Centerville, Louisiana

July 13, 2023

The St. Mary Parish School Board met in regular session on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana, with the following members answering to roll call:

**Present:** Mr. Joseph C. Foulcard Jr., Ms. Tammie L. Moore, Mrs. Lindsey T. Anslem, Ms. Debra R. Jones, Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle, Mr. Murphy J. Pontiff Jr., Mr. Chad M. Paradee, Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mr. Andrew V. Mancuso, Mrs. Rhonda R. Dennis.

**Absent:** None

# Invocation

Ms. Estay gave the Invocation.

# Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

President Black led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

# Appearances:

## **Recognition of newly appointed** Dean of Students positions:

Ms. Estay recognized and congratulated the new appointees as follows:

* **J. S. Aucoin Elementary:** Melanie Olivier (formerly J. S. Aucoin Elementary School SEL Coach)
* **Bayou Vista Elementary:** Erik Savory (formerly Berwick Junior High School Social Studies Teacher)
* **W. P. Foster Elementary:** Krieg Triggs (formerly Hattie Watts Elementary School PE Teacher)
* **LaGrange Elementary:** Kendra Thomas (formerly J. B. Maitland Elementary School SEL Coach)
* **J. B. Maitland Elementary:** Herman Hartman (formerly Morgan City Junior High School PE Teacher)
* **M. E. Norman Elementary:** Yvette Pogue (formerly Wyandotte Elementary School SEL Coach)
* **Wyandotte Elementary:** Amanda Chase (formerly Wyandotte Elementary School Curriculum Facilitator)

## Recognition of newly appointed Social Studies Program Manager:

Ms. Estay recognized and congratulated Ms. Courtney Andrews (formerly Patterson High School Principal) as the newly appointed Social Studies Program Manager for the St. Mary Parish School Board.

## Candidate for St. Mary Parish Clerk of Court

Mr. Greg Aucoin announced to the Board that he will be a candidate for the St. Mary Parish Clerk of Court in the upcoming fall election. He spent his entire professional career in public services. He asked that the citizens of St. Mary Parish support him in the October 2023 election by electing him for the Clerk of Court’ position.

# Approval of Amended Agenda.

No amended agenda.

# Approval of Official School Board Minutes.

Mrs. Griffin offered the motion and Mrs. Dennis offered the second to approve the official school board minutes from the regular school board meeting held on June 8, 2023. All in favor and the motion carried.

# Approval of Consent Agenda.

President Black stated that Board Members can remove any of the items on the consent agenda for further discussion in the regular proceedings. Dr. Fegenbush read aloud the items on the consent agenda as follows:

# New Business

Personnel:

## Item 2. \*Award Bids:

**A.** \*Custodial Supplies

## Item 3. \*Approve Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Sixteenth Judicial District Office of the District Attorney and Family Service Division for Early Intervention Programs.

## Item 4. \*Approve Memorandum of Understanding for the Foster Grandparent Program.

## Item 5. Approve the 2023-2024 Pupil Progression Plan.

## Item 7. \*Authorize RFP or negotiation process for casualty insurance for the year commencing October 1, 2023.

## Item 10. \*Approve extending the Castex Energy mineral lease at Bayou Carlin from a one-year lease to a two-year lease.

## Item 11. \*Approve the Revival and Ratification of the Bayou Carline Pipeline Right-of-Way agreement with Energy XXl.

## Item 12. \*Approve the amendment of the lease agreement between the St. Mary Parish School Board and the State of Louisiana, through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, regarding a tract of sixteenth section land located in Township 16 South, Range 12 East, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, generally known as Texaco's Bateman Lake Dock Facility, which previously renewed at the May 11, 2023 board meeting.

## Item 16. \*Approve banking resolutions authorizing signatories at various schools as a result of recent appointments.

## Item 17. \*Permission to advertise bid for the roofing projects at Franklin Jr. High and St. Mary Alternative School using ESSERS funds.

Mrs. Griffin made a motion to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of moving Item 1 A\* to Business Affairs for further discussion. Ms. Moore made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

# Business Affairs:

## Item 1. \*Approve job description for: (Moved from Consent)

A. \*Bus Foreman (NEW)

Mrs. Griffin made a motion and seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the job description for the new Bus Foreman position, as presented by Ms. Estay. All in favor and the motion carried.

## Item 6. Approve Student and Visitor Clear Bag Policy to be enforced on all St. Mary Parish School Board facilities, at all events, during all hours.

Mr. Mancuso moved to postpone the Student and Visitor Clear Bag Policy to be enforced on all St. Mary Parish School Board facilities, at all events, during all hours, as presented by Dr. Sanders. Motion not seconded; motion failed.

Ms. LaSalle made a motion and seconded by Ms. Jones to approve the Student and Visitor Clear Bag Policy to be enforced on all St. Mary Parish School Board facilities, at all events, during all hours, as presented by Dr. Sanders. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

**Yeas:** Mr. Joseph C. Foulcard, Jr., Ms. Tammie L. Moore, Ms. Debra R. Jones, Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle, Mr. Murphy J. Pontiff Jr., Mr. Chad M. Paradee, Mrs. Alaina L. Black, and Mrs. Rhonda R. Dennis.

