Centerville, Louisiana

May 1, 2023

The St. Mary Parish School Board met in special session on Monday, May 1, 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, Mr. Murphy J. Pontiff Jr., Mr. Chad M. Paradee, Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mr. Andrew V. Mancuso, Mrs. Rhonda R. Dennis.

**Absent:** Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle.

**Invocation:**

Ms. Estay led the Invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

**Business Affairs:**

**Item 1.** Discussion and/or action concerning contract with Superintendent-elect

At the April 20th regular board meeting, the Board authorized President Black and Vice-President Moore to negotiate the Superintendent’s contract with Dr. Buffy Fegenbush. That procedure has been completed and the contract was sent to the full board for their review.

Mr. Paradee made a motion and Ms. Jones made a second to approve the Superintendent-elect contract and to move forward with Dr. Fegenbush as the superintendent.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

**Absent:** Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of 10 yes, and 1 absent.

The Superintendent’s contract will be effective on July 1, 2023.

**Item 2.** Discussion and/or action concerning designation of Interim Superintendent to serve May 2 – June 30, 2023.

Ms. Moore made a motion and Mr. Pontiff made a second to approve designation of Interim Superintendent Buffy S. Fegenbush Ed. D., to serve May 2-June 30, 2023. All in favor and the motion carried.

**Item 3.** Approve resolution authorizing signatories on checks and other related financial documents.

President Black read aloud the resolution as follows:

**Resolution**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that effective May 2, 2023, Buffy S. Fegenbush, Ed. D., in her capacity as Superintendent/Secretary/Treasurer and Alaina L. Black in her capacity as President of the Board are hereby named as the approved signatories for all checks, Certificates of Deposit, and other documents affecting funds of the St. Mary Parish School Board and that they ratify all acts from May 2, 2023.

All checks and other instruments issued, including payroll checks, shall be signed by both the President of the Board and the Superintendent/Secretary/Treasurer.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that effective May 2, 2023, Buffy S. Fegenbush, Ed. D., in her capacity as Superintendent/Secretary/Treasurer, and Alaina L. Black in her capacity as President of the St. Mary Parish School Board, and Alton Ray Perry in his capacity as Chief Financial Officer, and Becky Voisin in her capacity as Chief Accountant shall have the authority to make transfers of funds to the State of Louisiana and the U.S. Treasury for the purpose of making payroll tax deposits under the electronic funds transfer programs of each; and upon written notification to the Fiscal Agent Banks of the St. Mary Parish School Board, have the authority to make transfers of funds to the Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana, to the State of Louisiana School Employees Retirement System, to the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, to the Whitney National Bank, to the Regions Investment Company, Inc., to the ING National Trust, Louisiana State Employees’ Retirement System (LASERS) and between School Board accounts, for the purpose of receiving credit or acquiring investment securities in the name of the St. Mary Parish School Board.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted at a special board meeting held on May 1, 2023 at which time a quorum was present and voting.

Centerville, Louisiana, this 1st day of May, 2023.

Mrs. Griffin made a motion and Mr. Paradee made a second to approve resolution authorizing signatories on checks and other related financial documents as presented by President Black. All in favor and the motion carried.

**Item 4.** Approve Proclamation for Teacher Appreciation Week (May 8-12, 2023)

Ms. Estay read loud the proclamation as follows:

**2023 PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** teachers bear the primary responsibility for educating our society and Insuring the future of public education; and

**WHEREAS,** teachers provide the motivation and avenue for creating a culture of lifelong learners; and

**WHEREAS,** teachers work tirelessly to create that one learning experience which will inspire students to believe in themselves and what they can become; and

**WHEREAS,** the success or failure of a school system is not based on the structure of its school buildings or the mandates of the curriculum, but rather on the unwavering dedication of the teachers it employs; now

**THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED,** that the St. Mary Parish School Board dedicates the week of **May 8-12, 2023,**

as

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

and calls upon students, parents, and citizens of the parish to offer their deepest appreciation and

thanks to the devoted teachers of our district.

I, undersigned President and Secretary of the St. Mary Parish School Board, do hereby certify the above and foregoing is a true copy of a proclamation adopted at its regular Board Meeting on May 11, 2023, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Mr. Mancuso made a motion and Ms. Jones made a second to approve the Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation for the week of May 8-12, 2023, as presented by Ms. Estay. All in favor and the motion carried.

**Closing:**

**Adjournment**

With there being no further business to address, Mr. Foulcard made a motion and Ms. Moore made a second to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. All in favor and the motion carried.