

BOARD BRIEFING

November, 2007

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the November 8, 2007, School Board meeting and the November 15, 2007, Special Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

November 15, 2007, Special Board Meeting

Proposed Bond Reauthorization Presented

A presentation proposing a \$167 million bond reauthorization that would provide funds for school technology, school security cameras, and major capital improvements, with no new taxes, was given by Superintendent Sloan and Deputy Superintendent Folse. The proposal will lay over until the December 6, 2007, Committee As A Whole for further Board review and public input. A vote on putting the issue before the public for vote could come at the December 13, 2007, Board Meeting.

Low Bid for New K-1 Elementary School in Mandeville Accepted

The low bid submitted by Woodrow Wilson Construction Company, Inc, in the amount of \$15,684,000 for construction of the new K-1 Elementary School in Mandeville was accepted. The source of funding for the project is the April, 2004, bond authorization.

New Director of Transportation Announced

Ronald Despenza was announced as the newly-hired Director of Transportation for the School System. Mr. Despenza has more than 30 years of experience in school transportation. He currently is Director of Transportation for the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Nevada, a district of approximately 294,000 students.

November 8, 2007, Board Meeting

Veterans Honored

A resolution was passed recognizing the patriotism and valor of U. S. military veterans, especially those within the School System who have served or are serving in the military. [Click here for resolution.](#)

2007-2008 Teachers of the Year Recognized

The following teachers were recognized as 2007-2008 Teachers of the Year for the St. Tammany Parish Public School System for their outstanding and innovative contributions to education and the community.

Kelly Marcelle Stomps
Music teacher at Woodlake Elementary School
Elementary School Division

Stephanie Purser
Fourth grade teacher at Bonne Ecole Elementary School
Middle/Junior High School Division

Barry Dotson
Mathematics teacher at Fontainebleau High School
High School Division

National PTA Recognition Noted

The PTA's of two schools within the School System were congratulated for having earned recognition from the National PTA. Covington Elementary and Woodlake Elementary Schools this year earned the National PTA Parent Involvement Schools of Excellence Certification, which recognizes schools that have worked to create and develop parent involvement programs that are well planned, meaningful, and long lasting. Seven other schools in Louisiana have earned the honor in the past, six of which are St. Tammany Parish Public School System schools: Abita Springs Elementary, Fontainebleau High, Lake Harbor Middle, Madisonville Elementary, Mandeville Middle, and Pontchartrain Elementary Schools.

Job Descriptions Revised

Job descriptions for Itinerant Hearing Impaired Program Paraprofessional and Itinerant Interpreter/Aid II, III, IV, and V were revised.

Folsom Elementary School Early Childhood Center Accepted

The Early Childhood Center at Folsom Elementary 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.

Bayou Woods Elementary School Roof Removal and Replacement Accepted

The roof removal and replacement project at Bayou Woods Elementary 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.

Pitcher Junior High School Lighting Project Accepted

The football field lighting project at Pitcher 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.