

April 2003 Board Briefing

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the March 27, 2003, Special School Board meeting and the April 10, 2003 School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

March 27, 2003, Special Board Meeting

Superintendent Appointed

Mrs. Gayle Sloan was selected Superintendent for the St. Tammany Parish Public School System, succeeding the late Superintendent Lenny Monteleone. Mrs. Sloan had been serving as Acting Superintendent since February. She was appointed Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in 1997, following more than 25 years of service as a Supervisor in the St. Tammany Central Office, principal and assistant principal at Mandeville Middle School, and teacher.

Resolution Passed Regarding Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision

A resolution was passed urging U. S. Representatives to support legislation repealing both the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision. These measures currently reduce Social Security benefits and, in some cases eliminate, spousal pension benefits to state government employees.

April 10, 2003, Board Meeting Recent National Board Certified Teachers and National Certified School Counselors Recognized

St. Tammany public school teachers and counselors who have completed the process of national certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and the National Board for Certified Counselors during this school year were recognized for this significant career accomplishment.

The following educators were recognized.

National Board Certified Teachers

Janne E. Crews, Bayou Woods Elementary School
Diana D. Hillhouse, Mandeville Elementary School
April H. Whitfield, Cypress Cove Elementary School
National Certified School Counselors
Sherri Albers, Slidell High School
Jeannie Beaushaw, Pearl River High School
Theresa W. Dennis, Bayou Lacombe Middle School
Stephen Kelly, Slidell High School

School Nurses Day Proclaimed

A resolution was passed proclaiming May 7, 2003, School Nurses Day and commending school nurses for the important contributions that they make to the well-being and overall development of students.

Covington High School Principal Appointed

Danny Guillory, a current assistant principal at Covington High School, was appointed Principal at the school. Prior to serving as an assistant principal, Mr. Guillory taught mathematics at Mandeville High School. He replaces Principal Betty Cronin who is retiring.

No Child Left Behind Provisions for Paraprofessionals Addressed

A recommendation by the administration to require all paraprofessionals in the School System to meet requirements of the No Child Left Behind legislation by January 8, 2006, was passed. The recommendation included the provision that the System begin offering these paraprofessionals the opportunity to begin course requirements this summer with a tuition exemption program.

Revisions to Pupil Progression Plan Approved

Revisions to the Pupil Progression Plan related to weighted grades was approved.

Assessment of Student Perception of Substance Use Approved

The Smart Track Needs Assessment survey of student perceptions about alcohol, drug, and tobacco use was approved. The assessment will be administered to students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 with parent permission during Red Ribbon Week scheduled next school year for October 20 - 24, 2003.

Fontainebleau High School Softball and Baseball Facility Accepted

The softball and baseball facility at Fontainebleau High School was accepted as substantially complete subject to recommendations of the engineer, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.

Fifth Ward Junior High School Construction Project Change Order Accepted

A change order in the amount of \$33,624 was accepted for the Fifth Ward Junior High School classroom and administrative wing additions.