**Nays:** Mr. Andrew V. Mancuso, and Mrs. Lindsey T. Anslem.

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

The motion passed with 9 yeas, 2 nays, 0 abstains, and 0 absents.

## Item 8. Approve student accident insurance for year commencing August 1, 2023.

Mrs. Carmel Breaux with Norris Consulting provided an overview of the student accident insurance and recommended that the Board renew the policy commencing August 1, 2023, for the amount of $43,121.

Mr. Foulcard made a motion and seconded by Mr. Mancuso to approve the student accident insurance for year commencing August 1, 2023, as presented by Mrs. Carmel Breaux. All in favor and the motion carried.

## Item 9. Approve engagement of auditors to perform agreed upon procedures as mandated by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Mrs. Dennis made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Anslem to approve engagement of auditors to perform agreed upon procedures as mandated by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor for the year ended June 30, 2023, as presented by Mr. Perry. All in favor and the motion carried.

## Item 13. Discuss and take necessary action on bids received for Franklin Sr. High Phase I roofing project using ESSER Funds.

Mr. Foulcard made a motion and seconded by Ms. Jones to approve bid for Franklin Sr. High Phase I roofing project using ESSER Funds, as presented by Mr. Wiese. All in favor and the motion carried.

## Item 14. Approve the recommendation to release from contract without penalty from Roofs Restore who was the lowest bidder ( $793,000) for the Centerville Phase II Roofing Project using ESSER Funds.

Mr. Paradee made a motion and seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the recommendation to release from contract without penalty with Roofs Restore who was the lowest bidder ( $793,000) for the Centerville Phase II Roofing Project using ESSER Funds, as present by Mr. Wiese. All in favor and the motion carried.

## Item 15. Discuss and take necessary action to award bid to Partin Roofing the second lowest bidder ( $1,095,200) for Centerville Phase II Roofing Project using ESSER Funds.

Mrs. Anslem made a motion and seconded by Ms. Jones to award bid to Partin Roofing the second lowest bidder for the amount of $1,095,200 for Centerville Phase II Roofing Project using ESSER Funds, as presented by Mr. Wiese. All in favor and the motion carried.

# Moving of Item 18 regarding the Strategic Session

Mrs. Anslem made a motion and seconded by Ms. Jones to move all reports and Resolutions of Respect before Item 18. All in favor and the motion carried.

# Reports

## Committees:

## Staff Report:

## Chief Financial Officer’s Report:

## Sale Tax Update

Mr. Perry reported that the sales tax collections for twelve months into the fiscal year collected $1,478,744 versus a budget of $1,445,833, with a 2.3 percent variance to budget.

## Financial Statements (Major Funds Only):

The Board was provided financial statements for major funds only to review at their leisure.

## Other Significant Items:

Set time and date for a budget workshop to review the General Funds, Maintenance District Funds, and the School Food Service Funds.

The Board agreed to meet for the budget workshop on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana.

# Superintendent’s Report:

Dr. Fegenbush reported that the Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) is a state-based national non-profit organization dedicated to supporting young people of great promise. Currently, the St. Mary Parish School Board have ongoing grant opportunities with B. Edward Boudreaux Middle School, West St. Mary High School, Franklin Junior High School, and Franklin High School. Morgan City Junior High School and Morgan High School will be two more schools to receive competitive grants for the upcoming school year.

St. Mary Parish School Annual School Safety Summit will be held on July 19th, at the Centerville High School cafeteria from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The first official day of school is August 8th. Students’ orientation and specific school information have been planned and posted on schools’ website.

# Resolutions of Respect

Ms. Estay read the Resolutions of Respect for the late Norma Achee (retired school teacher), and Beatrice Guarisco (retired school board member) and Leonard Sudduth (retired school principal).

## Item 18. Strategy session and/or action concerning pending litigation\*

\*As authorized by La.R.S. 42:17(A)(2), there may be an executive session to discuss

strategy in litigation entitled “Boudreaux, et al vs. School Board of St. Mary Parish”,

bearing Civil Action No. 6:65-11351 on the docket of the United States District Court

for the Western District of Louisiana.

Board Attorney Hammonds recommended that the Board enter to Executive Session to discuss the strategy session and pending litigation as stated above.

## Board Enters Closed Session:

With a motion from Ms. Moore and a second from Mr. Pontiff the Board entered into closed session. All in favor and the motion carried.

## Board Returns to Regular Session:

Mrs. Griffin moved that the Board return to regular session.  Ms. Moore gave a second and the meeting resumed. All in favor and the motion carried.

# Adding Item to Agenda:

Ms. Moore made a motion and seconded by Ms. Jones to add an agenda item authorizing staff to pursue renovations at Franklin Senior High School using ESSER funds. All in favor and the motion carried.

## Renovations to Franklin Senior High School using ESSER Fundings.

Mr. Foulcard made a motion and seconded by Mr. Pontiff to approve staff to pursue renovations at Franklin Senior High School using ESSER funds. All in favor and the motion carried.

# Closing:

## Adjournment:

With there being no further business to address, Mr. Mancuso made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Mrs. Anslem made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.