



BOARD BRIEFING

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the December, 18, 2008, School Board Meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

Superintendent of the Year Recognition

Superintendent Gayle Sloan was recognized for being named the 2009 Louisiana State Superintendent of the Year by the Louisiana Association of School Executives. She was selected to receive this award for her outstanding leadership and contribution to education in the state.

Wear Your Cap to School Day Commended

The School System was commended by Melyne Barrett, Executive Director of Caps for Kids, for its participation in the Wear Your Cap to School Day held to increase pediatric cancer awareness and patient support. Caps for Kids is a non-profit organization that provides caps and scarves for children receiving chemotherapy for life threatening illnesses. This year, 100 percent of schools participated and school students and personnel throughout the School System donated \$17,754 to the program.

System Recognized for Outstanding Financial Reporting

The School System has earned the highest awards given for financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the American School Board Officials International (ASBO) for the 20th consecutive year. The awards, which are given for outstanding reporting of School Board finances to the public, were presented by Joy Irwin, CPA, Assistant Louisiana State Legislative Auditor and Joey Richard, Accounting Director, Postlethwaite and Netterville, APAC. School System Chief Accountant Terri Fortenberry also was honored for outstanding preparation of the 2006-2007 School Board financial report.

Administrative Team for New High School on 1088 Introduced

The administrative team for the new high school on 1088 in Mandeville was introduced. Joining recently appointed Principal Brennan McCurley are Stephen Soileau, Assistant Principal and Arlana LeBlanc, Acting Assistant Principal. Soileau is currently an Assistant Principal at Fontainebleau High School, and LeBlanc is serving as a curriculum specialist.

Slidell Junior High School Principal Appointed

Patrick Mackin, Assistant Principal at Carolyn Park Middle School, was appointed Principal at Slidell Junior High School. He replaces Principal Brennan McCurley, who recently was appointed Principal at the new high school located off of Highway 1088 in Mandeville.

Purchase of Land in Mandeville Approved

Authorization was given for Superintendent Sloan and/or Board President Hennegan to purchase property north of Livingston Street just west of Clausel Street in Mandeville.

Brock Elementary School Renovations Accepted

The Brock Elementary School renovations were accepted as substantially complete subject to the Architect's recommendations, completion of the punch list, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.

Fontainebleau High School ProStart Kitchen Accepted

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Renovations to Slidell High School Accepted

The low bid and Alternate No. 1 meeting plans and specifications for the renovations to Slidell High School, submitted by Ragusa Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$2,304,000.00, was accepted.

Board Officers and Chairpersons Elected

School Board officers and chairpersons were elected to one-year terms of office. Serving are District 13 Board Member John Lamarque, School Board President; District 4 Board Member Jack Loup, School Board Vice President; District 2 Board Member Elizabeth Heintz, Chair of the Human Resources/ Education Committee; and District 6 School Board Member Donald Villere, Chair of the Business Affairs/Administration Committee.