

BOARD BRIEFING

July, 2008

Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the July 17, 2008, School Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.

Appreciation Extended by Covington Officials

Covington Mayor Candace Watkins, speaking on behalf of herself and the Covington City Council, expressed appreciation to the School Board and System administration for allowing the city to use the former School Board meeting room while repairs were made to the Covington City Hall building.

Retired Employees Commended

A [resolution](#) was passed recognizing the contributions of employees who retired during the 2007-2008 school year and commending them for their dedicated service to the students of the St. Tammany Parish Public School System.

State NIAAA Scholarship Winner Announced

2008 Salmen High School graduate Christina Hursey was recognized for being named the Section 3 and State of Louisiana winner of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) scholarship award.

Revisions to Title I Computer Technician Job Description Approved

Changes to the job description for Title I Computer Technicians were approved as recommended.

Preservation Plaza Project Accepted

A proposal to build a plaza of commemorative bricks with special features such as sculptures and benches to honor former employees of the School System was accepted. To be built on the Jefferson Street side of the C. J. Schoen Administrative Complex, the Preservation Plaza will be financed through purchase of bricks, general donations, and donation of professional services to design and construct the Plaza.

Recommendation for Transportation Services Approved

Subject to budget process considerations, recommendations submitted by Superintendent Sloan for bus transportation services were approved. The recommendations include:

1. an increase in the operation allowance of \$1,200 per bus owner/operator to be included in the upcoming budget proposal;
2. route mileage to be determined from the first student pick-up in the morning until the last student drop-off in the morning, from the last student drop-off in the morning directly to the first student pick-up in the afternoon, and from the first student pick-up in the afternoon to the last student drop-off in the afternoon; and
3. the establishment of a committee during the 2008-2009 school year by the Superintendent to consider appropriate field trip payments, with committee members consisting of administrators, bus operators, and parents and facilitated by the Director of Transportation and other administrative supervisor personnel.

Recommendation to Forgo Advertisement of Public Meeting to Consider Rolling Forward Property Taxes Approved

The recommendation to forgo advertisement of a public meeting to consider rolling forward property taxes that support the General Fund was approved, signaling the Board's intention to accept the anticipated roll-backed millage rate for the coming year.

Insurance Coverage Accepted

Insurance coverage for the School System through John W. Dussouy & Co., Inc., Insurance for Property Primary & Excess, Liability, Crime, Boiler and Machinery was accepted in the amount of \$1,810,432.

Purchase of Land in Mandeville Approved

Authorization was given for Superintendent Sloan and/or Board President Hennegan to purchase 11.56 acres of property located south of Mandeville High School for future use.

Purchase of Land in Slidell Approved

Authorization was given for Superintendent Sloan and/or Board President Hennegan to purchase property beside Brock Elementary School in Slidell, on the east side of Carey Street, south of Brakefield Street for future use.

Purchase of Land in Madisonville Approved

Authorization was given for Superintendent Sloan and/or Board President Hennegan to purchase 13 acres of property west of Madisonville and north of Highway 22 for a new elementary school approved in the March, 2008, bond reauthorization.

Slidell High School Renovations Accepted

The renovations of classroom wings 1 and 4 at Slidell 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.

Slidell High School Renovations and Additions To Library and Administration Area Accepted

The renovations and additions to the library and administration area at Slidell 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.

Slidell High School Auditorium Repairs Accepted

Auditorium repairs to Slidell 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.

Slidell High School Drainage Improvements Accepted

Drainage improvements at Slidell 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.

Covington Elementary School Library Accepted

The library at Covington 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.

Little Pearl Elementary School Turning Lanes Accepted

The turning lanes at Little Pearl Elementary 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.

Madisonville Elementary School Portables Accepted

The new portables at Madisonville Elementary 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.

Madisonville Elementary School Site Work Accepted

The site work for portables at Madisonville 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.

Covington High School Stadium Work Accepted

The football stadium waterproofing at Covington 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.

