

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

*Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the December 11, 2003, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.*

**School Board Officers and Chairpersons Re-elected**

Current School Board Officers and Committee Chairs were re-elected for 2004. Re-elected were President John Lamarque, Vice President Diane Sambola, Business Affairs/Administrative Committee Chair Donald Villere, and Personnel/Education Committee Chair Elizabeth Heintz.

**Teachers of the Year Honored**

2003-2004 District Teachers of the Year Lynn Richard, Patricia Schoen, and Stacey Magee were honored by the St. Tammany Home Builders Association with a \$500 contribution to each for use in their classrooms.

**United Way Awards Presented**

School and School System department awards for outstanding participation in the United Way campaign were presented. The System as a whole pledged a record \$76,963 for the year.

**BESE Member Donna Contois Commended**

Outgoing District 1 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) member Donna Contois was honored for distinguished service to St. Tammany Parish and the State of Louisiana. Mrs. Contois served on the BESE for 11 years.

**System Supervisors Recognized**

Two System supervisors retiring at the end of the year were recognized for the contributions they have made to the School System during their tenure. Dr. June Paul, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, retires with almost 40 years as an educator, focusing primarily on arts education. Dennis Cousin, Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance for the east side of the parish, has served more than 36 years in the System as a teacher, coach, and administrator.

**Little Oak Middle School Principal Appointed**

Amy DiCarlo, currently Resource Helping Teacher at Florida Avenue Elementary School, was appointed Principal of Little Oak Middle School. Her appointment follows the death of former principal Marilyn Faust.

**Supervisor of Instruction Appointed**

Margaret P. (Peggy) Sharpe was appointed a Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, replacing Dr. June Paul, who is retiring. Mrs. Sharpe has been Principal at Fontainebleau Junior High School since the school opened in 1996.

**Job Descriptions Revised**

Revisions to the following job descriptions were approved:

Assistant to the Food Service Director  
Director of Graphic Arts  
Director of Transportation  
Foreman  
School Food Service Manager  
Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance  
System Administrator

**Bids for Additions to Madisonville Elementary School Rejected**

All bids submitted for additions to Madisonville Elementary School were rejected, and the project will be re-bid.

**Bids for Classroom Addition at Magnolia Trace Elementary School Accepted**

The low base bid plus Alternate Number 1 submitted in the amount of \$373,702 by Kent Construction, Inc., for the modular classroom infrastructure at Magnolia Trace Elementary School was accepted. The low base bid plus Alternate Number 1 submitted by Comark Building Systems, Inc., for an eight-classroom modular addition to Magnolia Trace Elementary School was accepted. The bid was \$658,552. The General Fund is the source of funding.

**Tennis Courts for Fontainebleau High School Accepted**

The addition of tennis courts at Fontainebleau High School was accepted as substantially complete subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.

**Fifth Ward Junior High School Additions Accepted**

The classroom and administrative building additions (Building B only) at Fifth Ward Junior High School were accepted as substantially complete subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.