

April 21, 2005

OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
CAMP LEJEUNE DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING APRIL 20, 2005

**I. CALLED TO ORDER**

(Name Removed), Chair, called to order the April 20, 2005 School Board Meeting of the Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools. The meeting began at 1812 hours in the CLDS Board Room. Members in attendance were: (Names Removed)

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of March 30, 2005 were presented for approval. (Name Removed) made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by (Name Removed). The minutes were unanimously approved by the School Board. (Tab A)

**III. SCHEDULED COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A. Lejeune Education Association (LEA)

(Name Removed) shared the fact that being on the LEA board has allowed her to observe the partnership between the Agency and the Association. She stated that “teachers are valued and respected” and was very appreciative of the on-going successful partnership.

Everyone is very excited about the upcoming Summer School this year. Teachers are grateful for the opportunity to be involved in this “win-win situation!”

B. Lejeune Educational Support Association (LESA)

No report.

**IV. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS**

A. PTO Report: Tarawa Terrace I Primary School

(Name Removed), Teacher at Tarawa Terrace I Primary School, represented Ms. Hines and read from a letter Ms. Hines had written. The highlights of the letter were:

- “While the TT1 PTO may not have a huge membership, the PTO is still very strong. This year has been no exception as the PTO “hasn’t missed a beat” with their activities. All board members have served admirably and multiple activities have continued to take place and be very successful. Ms. Hines expressed her sincere appreciation for the outstanding PTO and their support of the school.”

(Name Removed), PTO President for Tarawa Terrace I Primary School, shared information about the many activities that the PTO offers in support of the school. She stated that there are “a lot of successful events” always taking place at TT1. The book fairs provide great reading material for the children while providing a good fundraising opportunity as well. The TT1 PTO has also sponsored a student art show, bake sales, a holiday gift shop, Krispy Kreme donut drive, Literacy Day station where a patriotic book was read on the significance of the American Flag, hot dog dinner, school cleanup day, ‘Wacky Water Day,’ and a staff appreciation breakfast. Additionally, the PTO has distributed yellow armbands with “Support Our Troops” on them to each student at TT1, while the staff received armbands with “Until Each One is Home.” (Name Removed) gave each School Board member a “Support Our Troops” armband to take home.

#### B. PTA Report: Lejeune High School

(Name Removed), PTA President for Lejeune High School, distributed a list of the events and activities that the LHS PTA has already funded this school year, to include a summary of the LHS PTA budget. She emphasized that the PTA offers “a lot of yearly programs that recognize lots of different students.” These range from sports awards for student athletes and their families to the Lejeune Scholar recognition and National Honor Society induction receptions. They also support Project Graduation with an all-night event ending at 0630 the following morning. Some fundraising is accomplished through coupon book sales, bingo, yard sales, and an after-school snack bar. The Lejeune HS PTA school store does not work as a fundraiser, but rather as a support to students who are in need of school supplies, as it typically “breaks even.” The biggest fundraiser for the Lejeune HS PTA is their concession stand.

(Name Removed) asked Ms. Mortenson about the difficulty of obtaining parental support in the PTA at Lejeune HS because of the age of the students. (Name Removed) agreed that while these students are typically of the age that they may not desire a high degree of parental involvement in the school, they do “like it when you’re there.”

Mr. Osgood, Lejeune HS Principal, sincerely thanked (Name Removed) and the PTA for their untiring efforts and the outstanding support they provide to the school.

#### C. New School Merger Plan

Mr. Brinton offered an abbreviated version of the two parent informational sessions that were recently held at Brewster Middle School. He stated that the Question &

Answer sessions were the most critical part of the meetings. It is during the Q & A that everyone understands the importance of “trying to anticipate all the details” of these projects.

The plan is still to open the Primary School on time. We are anticipating the keys to be turned over to us in early August. It is however important that everyone realize we never know what may happen, but we remain “hopeful” that the plans will come to fruition according to schedule. The safety of our students is paramount with the opening of the schools and situations such as parking are being looked at thoroughly.

