

May, 2007, Board Briefing

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the May 24, 2007, Special Board Meeting and the May 10, 2007, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

May 24, 2007, Special Board Meeting

Auditing Services Approved

A proposal submitted by the CPA firm of Postlethwaite and Netterville to provide auditing services for the School Board was approved for fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010.

Title I Clerk II and III Job Descriptions Approved

Job descriptions for existing Title I School Support Clerk II and III positions were approved.

Director of Truancy Job Description Approved

The job description for Director of Truancy was approved.

St. Tammany Junior High School Principal Appointed

Vincent DiCarlo, currently an Assistant Principal at Slidell High School, was appointed Principal at St. Tammany Junior High School. He will replace Principal Hannah Rucker, who will become Director of Truancy.

Florida Avenue Elementary School Assistant Principal Appointed

Linda Griggs, a fourth grade teacher at Little Oak Middle School, was appointed Assistant Principal at Florida Avenue Elementary School, replacing April Owens. Ms. Owens recently was appointed Principal at Bonne Ecole Elementary School.

Mandeville Elementary School Assistant Principal Appointed

Casey Gleason, a Link Teacher in the School System, was appointed Assistant Principal at Mandeville Elementary School. She replaces former Assistant Principal Beth Laine, who recently was appointed Principal at the school.

Pine View Middle School Assistant Principal Appointed

Relia Rollins, a teacher at Fifth Ward Junior High School, was appointed Assistant Principal at Pine View Middle School. She replaces Assistant Principal Kim Wood, who recently was appointed Principal at Mandeville Middle School.

May 10, 2007, School Board Meeting

Students of the Year Presented

St. Tammany Parish Students of the Year for 2006-2007, chosen at the fifth, eighth, and twelfth grade levels, were presented to the Board. Students of the Year are chosen every year at schools across the parish, and one from each of the three grade levels is chosen at the parish level by a committee representing a cross section of the community. Winners are chosen for outstanding academic performance, leadership, service to others, and communication skills. Recognized were:

Grace Valentine
Lake Harbor Middle School
Elementary Division

Carley Furlan
Fontainebleau Junior High School
Middle/Junior High Division

Brittany Dehart
Fontainebleau High School
High School Division

Brittany Dehart and Carley Furlan also were selected Regional winners and finalists for State Student of the Year. Carley Furlan was named State Student of the Year in the Middle/Junior High Division.

Outstanding School Support Employees Recognized

Outstanding School Support Employees for 2006-2007 were honored. Receiving recognition for their valuable contributions to the education process were:

Lydia Ball
Paraprofessional
Folsom Elementary School
Elementary Division

Patricia McLaughlin
Paraprofessional
Slidell Junior High School
Middle/Junior High Division

Margaret Cusimano
Secretary
Fontainebleau High School
High School Division

Kim Taylor
Senior Secretary
C. J. Schoen Administrative Complex
Non-School Division

Leonard P. Monteleone Technology Award Presented

The fourth annual Leonard P. Monteleone Technology Award was presented to Carolyn Park Middle School sixth grade teacher Kristen Hernandez for effective integration of technology into the school curriculum and classroom.

Resolution to Retire Certain General Obligation Bonds Passed

A resolution was passed authorizing the School Board to retire the debt now on certain 2002 General Obligation bonds having an outstanding principal amount of \$9.7 million and originally scheduled for maturity April 1, 2020 through April 1, 2022. This early retirement of debt is expected to result in a cost savings in interest over the original life of the bonds.

Revision to Policy on Fund Reserves for Improving Credit Rating Accepted

The policy governing the percentage of property tax receipts to be set aside in a fund reserve for maintaining an improved credit rating was revised. The policy allows that any revenue from property tax receipts of more than 3% but less than 5% above the previous fiscal year will be assigned to a fund designated for improved credit rating. Any additional revenue above the 5% will be used as deemed necessary for prudent operation of the School System during the budgetary process.

Alton Elementary School Principal Appointed

Schanette Hebert, currently the Resource Helping Teacher at Alton Elementary School, was appointed Principal at the school. She will replace Gwendolyn Wade, who retires at the end of this school year.

Operation Jumpstart Principal Appointed

Daniel Thiel was appointed Principal at the Operation Jumpstart junior high level. He currently is a Parishwide Assistant Principal.

Abita Springs Middle School Assistant Principal Appointed

Rhonda Meyers, currently serving as a Parishwide Assistant Principal, was appointed Assistant Principal at Abita Springs Middle School. The position was added because of additional administrative needs resulting from growth of enrollment at the school.

Bonne Ecole Elementary School Assistant Principal Appointed

Kellie Ainsworth was appointed Assistant Principal at Bonne Ecole Elementary School, following the retirement of Assistant Principal Darnell Ferris. Ms. Ainsworth currently is a fourth grade teacher at the school.

Pearl River High School Assistant Principal Appointed

Andree Bonnaffons, currently a counselor at Mandeville High School, was appointed Assistant Principal at Pearl River High School. The position was added to provide more administrative assistance resulting from growth of enrollment at the school.

Pontchartrain Elementary School Assistant Principal Appointed

LaTisha Meyer was appointed to a new position as Assistant Principal at Pontchartrain Elementary School to help support administrative needs created by growth in student population there. Dr. Meyer currently teaches third grade at the school.

Slidell High School Assistant Principal Appointed

Jeffrey Burgoyne was appointed Assistant Principal at Slidell High School. Dr. Burgoyne currently is Assistant Principal at Creekside Junior High School.

Resolution Retaining Legal Services Approved

Authorization was given for the School Board to continue to retain general and special legal service providers for School Board.

Changes to Student/Parent Handbook Approved

Changes and additions to the St. Tammany Parish Public School System Handbook for Students and Parents were approved.

Revised Budgets Approved

The Superintendent's proposed revised budgets for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Projects Funds, and Debt Service Funds for the 2006-2007 fiscal year were approved.

Abita Springs Middle School Home Economics and Industrial Arts Building Accepted

The home economics and industrial arts building at Abita Springs Middle School was accepted as substantially complete, subject to recommendations of the architect, completion of the punch list, submission of all regulatory requirements, and approval of Superintendent Sloan.

Bid for Bayou Woods Elementary School Roof Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Roof Technologies, Inc., was accepted for roof removal and replacement at Bayou Woods Elementary School. The bid amount is \$457,569. The Roofing Fund is the funding source.

Bid for Roofing Projects at Florida Avenue and Abney Elementary Schools Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for partial re-roofing at Florida Avenue and Abney Elementary Schools were accepted in the amount of \$489,375. A & I Systems, Inc., submitted the low bid. The Roofing Fund is the funding source.

Quote for Northshore High School Lighting Replacement Project Accepted

The low quote meeting plans and specifications, submitted by Westbank Electric, Inc., for lighting replacement of the Northshore High School football field was accepted. The quote amount is \$49,000.

Resolution Urging Support for Increased Public Education Funding Approved

A resolution was passed urging Governor Blanco and State Legislators to dedicate State increased funding to public education, particularly for salary increases and benefits for teachers and support employees.