

June, 2007, Board Briefing

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the June 19, 2007 Special Board Meeting and the June 14, 2007, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

June 19, 2007, Special Board Meeting

Bid for Renovations to Brock Elementary School Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for renovations to Brock Elementary School resulting from hurricane damage were accepted in the amount of \$8,615,000. Frank A. Anzalone General Contractors, Inc., submitted the low bid. The funding sources are the 2004 Bond Authorization, FEMA, and Risk Management.

June 14, 2007, School Board Meeting

Poster Winner Recognized

Mandeville High School students Michael Reeves was recognized on having won the Mandeville Kiwanis Club poster contest for the Mandeville Seafood Festival.

Winner of Presidential Award in Mathematics and Science Teaching Honored

Lake Harbor Middle School teacher Suzanne Buras was recognized on being selected the winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching representing Louisiana. The award is sponsored by the National Mathematics and Science Foundation on behalf of the President. Ms. Buras was honored at the White House in May.

Substitute of the Year Recognized

An experienced substitute teacher of 16 years, Ms. Margie Warren, was recognized as the first Substitute of the Year for the School System. Ms. Warren serves regularly as a substitute teacher at Honey Island Elementary School.

Director of Business Affairs Appointed

Brett Stoltz, current Acting Director of Business Affairs and Chief Accountant for the School System, was appointed Director of Business Affairs, upon the resignation of former Director Ronald Caruso. Mr. Stoltz is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Governmental Financial Manager.

Parish Athletic Director Announced

Larry Favre was presented to the Board as the first Parish Athletic Director for the School System. Mr. Favre was a physical education teacher and head football coach at Fontainebleau High School before being hired for the new position.

Tchefuncte Middle School Principal Appointed

Current Pontchartrain Elementary School Assistant Principal Laura Norsworthy was appointed Principal at Tchefuncte Middle School. Former Principal Roxanne Lagarde was promoted to a Human Resources Coordinator position with the School System.

Creekside Junior High School Assistant Principal Appointed

Scott St. Pierre, most recently Academic Assistant Principal at Archbishop Hannan High School, was appointed Assistant Principal at Creekside Junior High School. He replaces Assistant Principal Jeffery Burgoyne, who appointed as an Assistant Principal at Slidell High School.

St. Tammany Junior High School Assistant Principal Appointed

Shalone LaCoste, a teacher at Pearl River High School, was appointed Assistant Principal at St. Tammany Junior High School. He replaces former Assistant Principal Anthony Esposito, who was appointed Principal at Carolyn Park Middle School.

Slidell High School Assistant Principal Appointed

Morris Grubb, driver education and physical education teacher and head football and golf coach at Slidell High School, was appointed an Assistant Principal at the school, following the appointment of Assistant Principal Vincent DiCarlo to Principal at St. Tammany Junior High School.

Plan for Addressing Transportation and Custodial Employee Shortages Approved

A plan to address critical non-certificated employee shortages in the Transportation and Custodial departments and to advertise provisions for hiring in these areas was approved.

Resolution to Hold Millage Rates at Current Level Approved

Acting on the State requirement that taxing bodies consider millage rates for the 2007 tax roll, a resolution was passed to keep millage rates for 2007 at the same millages levied last year.

<u>Parishwide Taxes</u>	<u>Millage</u>
Constitutional Tax	4.47
Additional Support Tax	5.69
Constructing, Maintaining And Operating Tax	4.05
Additional Support – Improving, Maintaining & Operating Tax	41.73
Bond and Interest Tax (Debt Service)	
District 12	<u>21.90</u>
Total	<u>77.84</u>

Increase in Food Service Meal Costs Approved

In response to higher operating expenses, an increase in school meal costs for the 2007-2008 was approved.

Breakfast -- Paid	10¢ increase to 60¢
Breakfast – Employees	10¢ increase to 85¢
Breakfast – Visitors	10¢ increase to \$1.55
K-6 Lunch -- Paid	30¢ increase to \$1.00
7-12 Lunch – Paid	30¢ increase to \$1.25
Lunch – Employees	30¢ increase to \$1.75
Lunch – Visitors	30¢ increase to \$3.00

Purchase of Land in Madisonville Approved

Authorization was given for Superintendent Sloan and/or Board President Hennegan to purchase 1.59 acres of property located at part of Lot 12 Galatas Subdivision in Madisonville, across the street from Madisonville Elementary School.

Bid for Demolition of Former Agriculture Building at Lee Road Junior High School Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Concrete Busters of Louisiana, Inc., was accepted for demolition of the old agriculture building, which has been replaced by a new building, at Lee Road Junior High School. The bid amount is \$17,874. The 2001 Bond Authorization is the funding source.

Bid for Football Field Lighting at Pitcher Junior High School Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for football field lighting at Pitcher Junior High School was accepted in the amount of \$72,200. Diamond Electrical Company, Inc., submitted the low bid.

Bid for Aquaculture Building at Northshore High School Accepted

The low base bid meeting plans and specifications for the aquaculture building at Northshore High School, submitted by Brunt Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$514,300 was accepted. The 2004 Bond Authorization is the funding source.

Bids for New Library at Covington Elementary School Rejected

All bids for construction of a new library at Covington Elementary School were rejected. The bid by Home Solutions Restoration of Louisiana did not meet bid document requirements. The other bids were over the budget for the project.

New Gymnasium at Madisonville Junior High School Accepted

Construction of the new gymnasium at Madisonville Junior High 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.

Renovations to Gymnasium and Sixth Grade Classroom Building at St. Tammany Junior High School Accepted

Renovations to the gymnasium and sixth grade classroom building at St. Tammany Junior High School were 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.

Modular Classroom Wings and Infrastructure at Bonne Ecole Elementary and Florida Avenue Elementary Schools Accepted

The eight-classroom modular wing at Bonne Ecole Elementary School and the four-classroom modular wing at Florida Avenue Elementary School and infrastructure for both were 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.

Covington Maintenance Building Roofing Project Accepted

Reroofing at the Covington Maintenance Building 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.

Revision to School Resource Officer Job Description Approved

The job description for School Resource Officer was revised to reflect a change in the name from “School Resource Officer” to “School Security Officer”, deleting “making arrests when appropriate” from essential job functions, and leaving terms of employment to Superintendent’s discretion.

Revisions to Guidelines for Personnel Performance Review Plan Approved

A new form to be used in the certificated employee evaluation process and wording changes on an existing form consistent with the new form were approved.

Resolution Encouraging Rehiring Retired School Bus Operators Passed

A resolution was approved urging the Louisiana Legislature to pass legislation that would support school district in providing a full workforce of school bus operators, including House Bill 659 that would allow retired school bus operators to be reemployed with full salary and benefits in accordance with provisions outlined in the proposed legislation.