

September, 2002

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the September 12, 2002, Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

Commendations Abound for Assistant Superintendent Tanner

A variety of guests requested time on the agenda to commend Assistant Superintendent Richard Tanner for his 37 years of service to the School System and to wish him well on his upcoming retirement. St. Tammany Parish President Kevin Davis called attention to the recent Bureau of Governmental Research Excellence in Government award presented recently to Mr. Tanner for his exceptional contributions to efficient and effective government. Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) Representative Donna Contois commended Mr. Tanner for his important role in dealing with the strain of population growth within the System and for his wide expertise in educational administration. St. Tammany Federation of Teachers and School Employees President Elsie Burkhalter highlighted Mr. Tanner's strong leadership abilities, and St. Tammany Association of School Administrators President Michael Peterson spoke on behalf of the organization in expressing appreciation to Mr. Tanner for his ongoing guidance and support of students and school personnel.

Resolution Expressing Gratitude to Assistant Superintendent Adopted

A resolution was passed recognizing the significant contributions given by Richard Tanner to the School System and commending him for his dedicated service and record of outstanding accomplishment.

Assistant Principal Appointed

Ronald W. Smith was appointed Assistant Principal for Fontainebleau High School. Mr. Smith has served as a teacher and as Administrative Assistant at the school.

2002-2003 School Board Budgets Approved

The proposed 2002-2003 General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, and Debt Service Funds budgets were approved.

Job Descriptions Approved

Revisions to some job descriptions in the Transportation Department and the Title 1 program were approved.

Substitute Teacher Pay Increased

Increases in pay for substitute teachers were approved as follow.

Substitutes with teacher certification – from \$55/day to \$65/day

Substitutes with college degree – from \$44/day to \$50/day

Substitutes with high school diploma – from \$36.25/day to \$40/day

New Formula for Adding Elementary School Assistant Principals Approved

A change in the formula for adding assistant principals at elementary schools was

approved. The number of students required for an assistant principal in elementary schools was lowered from 500 to 400.

Changes to Pupil Progression Plan Approved

Changes to the School District 2002-2003 Pupil Progression Plan resulting from State Department of Education mandates were approved. The plan sets out policy regarding grading, promotion, and retention of students.

Low Bid for Site Clearing at Fontainebleau High School Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Stranco, Inc., in the amount of \$43,120 for site clearing at Fontainebleau High School was accepted. The November, 2001, Bond Authorization is the source of funding for the project.

Low Bid for Mandeville High School Tennis Courts Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for new tennis courts at Mandeville High School was accepted. The low bid was submitted by Dennis Glass Construction Company in the amount of \$246,960. The Parishwide Construction Fund is the source of funding.

Low Bid for Salmen High School Sewer Lift Station Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Neteco Corporation in the amount of \$35,685 was accepted for the Sewer Lift Station, Alternative A, for the Salmen High School science lab addition. The funding source is the May, 1998, Bond Authorization.

Folsom Elementary School Parking Lot Approved

The parking lot at Folsom Elementary School was approved as substantially complete, subject to the recommendations of the engineer, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Monteleone

Change Orders for Utility Connections in New Science Labs at Four Schools Accepted

Change orders for utility connections in new science labs were accepted as follow.

- Covington High School, six science labs – \$35,303
- Mandeville High School, six science labs – \$35,303
- Salmen High School, six science labs – \$35,564.61
- Slidell High School, eight science labs – \$45,346.25