects.

Firms for Type I-B Engineering Services Pool Accepted

Appointment to the TYPE I-B Engineering Services rotation pool was extended one year for the following firms:

- Krebs, LaSalle, LeMieux Consultants
- Pinnacle Engineering, LLC
- Ritter Consulting Engineers, Ltd.

Firms for Type II-A/II-B Technical Services Pool Accepted

The following firms were appointed to the Technical Services rotation pool for another year:

For Land Surveying Services

- BFM Corporation, LLC
- Brown, Randall W. & Associates, Inc.
- Burkes, J. V. & Associates, Inc.
- GSE Associates, Inc.
- Krebs, LaSalle, LeMieux Consultants

For Materials Testing Services

- Delta Testing and Inspection
- Eustis Engineering Company, Inc.
- Professional Service Industries, Inc.
- Ardaman & Associates (formerly Soil Testing Engineers)

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