

St. Tammany Parish Public School System  
**Board Briefing - May, 2004**

*Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the May 6, 2004, Special Board Meeting and the May 13, 2004, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.*

**May 6, 2004, Special Board Meeting**

**Resolution Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of April 17 Special Election Adopted**

A resolution was adopted to canvass returns and declare results of the April 17, 2004, Special Election called to authorize the levy of sales and use tax in the parish and to incur debt and issue bonds for a five-year capital improvements program.

**Advertising Bids for General Obligation Bond Sale Authorized**

Authority was given to advertise for sealed bids for the purchase of \$30 million in General Obligation Bonds.

**Bids for Information Technology Department Additions and Modifications Approved**

The low bid, submitted by ARC Construction, for additions and modifications to the Information Technology Department was accepted. The bid amount was \$342,000. The Parishwide Construction Fund is the source of funding for the project.

**May 13, 2004, Board Meeting**

**Students of the Year Presented**

St. Tammany Parish Students of the Year for 2003-2004, chosen at the fifth, eighth, and twelfth grade levels, were presented to the Board. Students of the Year are chosen every year at schools across the parish, and one from each of the three grade levels is chosen at the parish level by a committee representing a cross section of the community. Winners are chosen for outstanding academic performance, leadership, service to others, and communication skills. Recognized were:

Casey Adkins	Jordan Luke	Ashley Bienvenu
Mandeville Middle School	Fontainebleau Junior High School	Mandeville High School
Elementary Division	Middle/Junior High Division	High School Division

Ashley also was selected a Regional Student of the Year, and she is being considered for State Student of the Year on May 18.

## **Outstanding School Support Employees Recognized**

Outstanding School Support Employees for 2003-2004 were honored. Receiving this recognition for their valuable contributions to the education process were:

Cheryl Delchamps Paraprofessional Pontchartrain Elementary School Elementary Division	Denise Thigpen Lunchroom Manager Northshore High School High School Division
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George Fleming Head Custodian Tchefuncte Middle School Middle/Junior High Division	Karen Randolph Senior Secretary Central Office Non-School Division
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## **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation Recognized**

The School System received recognition as a "Super District of Quality Schools" from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for all schools in the System having earned SACS accreditation. Seven schools were congratulated on receiving continuing accreditation. The schools were Abita Springs Middle, Lake Harbor Middle, Mandeville Middle, Northshore High, Slidell High, Tchefuncte Middle, and Woodlake Elementary Schools.

## **American Petroleum Institute Teachers of the Year Honored**

The Delta Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute (API) presented API Teacher of the Year honors to four teachers. Receiving the awards were Deborah Lynne Richard of Mandeville Elementary School, Patricia Schoen of Mandeville Middle School, and Stacey Magee of Mandeville High School. A First-Year Teacher award was presented to Rachel Vrettos of Fifth Ward Junior High School.

## **Leonard P. Monteleone Technology Award Presented**

The second annual Leonard P. Monteleone Technology Award was presented to Boyet Junior High School teacher Misty Schmidt for effective integration of technology into the school curriculum.

## **Abney Elementary School Assistant Principal Appointed**

Donna Smith, currently Resource Helping Teacher at Abney Elementary School, was appointed Assistant Principal at the school.

## **Bayou Woods Assistant Principal Appointed**

Currently serving a one-year position as Principal at Creekside Junior High School, Mitchell Stubbs was appointed Assistant Principal at Bayou Woods Elementary School.

## **Covington High School Assistant Principal Appointed**

Lee Hebert, Jr., currently a social studies teacher at Covington High School, was appointed Assistant Principal at the school. He replaces Brennan McCurley, who recently was appointed an assistant principal at Northshore High School.

## **Fontainebleau Junior High School Assistant Principal Appointed**

Shannon d'Hemecourt, currently Resource Helping Teacher at Fontainebleau Junior High School, was appointed an assistant principal at the school. Her appointment follows the appointment of current Assistant Principal Jay Gaines as Principal of William Pitcher Junior High School following this school year.

