

St. Tammany Parish Public School System
Board Briefing - October 2003

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

Lyon Elementary and Slidell High Schools Win Louisiana School Health Award

First-ever Louisiana School Health Awards given by State Superintendent of Education Cecil Picard recently were awarded to Lyon Elementary and Slidell High Schools for their outstanding programs emphasizing healthy eating and exercise habits. Both schools were recognized before the Board for receiving these awards.

Red Ribbon Week Proclaimed

A resolution was passed proclaiming the week of October 20, 2003, Red Ribbon Week in all public schools in the parish and expressing gratitude for the contributions PRIDE has made to the community.

School Food Service Program Spotlighted During National School Lunch Week

The week of October 20, 2003, was proclaimed National School Lunch Week, during which students will enjoy special menus and nutrition education activities planned by Student Nutrition Advisory Councils and School Food Service staffs.

School Bus Safety Highlighted

A resolution was passed recognizing the safety record of St. Tammany Parish school buses and declaring the week of October 19, 2003, as St. Tammany Parish School Bus Safety and School Bus Owner/Operator and School Bus Aide Appreciation Week.

Governor's Proclamation of Child Search Awareness Month Endorsed

Governor Mike Foster's proclamation designating October as Child Search Awareness Month received Board support to increase awareness of the need for early identification of academic and talent development needs of children.

Resolution Honoring Principal Marilyn Faust Passed

A resolution was passed recognizing the contributions of recently deceased Principal Marilyn Faust for her 42 years of service as an educator and administrator. Mrs. Faust had been Principal at Little Oak Middle School since its opening.

Teachers of the Year Recognized

The following teachers were recognized as 2003-2004 Teachers of the Year for the St. Tammany Parish Public School System for their outstanding contributions to education and the community.

Deborah Lynne Richard
Special Education teacher at Mandeville Elementary School
Elementary School Division

Patricia W. Schoen
Fourth grade teacher at Mandeville Middle School
Middle School Division

Stacey H. Magee
Mathematics teacher at Mandeville High School
High School Division

Covington High School Assistant Principal Appointed

Current Northshore High School teacher Brennan McCurley was appointed an Assistant Principal for Covington High School.

Facility Use Policy Approved

A revised policy establishing approved use of School System facilities was accepted.

Mandeville Junior High School Renovations Accepted

The restroom renovations at Mandeville Junior High School were accepted as substantially complete, subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.

Bid for Concession Buildings for Northshore and Slidell High Schools Accepted

The low base bid in the amount of \$320,000 and Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$109,000, totaling \$429,000, were accepted for the construction of baseball concession/press box buildings at Northshore and Slidell High Schools and a softball concession building at Slidell High School. Wehrin Construction Company submitted the bid. Funding is from the parishwide construction fund.

Bid for Clearwood Junior High School Parking Project Accepted

The low bid in the amount of \$202,960 submitted by Dennis Glass Construction, Inc., for parking and loading additions at Clearwood Junior High School was accepted. The funding source is the 1998 Bond Authorization.

Bid for Sprinkler System at Slidell High School Rejected

As recommended by the administration, the one bid submitted for a gymnasium sprinkler system at Slidell High School was rejected. The bid did not meet requirements outlined in the bid advertisement.

Bid for Classroom Addition at Slidell High School Accepted

The low bid submitted by O. R. Dixon Construction Company for an eight-classroom addition with restrooms and additional parking at Slidell High School was accepted. The bid was \$1,269,900. The source of funding is the 1998 Bond Authorization.

Bid for C. J. Schoen Office Building Accepted

The low base bid and three Alternates submitted by GM&R Construction Co., Inc., for renovation of the former C. J. Schoen Middle School to the C. J. Schoen School Board Office were approved. The bid amount was \$7,768,700. The 1998 Bond Authorization is the source of funding.

Bid for L. P. Monteleone Junior High School Accepted

The low base bid and Alternate No. 1 amounting to \$8,634,000 for the construction of L. P. Monteleone Junior High School were accepted. Nottingham Construction Co., Inc., submitted the low bid. The funding source is the 2001 Bond Authorization.