

## **August, 2005, Board Briefing**

*Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the August 2, 4, and 9, 2005, Special School Board meetings and the August 11, 2005, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.*

### **August 2, 2005, Special Board Meeting**

#### **Superintendent's Proposed 2005-2006 General Fund Budget Presented**

The Superintendent's proposed General Fund budget for 2005-2006 was presented for initial review.

### **August 4, 2005, Special Board Meeting**

#### **Assistant Principal at St. Tammany Junior High School Appointed**

Anthony Esposito, most recently a teacher at Fontainebleau High School, was appointed Assistant Principal at St. Tammany Junior High School. His appointment follows the promotion of former Assistant Principal Patrick Wood to Principal at Bayou Lacombe Middle School.

#### **Bid for Additions to Mandeville High School Accepted**

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for a ten-classroom wing addition to Mandeville High School submitted by MBD Construction in the amount of \$1,495,000 was accepted. The request by the company to be permitted to withdraw its bids was rejected. The April, 2004, Bond Authorization is the source of funding.

### **August 9, 2005, Special Board Meeting**

#### **Public Input on 2005 Millage Rate and Superintendent's Revised Millage Rate Proposal Heard**

Members of the public interested in speaking to the Board about millage rates levied by the School Board were heard on the issue. The Superintendent presented a compromise plan for adjusting 2005 millage rates by 3.25 mills. The plan recommended rolling forward the General Operation millage by 5.25 mills and decreasing the General Obligation Bond millage by 2.0 mills, resulting in the 3.25 mills adjustment to the 2004 millage rate. Millage rates were rolled back in 2004 following parishwide reappraisal of local property.

#### **Resolutions Levying Millage Rates for 2005 Approved**

Following procedures prescribed by State law, the Board first passed a resolution levying General Operation and General Obligation Bond millages to 2004 rates. A second resolution was passed then to set the millages to be levied by the School Board at 77.84 mills for the 2005 tax year.

### **August 11, 2005, School Board Meeting**

### **Construction of Monteleone Junior High School Accepted**

L. P. Monteleone Junior High School and the entrance road and turning lane to the school were accepted as substantially complete, subject to recommendations of the architects, completion of the punch lists, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.

### **Covington Pathways and Harrison Curriculum Center Renovation Accepted**

The renovation of the two-story Covington Pathways/Harrison Curriculum Center facility 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.

### **Salmen High School Gymnasium Floor Replacement Accepted**

The replacement of the gymnasium floor at Salmen 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.

### **Slidell High School Drainage Project Accepted**

The subsurface drainage work and grading at Slidell High 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.

### **Mandeville High School Parking and Drainage Projects Accepted**

The addition of new parking spaces and drainage improvements at Mandeville High 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.

### **Pontchartrain Elementary and Tchefuncte Middle Schools Classrooms Accepted**

The modular classroom additions and the infrastructure for the new classrooms at Pontchartrain Elementary and Tchefuncte Middle Schools 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.

### **Mandeville Elementary School Roof Replacement Accepted**

The project to remove and replace the cafeteria and gymnasium roof at Mandeville Elementary 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.

### **Folsom Elementary School Roof Replacement Accepted**

The project to remove and replace the roof of the main building at Folsom Elementary 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.

### **Covington High School Drainage Project Accepted**

The drainage project at the Covington High School football field 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.

### **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
- Lambert, Richard C., Consultants, LLC
- 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:

- Donald R. Ducote & Associates, Inc.
- Pinnacle Engineering, LLC
- Ritter Consulting Engineers, Ltd.

### **Firms for Type II-A/II-B Technical Services Pool for Land Surveying Accepted**

The following firms were appointed to the rotation pool of land surveying firms for another year:

- BFM Corporation, LLC
- Randall W. Brown & Associates, Inc.
- GSE Associates, Inc.

### **Firms for the Type II-A/II-B Technical Services Pool for Materials Testing Accepted**

The following firms were appointed to the rotation pool of materials testing firms for another year:

- Alpha Testing & Inspection, Inc.
- Citywide Testing & Inspections, Inc.
- Delta Testing and Inspection, Inc.
- Eustis Engineering Company, Inc.

- Professional Service Industries, Inc.
- Soil Testing Engineers, Inc.

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

The following firms were appointed to the rotation pool of soils testing firms for another year:

- Eustis Engineering Company, Inc.
- Professional Service Industries, Inc.
- Soil Testing Engineers, Inc.