

Board Briefings - May 2003

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the May 6, 2003, Special Board Meeting and the May 8, 2003, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

May 6, 2003, Special Board Meeting

Superintendent Contract Approved

An employment contract between Superintendent Gayle Sloan and the School Board was approved.

May 8, 2003, Board Meeting

Students of the Year Recognized

St. Tammany Parish Public School System Students of the Year for 2002-2003 were recognized. Following State Department of Education guidelines, fifth-, eighth-, and twelfth-grade students across the parish were selected to represent their schools as Students of the Year. From those students, a Student of the Year for the School System was selected at the three grade levels. Those students are:

Kyle Hoppens, Little Oak Middle School
Elementary Division

Simon Martin, Mandeville Junior High School
Middle/Junior High Division

Kate Daughdrill, Fontainebleau High School
High School Division

Outstanding School Support Employees Honored

Four employees were chosen St. Tammany Parish Outstanding School Support Employees for 2002-2003, based on State Department of Education program criteria. Recognized for the positive impact they have on the success of students in the School System are:

Denise Walker, Riverside Elementary School
Elementary Division

Nona Navarre, Bayou Lacombe Middle School
Middle/Junior High Division

Lisa Abshire, Salmen High School
High School Division

Gloria Pittman, Educational Center
Non-school Division

Schools SACS Accreditation Renewed

Ten schools in the System completed the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) review process for accreditation renewal and were granted continuation of their accredited status. Recognized for the accomplishment were Abita Springs Elementary, Bayou Lacombe Middle, Covington Elementary, Covington High, Fifth Ward Junior High, Folsom Junior High, Lyon Elementary, Madisonville Junior High, Mandeville Elementary, and Pine View Middle Schools. All schools in the System have SACS accreditation.

API Teachers of the Year Named

The Delta Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute (API) bestowed API Teachers of the Year honors on four teachers for their outstanding contributions to students in St. Tammany Parish. Award recipients were:

Michelle Dubuc, Woodlake Elementary School
First-Year Teacher

Debi Schoen, Lee Road Junior High School
Elementary Division

Suzanne Buras, Lake Harbor Middle School
Middle/Junior High Division

Ric Watkins, Covington High School
High School Division

Leonard P. Monteleone Technology Award Winner Announced

Lake Harbor Middle School teacher Suzanne Buras became the first winner of the Leonard P. Monteleone Technology Award, presented for exceptional use of technology in instruction. The award is funded from a private donation in memory of late Superintendent Lenny Monteleone.

Alton Elementary School Recognized

Alton Elementary School was recognized for being named a 2002-2003 Distinguished Title I School for Louisiana by the U. S. Department of Education. The school earned this recognition of highest achievement for outstanding progress in student performance.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Appointed

Dr. Margo Guilott was appointed Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Guilott had been serving as Acting Assistant Superintendent following the appointment of former Assistant Superintendent Gayle Sloan to Superintendent. Dr. Guilott had served as a supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction since 1985.

Bayou Woods Elementary School Principal Appointed

Current Assistant Principal Linda Bankston was appointed Principal for Bayou Woods Elementary School. Mrs. Bankston will replace Dr. Ed Burow upon his retirement.

Folsom Elementary School Principal Appointed

Current Assistant Principal for Madisonville Junior High School Amiee Woessner was appointed Principal for Folsom Elementary School. Current Folsom Elementary School Principal Elwood Loyd is retiring.

Salmen High School Principal Appointed

Byron Williams, currently Principal for St. Tammany Junior High School, was appointed Principal for Salmen High School. His appointment follows the imminent retirement of Salmen High School Principal Janet Kondas.

Covington Elementary School Assistant Principal Appointed

Resource Helping Teacher Susan Wolfe, now serving Lyon Elementary School, was appointed Assistant Principal for Covington Elementary School.

Covington High School Assistant Principal Appointed

The current technology coordinator for Covington High School, Jessica Mizell, was appointed Assistant Principal for the school. Mrs. Mizell replaces Danny Guillory, recently appointed Principal for Covington High School.

Fifth Ward Junior High School Assistant Principal Appointed

James Smith, a veteran teacher at Sixth Ward Elementary School, was appointed Assistant Principal for Fifth Ward Junior High School. Former Assistant Principal Rebecca Hyer recently was appointed Principal for Abita Springs Elementary School.

Revised School Board Budgets Approved

The 2002-2003 revised School Board Budgets were approved as recommended by the Superintendent.

School Board Millage Rates for 2003 Accepted

A resolution to continue to levy School Board millages at current rates for 2003 was approved. Millages are:

Parishwide Taxes	Millage
Constitutional Tax	4.47
Additional Support Tax	6.26
Constructing, Maintaining & Operating Tax	4.47
Additional Support - Improving, Maintaining & Operating Tax	46.00

Bond and Interest Tax (Debt Service)	25.90
District 12	
Total	87.10

Preliminary Approval to Issue General Obligation Refunding Bonds Approved

A resolution passed giving preliminary approval to issue \$5,440,000 of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds and make application to the State Bond Commission for approval. The refinancing is expected to result in an estimated \$400,000 in interest savings to the School System.

Woodlake Elementary School Roofing Bids Rejected

Bids to remove and replace the Woodlake Elementary School cafeteria roof were rejected. The project will be re-bid.

Madisonville Elementary School Paving Bid Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by "K" Construction for the paving additions at Madisonville Elementary School was accepted. The bid amount is \$117,500, and the source of funding is the November, 2001, bond authorization.

Mandeville High School Roadway and Drainage Work Quotation Accepted

The low quotation meeting plans and specifications in the amount of \$30,960 for roadway and drainage improvements at Mandeville High School was accepted. Dennis Glass Construction Company, Inc., submitted the quotation.

Abita Springs Elementary School Bid for New Classrooms Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications in the amount of \$1,261,000 submitted by Owen Construction Company, Inc., for a 12-classroom addition at Abita Springs Elementary School was accepted. The project is funded by the November, 2001, bond authorization.

Pupil Progression Plan Revised

Revisions to the Pupil Progression Plan that facilitate the transition to a weighted grading system were approved.

New Job Descriptions Approved

Job descriptions for Supervisor of Data Analysis and Data Management and for Guidance Counselor for College-Bound Students were approved.

Consolidated Application for Title I through Title V Approved

The Consolidated Application for Titles I, II, III, IV, and V budgets for 2003-2004 was approved.