

***PABI General Membership Meeting
November 14, 2012
Bayou Barriere Golf Club***

The November 14th General Membership Meeting was held at Bayou Barriere Golf Club. The keynote speaker was Louisiana State Superintendent of Schools John White. Superintendent White began his presentation by stating that out of 100 students who enter the 9th grade, 71 will graduate high school with only 49 of those graduates going on to higher education and 19 of them receiving a degree. He feels students need to be equipped with a technical education, and that schools need to educate students in all phases of the economy. It his belief that they need to empower those closest to the students and their education: parents, teachers and principals. He also feels parents should be able to choose where they send their child to be educated. Principals have been given more power and the ability to decide on the best teacher for the classroom. Teachers need to be empowered to make their own decisions on the curriculum and what to teach students. Superintendent White commented that we are leading our children towards change with higher standards so they can have a better life and be productive members of the workforce.



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