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Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the January 10, 2002, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

Mini Grant Winners Recognized

Teachers from two schools were awarded mini grants from Bell South for instructional projects for their classrooms. Nora Coulter of Covington Pathways and Patricia Arnold of Alton Elementary School were chosen for the competitive grants based on evaluation of their grant proposals "Banking for Life" and "Additional Accelerated Reader".

School Nurse Day Designated for January 23, 2002

In recognition of and appreciation for the care and contributions that school nurses give to the overall development of children, the Board adopted a resolution supporting School Nurse Day on January 23, 2002. The day was designated to honor school nurses by the National Education Association and was proclaimed a state day of recognition by Governor M. J. "Mike" Foster.

Louisiana Educational Technology Week Proclaimed

The Board passed a resolution joining Louisiana Governor M. J. "Mike" Foster in acknowledging the importance of technology to teaching and learning in our schools and encouraging recognition of Louisiana Educational Technology Week. Governor Foster proclaimed the week of January 27, 2002, as Louisiana Educational Technology Week.

Former Board President Recognized

The Board formally expressed its gratitude to 2001 School Board President Patti Young. By Board resolution, Ms. Young was recognized for her service to the children of St. Tammany Parish and the betterment of the education system.

Director of Data Processing Appointed

The appointment of Louis Boullion as Director of Data Processing for the School System was approved after his recommendation by Superintendent Monteleone. Most recently Mr. Boullion was Senior Vice President for Wildnet New Media Group, following technology engineering experience with Computer Sciences Corporation and Freeport-McMoRan Services. He replaces former director Joey Mouton, who relocated to another state.

Madisonville Elementary School Cafeteria Approved

The construction of the new cafeteria at Madisonville Elementary School was accepted as substantially complete subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Monteleone.

Authorization to Advertise for Sale of General Obligation Bonds

Approved

A resolution giving authorization to advertise for the sale of \$47,410,000 of General Obligation Bonds was approved. Projects identified for the first three years of the capital improvements program approved by the November 17, 2001, Bond Authorization referendum will account for \$44 million of the sale. The remaining \$10 million of voter authorized bonds for the approved capital needs program will be issued at a later date.

Of the total amount to be advertised for sale, \$3,410,000 will be allocated to refund 1992 General Obligation School Bonds. The projected net savings from this refinancing is estimated to be at least \$228,000.