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Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the April 11, 2002, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

Winner of Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Recognized

Whispering Forest Elementary School teacher Gina Allain was recognized for receiving the 2001-2002 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science given by the National Science Foundation. The award was presented recently to Mrs. Allain and recipients from every state in the Nation at a ceremony in Washington, D. C. The award is one of the highest national honors bestowed on educators. Presidential awardees are selected on the basis of teaching performance, experience, education, and professional activities.

New National Board Certified Teachers Spotlighted

Nine St. Tammany Parish Public School System teachers were presented to the Board as the latest School System recipients of National Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Certification followed a yearlong, voluntary process the teachers successfully completed. The process requires teachers to meet rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do.

Recognized were:

Hope Leblanc Caime, Woodlake Elementary School
Judith Carollo, Mandeville Junior High School
Sheryl Coglaiti, Pontchartrain Elementary School
Ellen Ellinwood, Salmen High School
Elizabeth Laine, Mandeville Elementary School
Ellen Marino, Mandeville Middle School
Kristin Ray, Pontchartrain Elementary School
Linda Scharf, Cypress Cove Elementary School/Pupil Appraisal
Maryanne Smith, Lake Harbor Middle School

Northshore High Students Congratulated for Scholastic Achievements

Congratulations went out to five Northshore High School students for exceptional scholastic achievement when an area Board member presented them to the Board. All have outstanding academic and extracurricular records and all have been named National Merit Scholarship Finalists. The students were Matthew Bibee, Matthew Escarra, Christopher Hall, Powell Kinney, and Karyn Klein.

Revision to School Board Policy on School Ceremonies Approved

The deletion of a section of the School Board Policy Manual pertaining to silent meditation at school ceremonies was approved.

Low Bid Accepted for Renovations to William Pitcher Junior High School Stadium

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Rosevally Construction in the

amount of \$321,000 was accepted for renovations to the William Pitcher Junior High School stadium. The project will be financed from Parishwide School Construction funds.

Resolution Approved Confirming School Board Member Redistricting as Adopted at February 14, 2002, Board Meeting

A resolution was passed confirming the School Board redistricting plan as approved by the Board on February 14, 2002. The redistricting plan is to become effective upon approval of the U. S. Department of Justice and by the start of qualifying for the next School Board elections.

Resolution Calling for a Tenure Hearing Adopted

A resolution calling for a tenure hearing was adopted.