



BOARD BRIEFING

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the April 8, 2009, Special Board meeting and the April 9, 2009, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

April 8, 2009, Special Board Meeting

Bids Opened, Best Bid for General Obligation Bonds Accepted, and Issuance of Bonds Approved

Approval was given to open and consider bids from four financial syndicates for the purchase of \$20 million in General Obligation School Bonds. The best bid, which was submitted by Morgan Keegan, was accepted and the authorization to incur debt and issue \$20 million in General Obligation Bonds was passed. The issue will be used to finance construction projects approved by voters in the March 2008 bond reauthorization.

April 9, 2009, Board Meeting

Salmen High Boys Basketball Team Recognized

Coach Jay Carlin and the Salmen High School Boys Basketball Team were recognized for winning the 2009 State Class 4A Boys Basketball Championship. It was the first state boys' basketball championship won by a St. Tammany team in the past 50 years, and the first title won by the Salmen squad in over 44 seasons.

Superintendent's Award for Outstanding Character and Citizenship Presented

Awards were presented to the winner and finalist of the annual Superintendent's Award for Outstanding Character and Citizenship. The 2008-2009 winner is the K.I.S.S. Program at Tchefuncte Middle School. The finalist for the award is the Random Acts of Kindness Club at Abney Elementary School. A special award was also presented to the Brock Elementary School community for their courage and determination following Hurricane Katrina. All recipients received a special plaque presented by Superintendent Sloan. As winner of the award, Tchefuncte Middle School received a \$1,000 contribution from Capital One Bank. Brock Elementary School also received a \$5,000 fund for receiving the special award. The Superintendent's award is given annually to encourage and recognize extraordinary acts of character, citizenship, and service by individuals, groups, and/or schools within the School System.

Schools Receive Louisiana Accountability Rewards

Twelve schools in the System received Louisiana Accountability rewards for meeting or exceeding growth targets and showing progress in accountability subgroups. Recognized were:

Exemplary Academic Growth

Bayou Lacombe Middle School
Boyet Junior High School
Carolyn Park Middle School
Fontainebleau Junior High School
Little Oak Middle School
Mandeville Junior High
Sixth Ward Elementary School

Recognized Academic Growth

Abita Springs Middle School
Fontainebleau High School
Lake Harbor Middle School
Madisonville Elementary School
Madisonville Junior High School

Fontainebleau High School Jazz Ensemble One Recognized

The Fontainebleau High School Jazz Ensemble One was recognized for being named the 2009 Louisiana Grand Champions at the Louisiana State Jazz Ensemble Festival. Band Director Lee Hicks and three of his ensemble members attended the meeting and were presented their trophy from the Louisiana State Jazz Ensemble Festival.

School Nurse Day Proclaimed

The Board adopted a resolution supporting May 6, 2009, as a national day of recognition for school nurses. Several school nurses visited the meeting to be recognized for their contribution to the educational system. The day is designed to honor school nurses and express appreciation for their care and contributions to the overall development of students.

Substitute Employee Appreciation Day Proclaimed

Recognizing the important contribution that substitute personnel make to maintaining continuity of instruction and positive learning environments for students, the Board proclaimed April 22, 2009, as St. Tammany Parish Public School System Substitute Appreciation Day.

Kiwanis Club of Greater Covington

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Covington made a donation for the purchase of an automated external defibrillator (AED) for Covington High School.

Abney Elementary School Assistant Principal Appointed

Kelley Welch, currently a Parishwide Assistant Principal, was appointed Assistant Principal at Abney Elementary School.

Carolyn Park Middle School Assistant Principal Appointed

Chantelle O'Meallie, currently a Parishwide Assistant Principal, was appointed Assistant Principal at Carolyn Park Middle School.

Chahta-Ima Elementary School Principal Appointed

Casey Gleason, currently Assistant Principal at Mandeville Elementary School, was appointed Principal at Chahta-Ima Elementary School. She replaces Deborah Rushing who is retiring at the end of this school year.

