Assumption school superintendent urges yes votes on amendments

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NAPOLEONVILLE — Assumption Parish School Superintendant Lynn Aysenne Wednesday night stressed the importance of supporting two amendments that will be on the Nov. 21 ballot.

Amendments 3 and 4 deal with the state school retirement system and the minimum foundation program, Aysenne said.

Aysenne has been visiting parish schools and talking to local citizens in support of the two amendments. The board agreed to support the amendments at its last meeting.

“If you cannot remember which amendments to vote yes for, vote yes for all five,” Aysenne said.

Amendment 3, if passed, would bail out the retirement system, Aysenne said. “Presently the fund has accrued about $3 billion,” he said.

Amendment 4 would compel the Legislature to appropriate from the state general fund an amount sufficient to insure a minimum program of education to all students enrolled in the public school system, Aysenne said. The amendment would distribute the wealth among the state schools.

In other matters, the board heard a speech from Assumption Junior High School Principal Rodney Bergeron on the effective school movement.

Bergeron said as a result of adapting the state’s guidelines and comprising them along with those of the local school system, Assumption Junior High was recognized as a model school.