

Board Briefings - October 2002

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

Board Receives Honors for Financial Reporting

Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) were presented by local chapter officers. The awards are the highest honors given for outstanding accounting practices and clear public reporting of governmental finances by government agencies. The School System has earned the recognition for 14 consecutive years.

Mandeville High School Recognized for Blue Ribbon National School of Excellence Status

Mandeville High School administration, staff, students, and parents were congratulated and commended for the school's being recognized a Blue Ribbon National School of Excellence by the U. S. Department of Education. School representatives were notified about the honor last spring and this month participated in special ceremonies in Washington, D. C., where officials representing Blue Ribbon schools across the nation gathered to receive commemorative banners and plaques.

PTA Makes Major Contribution to School System

St. Tammany District PTA president Susan Laborde presented the School Board a representative check in the amount of \$1,948,729.10 on behalf of parent volunteers across the School System. The symbolic check represents a conservative estimated monetary value of the total 378,394 recorded volunteer hours donated to schools during the last school year.

Resolutions Support Awareness of Education Programs

Resolutions in support of important awareness programs were passed for the following.

St. Tammany Parish School Bus Safety and School Bus Driver and School Bus Aide Appreciation Week – October 20 - 26, 2002

Red Ribbon Week – October 21 - 25, 2002

National School Lunch Week – October 21 - 25, 2002

Childnet/Child Search Awareness – month of October

Three Schools Recognized by U. S. Department of Agriculture

Mandeville High School, Northshore High School, and Slidell High School were commended for receiving the U. S. Department of Agriculture Best Practice awards for their school lunch programs.

Supervisor of Administration Appointed

Cathy Aime was appointed Supervisor of Administration, replacing Trey Folse, who was recently named Assistant Superintendent for Administration. Mrs. Aime most recently has served as an Assistant Supervisor of Special Education for the School System.

Slidell Junior High School Principal Appointed

Mrs. Kim Crosby was appointed principal of Slidell Junior High School. Before her appointment, Mrs. Crosby was assistant principal for Woodlake Elementary School.

Assistant Principals Appointed at Three Schools

Three schools will have the addition of assistant principals this year. Appointed to the positions were Mrs. Amiee Woessner for Madisonville Junior High School, Mrs. Ellie Schroder for Abita Springs Elementary School, and Mrs. Martha Roma for Covington Elementary School. Mrs. Woessner most recently was the Resource Helping Teacher at Fifth Ward Junior High School, and Mrs. Schroder was the Resource Helping Teacher at Abita Springs Middle School. Mrs. Roma had last served as assistant principal for Pontchartrain Elementary School.

Job Descriptions Approved

Revised job descriptions for some positions in the Data Processing Department were approved.

Low Bid for Covington High School Baseball Facility Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications in the amount of \$122,850 for a new baseball facility at Covington High School was accepted. The low bid was submitted by Kent Construction. The funding source is the Parishwide Construction Fund.

Low Bid for Fontainebleau High School Baseball and Softball Facility Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for a new baseball and softball facility at Fontainebleau High School was accepted. The low bid was submitted by Kent Construction in the amount of \$241,200. The Parishwide Construction Fund is the source of funding.

Low Bid for Mandeville Middle School Classrooms Accepted

The low base bid plus Alternate No. 1 meeting plans and specifications for an 11-classroom wing addition to Mandeville Middle School was accepted. The low bid of \$1,060,800 was submitted by GM&R Construction Company, Inc. The funding source is the November, 2001, Bond Authorization.

Low Bid for Covington Elementary School Asbestos Abatement Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications in the amount of \$66,164 for asbestos abatement at Covington Elementary School was accepted. Gill Industries submitted the low bid. The Parishwide Construction Fund is the source of funding for the project.

Creekside Junior High School Athletic Fields Approved

The athletic fields at Creekside Junior High School were approved as substantially complete, subject to the recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Monteleone.

Science Labs at Two Schools Approved

Science labs at Covington High School and Salmen High School were approved as substantially complete, subject to the recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, and approval of Superintendent Monteleone.