

## **January 2003 Board Briefing**

*Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the January 9, 2003, Board Meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.*

### **Board Members Participate in Swearing In Ceremony**

St. Tammany Parish School Board members were sworn into office at a ceremony beginning the meeting. District 3, 7, and 10 members Michael J. Dirmann, Sorola "Jody" Palmer, and Ronald "Ron" Bettencourt took office for the first time. Other Board members return to the Board from previous terms of office.

### **Board Officers Elected**

Board officers serving during 2002 were re-elected to office for the one - year period January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003. Re-elected were John Lamarque, president; Diane Sambola, vice president; Donald Villere, chair for the Business Affairs/Administrative Committee as a Whole; and Elizabeth Heintz, chair for the Personnel/Education Committee as a Whole.

### **United Way Awards Presented**

Schools and School Board offices pledging the greatest donation and percentage of participation in the United Way campaign were recognized. Awards for those achieving the highest percentage over goal went to Bayou Woods Elementary, Lee Road Junior High, and Fontainebleau High Schools and the Instructional Technology Department. The school and office having the most employee dollars pledged were Mandeville Elementary School and the Central Office. The award for most student dollars raised was presented to Covington High School.

### **Administrative Supervisor Appointed**

Fontainebleau High School Assistant Principal John Cousin was appointed Supervisor of Administration to fill the position of retired Supervisor Simmie Fairley. Mr. Cousin also has been an acting principal and administrative assistant at Fontainebleau High School. He also taught at Mandeville, Northshore, and Slidell High Schools as well as Slidell Junior High School.

### **Addition to Pupil Progression Plan Approved**

The addition of a provision to the School System Pupil Progression Plan allowing high school principals to exempt students from final exams based on their performance on the Graduate Exit Exam ( GEE 21) was approved. The Pupil Progression Plan is a state-mandated plan that sets out grading, promotion, and retention policies for the School System.

### **Low Bids for Kitchen at Instructional Technology Center Accepted**

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Trison Constructors, LLC, in the amount of \$203,700 for the addition of a kitchen to the Instructional Technology Center was accepted. The parishwide construction fund is the source of funding.

### **Construction Project Assignment Removed from Type I-A Projects List**

The Abita Springs Middle School construction project was removed from the list of architectural firms assigned to Type I-A projects.

### **Eleven Construction Projects Assigned to Architectural Firms**

The following Type I-A construction projects were assigned to architectural firms recommended by the Screening and Evaluation Committee.

Abney Elementary School – Yeates and Yeates Architects  
Brock Elementary School – Holly and Smith Architects  
Covington Pathways/Harrison Curriculum Center – Gossen-Gassaway-Holloway, Ltd.  
Cypress Cove Elementary School – Fauntleroy & Latham, Inc.  
Folsom Elementary School – Fauntleroy & Latham, Inc.  
Folsom Junior High School – Morton Verges Architects  
Honey Island Elementary School – Fauntleroy & Latham, Inc.  
Lee Road Junior High School – Piazza Architecture Planning  
Lyon Elementary School – Gossen-Gassaway-Holloway, Ltd.  
Mandeville Junior High School – Gossen-Gassaway-Holloway, Ltd.  
Sixth Ward Elementary School – Piazza Architecture Planning

All projects will be funded by the November, 2001, bond authorization.

### **Assignments to Rotation Pool for Type I-B Design Services Extended**

The assignment of firms to the rotation pool for Type I-B construction projects was extended for one year for the following firms.

Donald R. Ducote & Associates, LLC  
Fauntleroy & Latham, Inc.  
Holly & Smith Architects, APAC  
Knight & Associates, APAC  
Richard C. Lambert Consultants  
Krebs, LaSalle, Lemieux Consultants, Inc.  
Morton Verges Architects  
Piazza Architecture Planning  
Scairono Martinez Architects

### **Assignments to Pool for Type II-A/II-B Technical Services Extended**

The assignment of firms to the pool for Type II-A/II-B technical services for construction projects was extended for one year for the following firms.

#### Land Survey Services

Acadia Land Surveying, LLC  
BFM Corporation, LLC  
Randall W. Brown & Associates, Inc.  
J. V. Burkes & Associates, Inc.  
Krebs, LaSalle, LeMieux Consultants, Inc.  
Kelly J. McHugh and Associates, Inc.

Material Testing Services

Alpha Testing & Inspection, Inc.  
Citywide Testing & Inspections, Inc.  
Eustis Engineering Company, Inc.  
Professional Service Industries, Inc.  
Soil Testing Engineers, Inc.

Soil Testing Services

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

**Resolution Adopted to Authorize Advertisement for Bids for General Obligation Bond Purchase**

A resolution was passed allowing the administration to advertise for sealed bids for the purchase of \$9,185,000 of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds.