School Board To Help Fund Revival Of Acadian Village

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It was about the seventh inning when School Board president Preston Babineaux stepped up to the plate yesterday. The score was tied 6-6. Heads were turned to watch how he would perform.

"I vote "yes" because I feel it's a worthwhile project," he said, breaking the tie and racking up a home run for those School Board members who felt the Board should contribute $7,500 to help keep Acadian Village alive.

The Village, one of the city's main tourist attractions, is running out of funds. A six-person committee of community leaders, including Dr. James Jackson, has established a program to put it back on its financial feet and get it running properly.

Committee Relative

The Acadian Village panel also consists of representatives of the Lafayette Regional Planning and Development Commission, the Lafayette Economic Development Commission, the Lafayette Parish Industrial Development Board, and the Lafayette Parish Tourism Commission.

Opposition Voiced

The opposition was aired as a whole, wouldn't have minded if the idea of adding a kindergarten for the project. But the voice vote was close enough to indicate the issue would come up again at the full board's regular 2 p.m. session.

Fears Stampede

Acadian Village anxious to make itself vulnerable to any external agency which could offer a comprehensive approach taken to funding such agencies. Babineaux countered with the possibility of funding Acadian Village and studying the issue later.

On the "yes" side of funding the village were J.B. Guillory, John Karl Guidry, Rosemary Hubbard, Marguerite St. John Babineaux and Lloyd Faulk. On the "no" side were Dr. Raphael Barranco, Tony Laffoon, Herman Clause, Jerome Bourque, Danny Aucin and Stanley Andrus. Sally Smith abstained from voting.