**Florida Avenue
Elementary School
Principal Appointed**

Ramona Carlin, currently serving as Assistant Principal at Honey Island Elementary School, was appointed Principal at Florida Avenue Elementary School. She replaces Elaine Motte who is retiring at the end of this school year.

**Pontchartrain Elementary
School Principal
Appointed**

Kim Thomas, currently serving as Assistant Principal at Pontchartrain Elementary School, was appointed Principal at Pontchartrain Elementary School. She replaces Kathleen Wiseman who is retiring at the end of this school year.

**School Board Health Plan
Revised**

A recommendation by an employee insurance committee to revise the Parish School Board Health Plan was accepted. The following revisions to the plan were approved and will go into effect July 1, 2009:

- Increase premiums by 10%
- Increase co-pays by \$5.00 to Plan I only
- Move eligible Medicare retirees to a Medicare Advantage program

The revisions will help displace the increased costs of maintaining the School Board Health Plan. The revisions are the only cost increase to members since the Board Plan was adopted.

**Mandeville High School
Stadium Renamed "Sid
Theriot Stadium"**

A resolution naming the Mandeville High School Stadium "Sid Theriot Stadium" in honor of former coach Theriot was adopted. Coach Theriot started the first football program at the school in the mid-1960's and served as a coach and educator for more than forty years.

**Name of New Elementary
School in Mandeville
Accepted**

The recommendation to name the new elementary school in Mandeville "Marigny Elementary School" was accepted. The school is scheduled to open at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

**Policy for Booster Clubs
and Support
Organizations Adopted**

A new policy detailing best fiscal practices for Booster Clubs was adopted. The policy was introduced to help safeguard the trust of those who spend much time and effort in working in booster clubs and associated fundraising activities.

**Bid for School Classroom
Conversion and
Emergency Gym
Generator at Lakeshore
High School Accepted**

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Silver Construction Company, LLC was accepted for the classroom conversion and emergency gym generator at Lakeshore High School. The bid amount is \$568,696.

**Bid for Fontainebleau
Junior High Re-roofing
Accepted**

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Kent Construction, Incorporated was accepted for re-roofing at Fontainebleau Junior High School. The bid amount is \$234,000.

Bid for Abney Elementary School Car and Bus Loop Paving Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by EJ Milligan Construction Company, LLC was accepted for car and bus loop paving at Abney Elementary School. The bid amount is \$97,850.

Bid for Riverside Elementary School Re-roofing Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Rowell Roofing, Incorporated was accepted for re-roofing of the original building at Riverside Elementary School. The bid amount is \$368,900.

Bid for Boyet Junior High School Re-roofing Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Morgan Roofing Company, Inc. was accepted for re-roofing of the 100 wing and walkway covers at Boyet Junior High School. The bid amount is \$189,000.

Bid for Mandeville High School Paving Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Silver Construction Company, LLC was accepted for paving at Mandeville High School. The bid amount is \$49,900.

Bid for Carolyn Park Middle School Re-roofing Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Certified Roofing Specialists was accepted for re-roofing of wings 1 and 2 and library at Carolyn Park Middle School. The bid amount is \$386,354.

Job Descriptions Approved

Job descriptions for Title I Community Liaison and Behavior Intervention Specialist were approved.

Acceleration of New Highway Interchange Construction Urged

A resolution was adopted urging State officials to accelerate the construction of a new interchange at the intersection of Highway 1088 and Interstate 12. The interchange is needed immediately to help disperse traffic in the area of Lakeshore High School and to enable students and the public to move safely to and from the school site in the future.

Funding for Learning Park Urged

A resolution was adopted asking the legislature to fund the University Square project through state education entities. The joint project with local universities and Louisiana Technical College System will enhance academic offerings to our students and provide real-world job training to help meet the needs of our students and community marketplace.