

BOARD BRIEFING

February, 2008

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the February 14, 2008, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

System Recognized for Outstanding Financial Reporting

The School System has earned prestigious awards given for financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the American School Board Officials International (ASBOIntl) for the 19th consecutive year. The awards are the highest given by both organizations and represent outstanding reporting of School Board finances to the public. Awards on behalf of the organizations were presented by Louisiana First Assistant Legislative Auditor Daryl Purpera and Todd Tournillion, Partner with Postlethwaite & Netterville, APAC.

Chevron Energy for Learning Grant Presented

Representatives of the Energy for Learning grant sponsored by Chevron presented the School System with a check for \$247,500 as its final installment of the total \$750,000 grant. Last spring, the company presented the School System \$502,500 from the grant, which was given to the School System for curriculum support.

Northshore High School Earns Recognition as a Best American High School

Northshore High School was spotlighted upon being named a Bronze Medal winner in the *U. S. News & World Report* magazine listing of the America's Best High Schools award.

United Way Awards Are Presented

St. Tammany Parish School Board employees and students continue to be the largest contributor to the United Way in St. Tammany Parish, and their collective efforts this year raised \$131,000 during the campaign. Awards were given to the school and departments within the System that have made outstanding effort on behalf of the United Way.

Recognized were the following:

100 Percent Participation -- Fontainebleau Junior High School, Honey Island Elementary School, Mandeville Elementary School, St. Tammany Junior High School, Covington Annex, Educational Center, Jefferson East, Slidell Annex, Slidell Transportation, and the Instructional Technology Center.

Most Student Dollars Raised – Fifth Ward Junior High School

Most Employee Dollars Raised (School) -- Mandeville Elementary School

Most Employee Dollars Raised (Department) – Central Office

Elementary School Division – Brock Elementary School

Middle/Junior High School Division – St. Tammany and Fifth Ward Junior High Schools

High School – Slidell High School

Non-School Site – Slidell Annex

New National Board Certified Teachers Recognized

Thirteen teachers were congratulated on having achieved certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The purpose of the certification process is to establish high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do and to reward excellence in teaching. Recognized were new nationally certified teachers: Christa Allen, Fontainebleau High School; Kirstie Bardy, Fifth Ward Junior High School; Sherri Barton, Lee Road Junior High School; Kathleen Bordelon, Pontchartrain Elementary School; Lorraine Brennecke, Covington Elementary School; Patricia Edmiston, Covington High School; Jill Green, Riverside Elementary School; Rita Handlin, Little Oak Middle School; Deborah Richard, Cypress Cove Elementary School; Glenda Schmidt, Slidell High School; Susan Summers, Slidell High School; Patricia Vicknair, Fontainebleau High School; and Adair Watkins, Fontainebleau Junior High School.

National Board Certified School Counselors Recognized

School counselors who received national certification by the National Board for Certified Counselors this year were recognized. School System counselors earning the certification this year are Lesa Kabrich, Lake Harbor Middle School and Kristen Silessi, Northshore High School.

National Board Certified Social Workers Recognized

School System social workers were honored for achieving national certification. Recognized were Darryl Bruno, Annie Chalmers, Jill Farrish, Allen Hutti, Laura Morris, Rebecca Sencial, Beverly Toebben, and M'Lee Townsend, all based at the Harrison Curriculum Center; and Corliss Aguiard, Ann Labauve, and Shannon Noonan, all based at Slidell Pupil Appraisal.

National Board Certified School Psychologists Recognized

School Psychologists Amber Creel, Slidell Pupil Appraisal, and Kelly Menendez, Harrison Curriculum Center, were recognized for their national certification.

Job Description for Technology Resource Teacher Approved

The job description for Technology Resource Teacher was approved.

Bid for Portable Classrooms, Rest Room, and Administration Building at Madisonville Elementary School Accepted

The low base bid meeting plans and specifications in the amount of \$649,900 submitted by MSpace was accepted for portable classrooms, a rest room building, and administration building at Madisonville Elementary School.

Bid for Madisonville Elementary School Portable Classrooms, Rest Rooms, and Administration Site Work Accepted; Another Rejected

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted for Madisonville Elementary School portable classroom, rest room, and administration site work by Stranco, Inc., was accepted in the amount of \$263,613.69. The bid submitted by AQ Construction, Inc., was rejected for not meeting requirements of the bid documents.

Bid for Mandeville Junior High School Roof Remodeling Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications of \$997,007, submitted by Roofing Enterprises, Inc., was accepted for a new roof structure at Mandeville Junior High School.

Bid for Bleachers at Pearl River High School Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for visitor bleachers at Pearl River High School, submitted by Hahn Enterprises, Inc., was accepted in the amount of \$240,019.

Bid for Bleachers at Mandeville High School Accepted

The low bid meeting plans and specifications for end zone bleachers and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) modifications at Mandeville High School was accepted. Hahn Enterprises, Inc., submitted the bid in the amount of \$159,217.