### **Lee Road Junior High School Assistant Principal Appointed**

Kalinda Fauntleroy, currently Resource Helping Teacher at Fifth Ward Junior High School, was appointed Assistant Principal at Lee Road Junior High School.

### **Madisonville Elementary School Assistant Principal Appointed**

The coordinator of the 21st Century Community Learning Center at Pine View Middle School, Jamie Huard, was appointed Assistant Principal at Madisonville Elementary School.

### **Supervisor of Federal Programs Appointed**

Terry Meyer, currently an assistant supervisor of Special Education, was appointed Supervisor of Federal Programs for the School System.

### **Supervisor of Administration Appointed**

Currently an assistant principal at Salmen High School, Michael Cosse', was appointed a Supervisor of Administration for the School System.

### **Job Description for Supervisory Position Approved**

A job description for Supervisor of Federal Programs was approved.

### **Administration of *Smart Track Survey* Approved**

Approval was given to administer the *Smart Track Survey* of perceived student exposure to drugs, alcohol, and other addictive substances every 2 years to students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12.

### **Pilot Dropout Intervention Program Approved**

A pilot program designed to increase the graduation rate of students who are at-risk of dropping out of school was approved. The program would allow these students to earn Carnegie credits in core subjects on-line through Web-based offerings.

### **Student Organizations and Clubs Policy Accepted**

A policy setting out requirements for the establishment and operation of student organizations and clubs in School System high schools was accepted.

### **Levy of 2004 Millages Approved**

Levy of the following 2004 millage rates for support of the School System was approved. The millages are the same as those levied last year.

<b>Parishwide Taxes</b>	<b>Millage</b>
Constitutional Tax	4.47
Additional Support Tax	6.26
Constructing, Maintaining And Operating Tax	4.47
Additional Support – Improving, Maintaining & Operating Tax	46.00
Bond and Interest Tax (Debt Service), District 12	<u>25.90</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>87.10</b>

### **Changes to Weighted Grades Policy Approved**

The Weighted Grades Policy was altered to base rank in class on quality points students earn in

grades 9-12. Five provisions determining the number of quality points earned were added to the policy.

### **Job Description for Director of Dropout Prevention and Intervention Program Accepted**

A job description for Director of Dropout Prevention and Intervention was accepted.

### **Resolution Regarding Article 10, Section 29(E) of the Louisiana Constitution Adopted**

A resolution was adopted urging the Louisiana Legislature to fund the employers' share of retirement contributions for school board employees in the state as provided by Article 10, Section 29(E) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974.

### **Covington Elementary School Renovations Accepted**

Renovations to Covington Elementary School were accepted as substantially complete, subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.

### **Abita Springs Elementary School Classroom Addition Approved**

The 12-classroom addition to Abita Springs Elementary School was approved as substantially complete, subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.

### **Slidell High School Parking Lot and Access Road Project Accepted**

The new parking lot and access road at Slidell High School were accepted as substantially complete for beneficial occupancy.

### **Bid for Lee Road Junior High School Renovations Accepted**

The low bid in the amount of \$1,196,000 was accepted for renovations to the main building and agriscience building at Lee Road Junior High School. TBC, Ltd., submitted the bid. The funding source is the 2001 Bond Authorization.

### **Quotation for Roofing Project at Abita Springs Middle School Accepted**

The low quotation meeting plans and specifications for the gymnasium roof replacement at Abita Springs Middle School was accepted. Ibos Roofing Company, Inc., submitted the low quote in the amount of \$79,420. The 2001 Bond Authorization is the source of funds.

### **Quotation for Parking Lot Paving at Boyet Junior High School Accepted**

The low quotation meeting plans and specifications for parking lot paving at Boyet Junior High Schools was accepted. Boh Brothers Construction submitted the low quote of \$93,600. The funding source is the Parishwide Construction Fund.

### **Quotation for Driveway Paving at Abney Elementary School Accepted**

Fleming Construction Company submitted the low quotation meeting plans and specifications for driveway paving at Abney Elementary School. The quotation was \$56,940, and the funding source is the Parishwide Construction Fund.