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Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the February 21, 2002, Special Board Meeting and the March 14, 2002, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

February 21, 2002, Special Board Meeting

Bids for Purchase of General Obligation School Bonds Opened; Bid Accepted

A resolution to open the five sealed bids received for the purchase of \$47,410,000 of general obligation bonds was passed. The low bid submitted by Merrill Lynch of New York, New York, at a true interest cost of 4.649504% was approved. Of the total bond sale, \$44 million will finance a portion of the November 17, 2002, bond authorization for capital improvements. The remaining amount will be used to refinance a 1992 general obligation bond issue. Savings of about \$418,000 will result from reduced interest on the 1992 bonds and from recent upgrades to School Board bond ratings.

Announcements Concerning New Creekside Junior High School Given

The reassignment of the administrative staff of Pearl River Junior High School to Creekside Junior High School, which will open for the 2002-2003 school year, was announced. Pearl River Junior High School will close at the end of this school year. Students in grades 6 through 8 who would have attended Pearl River Junior High, Sixth Ward Junior High, and Alton Elementary Schools will attend the new Creekside Junior High School.

March 14, 2002 Board Meeting

Celebration of the Arts Month Declared

The value of arts education to a balanced curriculum was noted in a resolution declaring March to be Celebration of the Arts Month for the St. Tammany Parish Public School System. Special recognition was given for exemplary contribution to arts education during the recent school year.

Honored were the Three Rivers Arts Festival for its teacher partnership program and parents Candice Clayton of Fifth Ward Junior High School and Harriet Reeves of Slidell Junior High School for parent involvement in school arts. Northshore High and Woodlake Elementary Schools were recognized for their arts education programs. In tribute to their outstanding contributions, four teachers were recognized: Jacqueline Forbes, classroom music and strings teacher from Woodlake Elementary School; Bonnie Canon, visual arts teacher from Sixth Ward Junior High School; Lanelle Landry, visual arts teacher from Northshore High School; and Melissa Durel, an Arts in Education dance artist.

Architectural, Engineering and Other Construction Services Approved for November 17, 2002, School Capital Improvements Projects

The following architectural firms were approved for nine Type I-A projects from the November 17, 2002, School Capital Improvements Program:

Oubre' Associates Architects, Inc., for the Abita Springs Elementary School project;
Fauntleroy & Latham, Inc., for the Covington Elementary School project;
Morton Verges Architects, APAC, for the Fontainebleau High School project;
Piazza Architecture Planning for the Madisonville Elementary School project;
Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., for the Mandeville Middle School project;
Fauntleroy & Latham, Inc., for the New Junior High School project;
Argus Architecture/Engineering for the Salmen High School project;
Argus Architecture/Engineering for the Slidell High School project; and
Holly and Smith Architects, APAC, for the Auditoriums at Three High Schools.

The following firms were approved to provide design services through a rotation pool for Type I-B services (projects of \$500,000 or less) from the November 17, 2002, School Capital Improvements Program:

Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.;
Donald Ducote & Associates, LLC;
Fauntleroy & Latham, Inc.;
Holly and Smith Architects, APAC;
Knight & Associates, APAC;
Krebs, LaSalle, LeMieux Consultants, Inc.;
Richard C. Lambert Consultants, LLC;
Morton Verges Architects, APAC;
Piazza Architecture Planning; and
Scariano Martinez Architects, APAC.

The following firms were accepted to provide technical services for Type II-A/II-B projects from the November 17, 2002, School Capital Improvements Program through a pool of firms:

Land Surveying Services

Acadia Land Surveying, LLC;
BFM Corporation, LLC;
Randall W. Brown & Associates, Inc.;
J. V. Burkes & Associates, Inc.;
Krebs, LaSalle, LeMieux Consultants, Inc.; and
Kelly J. McHugh and Associates, Inc.

Materials Testing Services

Alpha Testing & Inspection, Inc.;
Aquaterra Engineering, LLC (pending receipt of national certification within 90 days of approval at the March 14, 2002, St. Tammany Parish School Board meeting);
Citywide Testing & Inspections, Inc.;
Delta Testing and Inspection, Inc.;

Eustis Engineering Company, Inc.;
Professional Service Industries, Inc.; and
Soil Testing Engineers, Inc.

Soils Testing Services

Aquaterra Engineering, LLC (pending receipt of national certification within 90 days of approval at the March 14, 2002, St. Tammany Parish School Board meeting);
Eustis Engineering Company, Inc.;
Professional Service Industries, Inc.; and
Soil Testing Engineers, Inc.

All approved firms for Types I-A, I-B, and II-A/II-B projects were recommended to the School Board by the Board-appointed Screening and Evaluation Committee.

Lee Road Junior High School Classrooms Renovations and Alterations Approved

The renovation of and alterations to four classrooms, restrooms, and hallway in the kindergarten wing and replacement of walkway covers at Lee Road Junior High School were accepted as substantially complete subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Monteleone.

Pearl River High School Classroom Addition and Track Replacement Accepted

The ten-classroom addition and restrooms and track replacement at Pearl River High School were accepted as substantially complete subject to recommendations of the architects, completion of the punch lists, and approval of Superintendent Monteleone.

Abita Springs Elementary School Roof Replacement Approved

The removal and replacement of the roof at Abita Springs Elementary School were approved as substantially complete subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Monteleone.

Fire Alarm and Special Systems Replacements Approved at Abney Elementary and Carolyn Park Middle Schools

The fire alarm replacement at Abney Elementary School and the special systems replacement at Carolyn Park Middle School were accepted as substantially complete subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch lists, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Monteleone.

Low Bid Accepted for Bleacher Replacement at Slidell High School

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by GNC Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$262,000 was accepted for visitor-side bleacher replacement at Slidell High School. The project will be financed from Parishwide School Construction funds.

Contract for Roof Replacement at Florida Avenue Elementary School Authorized
Superintendent Monteleone was authorized to enter into a contract for the lowest quote

meeting plans and specifications to expedite critical roof replacement of the 300 wing at Florida Avenue Elementary School.