Architectural Firms for Type I-A Construction Projects Accepted

Architectural firms recommended for Type I-A construction projects by the Board-appointed Screening and Evaluation Committee for the 2008 capital improvements program were accepted as follows:

- Verges Rome Architects for the additions and renovations to Abita Springs Elementary School
- MSH Architects, LLC, in association with CircleStudio for additions and renovations to Abney Elementary School
- Piazza Architecture Planning for renovations to Bayou Lacombe Middle School
- MSH Architects for additions to Boyet Junior High School
- Wink Design Group, LLC, for HVAC replacement to Carolyn Park Middle School
- Fauntleroy & Latham Architects, APC, for renovations and additions to Fifth Ward Junior High School
- Verges Rome Architects for renovations and additions to Folsom Junior High School
- Holly & Smith Architects, APC, for replacement of two original wings at Fontainebleau Junior High School
- Gasaway-Gasaway-Bankston Architects for renovations to Harrison Curriculum Center
- Wink Design Group, LLC, for additions to Lee Road Junior High School
- Holly & Smith Architects for additions to Mandeville High School

- Eskew-Dumez+Ripple in association with Piazza Architecture Planning for the New Advanced Studies High School
- Recommends the firm of Gasaway-Gasaway-Bankston Architects for the New Elementary School in the Madisonville Area.
- Fauntleroy & Latham Architects, APC, for renovations to Pitcher Junior High School
- Duplantis Design Group, PC, for additions to Whispering Forest Elementary School
- Argus Architecture-Engineering, LLC, for renovations to Woodlake Elementary School.

Firms for Type I-B Design Service Rotation Pool Accepted

Firms recommended for the Type I-B design services rotation pool by the Board-appointed Screening and Evaluation Committee for the 2008 capital improvements program were accepted as follows:

- Burkes, J.V. & Associates, Inc.
- Dammon Engineering
- Drake Engineering, Inc.
- Duplantis Design Group, PC
- Fauntleroy & Latham Architects, APC
- Gasaway-Gasaway-Bankston
- Holly & Smith Architects, APC
- Krebs, LaSalle, Lemieux Consultants, Inc.
- KVS Architecture & Associates
- Kyle Associates, LLC
- Lambert, Richard C. Consultants, LLC
- McHugh, Kelly & Associates, Inc.
- MSH Architects, LLC
- Perez, APC
- Petry, Brett Architect
- Piazza Architecture Planning
- Pinnacle Engineering, LLC
- Ritter Consulting Engineers, Ltd.
- Verges Rome Architects
- Wink Design Group, LLC

Firms for Type II-A/II-B Services for Land Surveying Accepted

Land surveying firms recommended by the Board-appointed Screening and Evaluation Committee for the 2008 capital improvements program were accepted as follows:

- Arpenteur Consultants, LLC
- BFM Corporation, LLC
- J.V. Burkes & Associates, Inc.
- GSE Associates, Inc.
- Krebs, LaSalle, LeMieux Consultants, Inc.
- Kelly McHugh & Associates, Inc.
- Turner Surveys, LLC
- Wink Design Group, LLC

Firms for Type II-A/II-B Services for Geotechnical Services Accepted

Geotechnical services firms recommended by the Board-appointed Screening and Evaluation Committee for the 2008 capital improvements program were accepted as follows:

- Ardaman & Associates, Inc.
- Eustis Engineering, LLC
- Professional Service Industries, Inc.

Firms for the Type II-A/II-B Services for Materials Testing Accepted

Materials testing firms recommended by the Board-appointed Screening and Evaluation Committee for the 2008 capital improvements program were accepted as follows.

- Beta Testing & Inspection
- Eustis Engineering, LLC
- Professional Service Industries, Inc.
- Southern Earth Sciences, Inc.

2008-2009 Salary Schedules Accepted

The 2008-2009 salary schedules for School System employees were accepted.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, dedicated, hard-working, and caring employees have a vital role in the success of the St. Tammany Parish Public School System and the hundreds of thousands of students served over the years; and

WHEREAS, those who choose to work in the honorable field of education provide a valuable service to students and the community, sometimes with much personal sacrifice, by helping prepare our young people to be contributing and productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, through their creativity, knowledge, experience, care and concern School System employees have a lasting impact on the lives of all they touch; and

WHEREAS, even after retiring from active service within the St. Tammany Parish Public School System, many former employees continue to contribute to the School System as volunteers and advocates for the System; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish School Board wishes to acknowledge these many contributions and to express appreciation to administrators, teachers and support personnel in their retirement from active service in the St. Tammany Parish Public School System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the St. Tammany Parish School Board take this occasion to offer their gratitude to the retired employees within the School System and to wish them enjoyment and satisfaction in their much-deserved retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board, with a copy being sent to all retired employees.

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I, Gayle Sloan, Secretary of the St. Tammany Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the regular session of the St. Tammany Parish School Board on July 17, 2008 held at its regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Office, Covington, Louisiana.

GAYLE SLOAN
Secretary