

April, 2006

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the April 13, 2006, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

NTI Award of Honor in Hurricane Communication Presented

An award for leadership and effective communication during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina was presented to Superintendent Gayle Sloan and Director of Public Information Linda Roan by Rogers Pope, Executive Director of the Louisiana Association of School Executives. The national award was given by the American Association of School Administrators, the National School Public Relations Association, and the NTI Group. The recognition included a \$10,000 scholarship award that will be shared equally by two graduating seniors who will pursue a degree in the area of communication.

School Nurse Day Proclaimed

The Board passed a resolution supporting May 10, 2006, as a national day of recognition for school nurses. The day is designed to honor school nurses for their care and contributions to the overall development of school children.

Schools Receive Louisiana Accountability Rewards

Twenty-five schools in the System received Louisiana Accountability rewards totaling almost \$205,000 for exceeding growth targets and showing progress in accountability subgroups. Recognized were:

Exemplary Academic Growth

Abney Elementary School	\$ 13,307.11
Alton Elementary School	\$ 5,000.00
Bonne Ecole Elementary School	\$ 10,123.67
Clearwood Junior High School	\$ 10,123.67
Covington Elementary School	\$ 7,438.11
Florida Avenue Elementary School	\$ 7,438.11
Folsom Elementary School	\$ 7,151.45
Lake Harbor Middle School	\$ 8,645.10
Lyon Elementary School	\$ 8,765.80
Madisonville Elementary School	\$ 6,427.25
Mandeville Elementary School	\$ 8,539.49
Pine View Middle School	\$ 8,569.67
Tchefuncte Middle School	\$ 12,235.92
Woodlake Elementary School	\$ 9,520.18

Recognized Academic Growth

Abita Springs Elementary School	\$ 6,407.13
Abita Springs Middle School	\$ 3,832.21
Fifth Ward Junior High School	\$ 6,236.14
Folsom Junior High School	\$ 2,500.00
Fontainebleau Junior High School	\$12,331.47
Lee Road Junior High School	\$ 7,835.41
Little Oak Middle School	\$10,933.37
Magnolia Trace Elementary School	\$ 8,398.68
Mandeville Junior High School	\$ 7,060.92
Mandeville Middle School	\$ 7,131.33
Pontchartrain Elementary School	\$ 8,790.95

Clearwood Junior High School Assistant Principal Appointed

Judith Camhout, a Parishwide Assistant Principal assigned to Clearwood Junior High School, was appointed Assistant Principal there. She replaces June Gifford, who has retired.

Riverside Elementary School Assistant Principal Appointed

Pamela Hester was appointed Assistant Principal at Riverside Elementary School, replacing Rebecca Holley, who has retired. Ms. Hester has been a Parishwide Assistant Principal assigned to Riverside Elementary, Boyet Junior High, Creekside Junior High, Fifth Ward Junior High, and St. Tammany Junior High Schools.

Slidell Junior High School Assistant Principal Appointed

Lou Anne Lea, Resource Helping Teacher at Slidell Junior High School, was appointed Assistant Principal there. She replaces Kay Saraceno, who has retired.

Abney Elementary School Principal Appointed

Kathleen Katsorchis, Assistant Principal at Abney Elementary School, was appointed Principal at the school. She will replace Principal Jane Freeman, who is retiring.

Honey Island Elementary School Principal Appointed

Mary Jane Smith, Assistant Principal at Bayou Woods Elementary School, was appointed Principal at Honey Island Elementary School. She will replace Principal Donna Lusignan, who is retiring.

Supervisor of Instruction Appointed

Julie Matte, currently Principal at Abita Springs Middle School, was appointed

Supervisor of Instruction in the Central Office. She will replace Supervisor Marian Arrowsmith, who is retiring.

April, 2004, Bond Authorization Projects Revised

A revision of the April, 2004, Bond Authorization package was approved, allowing the \$10 million scheduled for a new elementary school for Brock Elementary School and a portion of the Abney Elementary School attendance areas to be used instead to restore and rebuild Brock Elementary and Salmen High Schools. A new elementary school will not be needed at this time, as a result of reductions in student enrollment at Brock Elementary and Abney Elementary Schools following Hurricane Katrina. Brock Elementary and Salmen High Schools sustained major damage during the hurricane.

Foundations and Enclosures for Temporary Salmen High School

Approved

Foundations and enclosures for temporary buildings at the Salmen High School site were approved as substantially complete, subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.

Architect Selected for New Salmen High School

Fauntleroy & Latham Architects was appointed to design the new Salmen High School. The school was severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Bid for Madisonville Junior High School Gymnasium Accepted

The low bid plus alternate Number 1 meeting plans and specifications submitted by Guy Hopkins Construction were accepted for construction of a new gymnasium for Madisonville Junior High School. The bid amount is \$2,518,000, and the funding sources are the 2004 Bond Authorization and the General Fund.

Bid for Renovations to Abita Springs Middle School Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for renovations to the home economics industrial arts buildings, and the gymnasium was accepted. Belou Magner Construction submitted the low bid in the amount of \$1,898,470. The 2004 Bond Authorization is the source of funds.

In-House Energy Conservation Program Approved

A program designed to conserve energy throughout the School System that would be administered by School System personnel was approved.