

**May , 2002**

**Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the May 9, 2002, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.**

### **Arts Award Winners Spotlighthed**

Following a performance by the Northshore High School Brass Quintet, arts award winners from various schools were recognized. Allison Nash, a student at Pontchartrain Elementary School, was recognized for her award winning artwork in a flag design contest sponsored by the Louisiana Arts Education Association. Pine View Middle School student Laura Ballard was honored for being selected a 2002 Arts Ambassador to the Governor by the Louisiana Division of the Arts. Students Cory Pratt from Clearwood Junior High School and Elizabeth McNab from Boyet Junior High School received honorable mention in the Arts Ambassador program. The administration and fine arts faculty from Northshore High School were recognized for the 2002 Creative Ticket, School of Excellence Award given to the school by the Louisiana Division of the Arts.

### **Parish Students of the Year Presented**

2001-2002 Students of the Year for the St. Tammany Parish Public School System were presented to the Board. Parish Students of the Year are chosen from fifth, eighth, and twelfth grade Students of the Year at schools throughout the parish. The criteria for this honor include outstanding academic achievement, communication skills, service to school and community, and extracurricular activities. Winners are:

Elizabeth Ryan, Bonne Ecole Elementary School  
Elementary School Division

William Leonard (Will) Folsie IV, Slidell Junior High School  
Middle/Junior High School Division

Josef Barrett (Joey) Stiegler, Covington High School  
High School Division

### **Outstanding School Support Employee Award Winners Recognized**

Four support employees were congratulated and thanked for outstanding service and performance. Winners of the 2001-2002 Outstanding School Support Employee Awards for the St. Tammany Parish Public School System are:

Elizabeth Hill  
Paraprofessional  
Riverside Elementary School  
Elementary School Division

Lynne Siebenkittel  
Secretary II  
Slidell High School  
High School Division

Jeanne Schmidt  
Paraprofessional  
Fontainebleau Junior High School  
Junior High School Division

Erin Oramous, Insurance Clerk  
Personnel Department  
Central Office  
Non-School Division

### **Teachers Honored by American Petroleum Institute**

The New Orleans area chapter of the American Petroleum Institute presented monetary awards to four teachers selected by the organization for their exemplary service in the classroom. Honored were:

Elizabeth Coco  
Lyon Elementary School  
Chairman's Award

Mary Bryan Bowers  
Slidell High School  
Service in Teaching Award

Emile (Chic) Danna  
Lee Road Junior High School  
Distinguished Teacher Award

Kerri Spell  
Fifth Ward Junior High School  
New Teacher Award

### **Seven Schools Receive Continued Accreditation from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools**

Principals from seven schools received special certificates in recognition of continued accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Alton Elementary, Brock Elementary, Chahta-Ima Elementary, Folsom Elementary, Fontainebleau Junior High, Madisonville Elementary, and Salmen High Schools were notified recently of the continuation of accreditation. Accreditation is earned by schools following a comprehensive evaluation of the school based on rigorous criteria set by SACS.

### **Resolution Approved for Canvassing Election Returns and Declaring the Results of May 4, 2002, Election**

A resolution was passed providing for canvassing election returns and declaring the results of the May 4, 2002, election. The election was called to authorize the School Board to renew millages required to continue funding items outlined in Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

### **Appointments of New Principals and Assistant Principal Approved**

The appointments of three new principals and one assistant principal were approved. Appointments included Johnny Vitrano to principal of Boyet Junior High School, Donna Lusignan to principal of Honey Island Elementary School, Cheryl Childres to principal of Lyon Elementary School, and Rebecca Holley to a new assistant principal position at Riverside Elementary School. Mr. Vitrano, currently assistant principal at St. Tammany Junior High School, becomes principal at Boyet Junior High School following the retirement of principal Dana Magee. Mrs. Lusignan is elevated from her present position as assistant principal upon the retirement of Rusty Williams, current principal at Honey Island Elementary School. With the retirement of Lyon Elementary School principal Mary Ann Koon, current assistant principal Mrs. Childres becomes principal. Mrs. Holley presently is the librarian at Riverside Elementary.

### **Low Bid for Sixth Ward Junior High School Renovation Project Accepted**

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for renovation of the industrial arts building into a kindergarten center at Sixth Ward Junior High School was accepted. The low bid of \$340,000 was submitted by Lambert Construction & Maintenance, Inc. The project is being funded from the May 2, 1998, bond authorization.

### **Low Bid for St. Tammany Junior High School Classroom Addition and Parking Approved**

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Owen Construction Company in the amount of \$730,000 for a six-classroom addition and paved parking at St. Tammany Junior High School was accepted. Funding is from the May 2, 1998, bond authorization.

### **Low Bid for Parking Lot Improvements at Chahta-Ima and Lyon Elementary Schools Accepted**

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for parking lot improvements at Chahta-Ima and Lyon Elementary Schools was accepted. Dennis Glass Construction Co., Inc., submitted the low bid in the amount of \$272,960. The source of funding for the projects is the Parishwide Construction fund.

### **Low Bid for Ceiling Removal at Slidell Junior High School Approved**

The low bid meeting plans and specifications (Base Bid and Alternate No. 1) submitted by Gill Industries for ceiling removal at Slidell Junior High School was approved in the amount of \$32,900. The funding source is the Parishwide Construction fund.

### **Roof Removal and Replacement at Florida Avenue Elementary School Accepted**

The roof removal and replacement project at Florida Avenue Elementary School was accepted as substantially complete, subject to the recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Monteleone.

### **Superintendent's Revised Budgets for 2001-2002 Fiscal Year Approved**

The revised budgets for the 2001-2002 fiscal year were approved as recommended by Superintendent Monteleone.

### **Auditing Firm Approved**

A four-year proposal submitted by the Certified Public Accounting firm of Postlethwaite and Netterville was approved for School Board auditing services from fiscal years 2001-2002 through 2004-2005.

### **Resolution Passed Calling for the 2002 Levy of Current Millage Rates for Support of Public Schools**

A resolution was passed to levy millages at current rates for the 2002 parish tax roll. The resolution called for levying parishwide millages for the support of local public schools at:

Constitutional Tax	4.47 Mills
Additional Support Tax	6.26 Mills
Constructing, Maintaining and Operating Tax	4.47 Mills
Additional Support -- Improving, Maintaining And Operating Tax	46.00 Mills
Bond and Interest Tax (Debt Service) District 12	<u>25.90 Mills</u>
TOTAL	87.10 Mills