



# BOARD BRIEFING

*Board Briefing is a summary of St. Tammany Parish School Board action taken at the May 21, 2009, School Board meeting and the May 28, 2009, Special Board meeting and is not intended to be a complete accounting of Board action.*

## May 21, 2009, Board Meeting

### Poster Winner Recognized

Mandeville High School student Hannah Goodgoin was recognized for winning the Northshore Kiwanis Club poster contest for the Mandeville Seafood Festival.

### Students of the Year Presented

St. Tammany Parish Public School System Students of the Year for 2008-2009 were presented to the Board. Winners are chosen for outstanding academic performance, leadership, service to others, and communication skills. Recognized were:

Shalin Bhatt  
Tchefuncte Middle School  
Elementary Division

Raya Islam  
Boyet Junior High School  
Middle/Junior High Division

Samantha Parker  
Fontainebleau High School  
High School Division

Shalin Bhatt also was selected a Regional winner and finalist for State Student of the Year.

### Outstanding School Support Employees Recognized

Outstanding School Support Employees for 2008-2009 were honored. Receiving recognition for their valuable contributions to the education process were:

Carlye Lightfoot  
Bayou Woods Elementary School  
Elementary Division

Susie Blackwell  
Mandeville Junior High School  
Middle/Junior High Division

Maria Peters  
Mandeville High School  
High School Division

Brenda Palmer  
Slidell Pupil Appraisal  
Non-School Division

**Substitute Employee of  
the Year Recognized**

Vivian Huntington was recognized as the Substitute Employee of the Year for this school year. The honor is given to spotlight the contributions that substitute employees make to the education process by maintaining continuity of service and instruction.

**Northshore High School  
Boys' Baseball Team  
Recognized**

The Northshore High School Boys' Baseball Team was recognized for winning the 2009 State Class 5A Boys' Baseball Championship. With the leadership of Head Coach Rick Mauldin and his assistants, the team won the school's first ever state baseball title. Catcher Chad Gough-Fortenberry was also recognized for being named the Class 5A tournament Most Valuable Player.

**Leonard P. Monteleone  
Technology Award  
Presented**

The sixth annual Leonard P. Monteleone Technology Award was presented to John Blake, a second grade teacher at Woodlake Elementary School, for effective integration of technology into the school curriculum and classroom.

**Mandeville High School  
Robotics Team  
Prometheus Recognized**

The Mandeville High School Robotics Club, Team Prometheus, was recognized for their outstanding performance at regional and national competitions this spring. As a rookie team, they placed third out of 31 teams at the F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Bayou Regional Competition and placed 34th out of 400 at the National F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competition.

**Honey Island Elementary  
School Assistant Principal  
Appointed**

Gina Allain, a Resource Helping teacher at Whispering Forest Elementary School, was appointed Assistant Principal at Honey Island Elementary School. She replaces former Assistant Principal Ramona Carlin, who was appointed Principal of Florida Avenue Elementary School.

**Mandeville Elementary  
School Assistant Principal  
Appointed**

Edward Strohmeyer, a Parishwide Assistant Principal, was appointed Assistant Principal at Mandeville Elementary School. He replaces former Assistant Principal Casey Gleason, who was appointed Principal of Chahta-Ima Elementary School.

**Supervisor of  
Administration Appointed**

Byron Williams was appointed Supervisor of Administration. Mr. Williams currently serves as Principal of Salmen High School.

**Motion on Services to  
Non-Public School  
Students Tabled**

A Committee As A Whole recommendation to make changes to services provided to non-public school students was tabled to allow for further discussion.

**Purchase of Land in Abita  
Springs Approved**

Authorization was given for Superintendent Sloan and/or Board President Lamarque to purchase 30 acres of land adjacent to Abita Springs Elementary School in Abita Springs.

**Bid for Classroom Replacement at Fontainebleau Junior High School Accepted**

The low bid meeting plans and specifications submitted by Polk Construction Corp. was accepted for classroom replacement at Fontainebleau Junior High School. The bid amount is \$4,170,000.

**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 2008-2009 fiscal year were approved.

**Levy of Millages for 2009 Tax Roll Accepted**

The recommendation to accept the Resolution to levy millages for the 2009 Tax Roll was accepted. The following millages were levied for 2009 at the 2008 roll back level. These are the same millages levied last year.

<u>Parishwide Taxes</u>	<u>Millage</u>
Constitutional Tax	3.80
Additional Support Tax	4.84
Constructing, Maintaining and Operating Tax	3.44
Maintaining & Operating Tax	35.47

**Levy of Millages for 2009 Debt Service Accepted**

The recommendation to levy millages for 2009 at the 2008 roll back level Debt Service was accepted. The mills were reduced from 21.90 to 20.90, a one mill reduction for repayment of debt service.

**May 28, 2009, Special Board Meeting**

**Four Parishwide Assistant Principals Appointed**

Four assistant principals were appointed to assist in administration of schools throughout the parish. Appointees and their current positions were Candice Hickman, a teacher at Woodlake Elementary School; Toni Rich, a teacher at Salmen High School; Raphael Tillman, a teacher at Fontainebleau High School; and Kim Vanderklis, a Resource Helping Teacher at St. Tammany Junior High School.

**2009-2010 NCLB/IDEA Combined Application Approved**

The combined application for the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) programs for 2009-2010 was accepted. The NCLB portion covers Title I, II, III, and IV programs and the IDEA portion covers preschool and other school special education programs for students with disabilities.

**2009-2011 NCLB/IDEA Stimulus Application Approved**

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Stimulus Application for 2009-2011 was accepted. This budget is in addition to the combined NCLB/IDEA application and is funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The budget allocation is to be spent over 2 years in the areas of Title 1, IDEA Part B and IDEA Preschool.