(Name Removed), Logistics Management Specialist, shared the construction plans again and reviewed site progress. He stated that there were some delays in progress with the Primary School, which indirectly delays the Intermediate School as well. Because only one completed parking lot would not logistically support 712 projected students in the Primary School, we are formulating plans for this challenge. (Name Removed) reiterated the importance of everyone thinking and being aware of how much the entire site will be changed with the opening of these schools and the demolition of the existing Stone Street ES.

(Name Removed), Transportation Supervisor, shared some of the on-going efforts that her team is making to prepare for the transitioning of schools. She displayed an aerial map of the communities and stated that all mileage has been checked between schools and projected paths. If students are within 1.5 miles of their school, they will walk or ride bicycles. (Name Removed) stressed that her entire team of drivers, along with herself, are always striving to ensure the safety of our students and will do everything possible to make the transition smooth.

(Name Removed) asked who will be bussed to the Primary School and (Name Removed) answered that the students coming from Paradise Point and Courthouse Bay will be.

Mr. Brinton reminded everyone that questions are being addressed as answers arise and every effort is being made to keep all informed of updates. There is also a link on the CLDS Community Website that was created to share updates on the construction projects. He emphasized that there “are still things that puzzle us” but we cannot forget the “underlying excitement and cause for celebration” with this project.

(Name Removed) inquired about the Ribbon Cutting ceremonies for the schools and Mr. Brinton stated that we may actually just have one ceremony for both schools.

(Name Removed) questioned Mr. Brinton whether the principals for the new schools have been named yet and Mr. Brinton stated they have not. We will still be opening the year with three schools, so there will be three principals at the beginning of SY 2005-06.

(Name Removed) also asked whether the schools have been named. Mr. Brinton stated that we hope to announce the names next week. (Name Removed) added that naming a federal building is a very lengthy process and takes quite some time. Mr. Brinton mentioned that we were at the stage of approval of next of kin.

(Name Removed) extended thanks to everyone involved with the project.

Dr. Kinney, Berkeley Manor ES Principal, Dr. Scroggs, Stone Street ES Principal, and Ms. Hawes, Russell ES Principal, were present to each share something being done to prepare for the merger. Dr. Kinney explained that every effort to make “a disruptive process less disruptive” for the students is being made. Specifically, all students are being re-registered for SY 2005-06 at their present school and paperwork will be consolidated or distributed later. Multiage and vertical teams are being maintained to offer students familiarity and continuity during the transition.

Dr. Scroggs discussed technology in the new schools, which he considers “the most exciting part of it.” He explained that anticipating technology needs when building a new school is quite the challenge, as one would expect a building to last many years and it is an impossible task to know what technology will be like that far down the road. He stated that each new school will be “well equipped” and offered details on classroom data drops and support for workstations. Because of the availability and portability of technology equipment, “the whole school will become a classroom.” A sophisticated media retrieval system is being implemented with banks of DVD media and a master computer. Dr. Scroggs added that since “kids love to create,” he hopes this updated and state-of-the-art technology “will give kids what they need to make their own knowledge.”

Ms. Hawes highlighted the incredible progress being made in strengthening partnerships with PTO’s and parents for the three schools. Teams began meeting long ago in an effort to make the PTO element a “strong supportive piece.” The three PTO boards have brainstormed on ways to ensure the two PTO’s will be connected to each other and will be strong in supporting all three schools in the transition. There is a nominating committee made up of representatives; and a full slate of officers, except for one position, has been established. By-laws will soon be presented to the schools. Ms. Hawes added that the principals have been “involved but not overshadowing” the work of the PTO’s in their efforts. She also stated that it has been “interesting to see how the three boards can come together.”

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. School Board Election Update**

(Name Removed) stated that she has met with (Name Removed) on the proposed timeline for the School Board Election. Because of the later start to SY 2005-06, the timeline will be slightly “pushed back.” ‘Intent to Seek Election’ packets will be available starting May 16, 2005 through August 29, 2005. The School Board Election will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2005. Congratulatory letters for the elected members shall be mailed by September 19, 2005 with the first meeting to take place on September 28, 2005.

There will be four vacancies: (Name Removed) as Chair, (Name Removed) as Vice Chair, (Name Removed) and (Name Removed) as Members. (Name Removed)’s and (Name Removed)’s terms will expire; (Name Removed) and (Name Removed) will be moving.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. School Insurance Plan**

Mr. Brinton shared three bids for student insurance for SY 2005-06. One was considerably higher than the other two. American Advantage is the company presently used by CLDS and is highly recommended by (Name Removed), Budget Officer. Mr. Brinton added that the parents are very comfortable with this program and have been pleased with it overall.

After a review of the comparisons, (Name Removed) made a motion to approve staying with American Advantage for SY 2005-06, seconded by (Name Removed). The Board unanimously approved.

## **VII. REPORTS**

### **A. Financial Report of March 2005**

The subject report was presented for approval. (Name Removed) made a motion to approve the Financial Report of March 2005, seconded by (Name Removed). The Board approved it unanimously.

### **B. Student Activity Fund Expenditures over \$1000**

The following expenditures were presented for approval:

1. A check in the amount of \$1500 made payable to Lejeune HS Project Graduation (donation from Lejeune HS).

2. A check in the amount of \$1827 made payable to Student Planner for student day planners at Lejeune HS.

3. A check in the amount of \$1118.55 made payable to Weekly Reader Corporation for subject publication at Delalio ES.

Ms. Rogers made a motion to approve the expenditures, seconded by Mr. Corbell. The Board approved them unanimously.

## **VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. Insite Information (03/05)**

### **B. CLDS Monthly Newsletters**

C. Summer School – Each DoDEA school district will host a Summer School enrichment program open to all students in grades K-8 this summer. 10% of our K-8 student body will

participate in this “hands-on” program with a focus on Literacy and Mathematics. The funding of this program was made possible through military support DoDEA-wide. It is being operated in conjunction with the Summer Food Services Program and will run from 6 June 2005 – 1 July 2005 from 0830-1230 Monday to Friday. When students have completed their day at 1230, they will have a free lunch through the Summer Food Services Program at that location. Transportation will be the responsibility of the parent. Information was distributed to students today.

High School level students will also have an opportunity to apply for a few spaces in summer online courses. However, this program is targeted to students who need particular courses to graduate.

D. Counselor Positions – Each DoDEA community has been given three extra counselor positions over the summer to be available for military families on and off-base. Mr. Brinton stated that he hopes to be able to continue this program once the school year starts.

(Name Removed) asked if Fort Bragg was also given the extra counselors and Dr. Hager responded that yes, they have received three positions as well.

(Name Removed) inquired on how one could request those counseling services and Dr. Hager responded that details have not yet been worked out for the logistics of this program.

(Name Removed) added that the opportunity to assist military families off base as well as aboard Camp Lejeune is certainly a great aspect of this program.

E. Brewster MS Certificate of Distinction in AVID – Brewster MS has been the first middle school in DDESS to receive the Certificate of Distinction for the AVID program.

F. Teacher Appreciation Week – The first week in May has been designated as Teacher Appreciation Week. Mr. Brinton expressed how proud he was to be able to work here with such quality educators!

G. Delalio Broadway Jr. Play “Guys & Dolls” – Mr. Brinton reminded everyone about the upcoming play at Delalio ES on May 6-7, 2005.

H. (Name Removed)’s Departure – (Name Removed) stated that, sadly, this would be her last meeting as School Board Chair. Her husband has received PCS orders to Germany. She emphasized that she has learned an incredible amount serving on the Board and cherishes her time here. Mr. Brinton added that (Name Removed) “has expressed incredible leadership and very real enthusiasm” in her service and that she “may leave but will never leave the Lejeune family.” He added that (Name Removed) will be missed.

## IX. AGENDA

Projected Agenda Items:

- Presentation: Nutrition Standards – Jan Holt
- Recognition of PTO Presidents/Boards

School Board members were asked to submit additional agenda items to (Name Removed), Mr. Brinton, or other School Board members.

**X. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2005 in the CLDS Board Room beginning at 1800 hours. The closed session will begin at 1730 hours.

**XI. MEETING EVALUATION AND ADJOURNMENT**

(Name Removed) adjourned the meeting at 1915 hours.

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(Name Removed)  
Chair, CLDS School Board

Attachments:  
As stated

cc: Director, DDESS/DoDDS-Cuba