Centerville, Louisiana

May 19, 2022

# Regular Session:

The St. Mary Parish School Board met in regular session on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 5:00 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. Pearl B. Rack, Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Mr. Wayne J. Deslatte, Mr. Michael E. Taylor, Mr. Dwight D. Barbier, Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mr. Roland H. Verret, Mr. Kenneth E. Alfred.

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

**Invocation**

Mrs. Bergeron gave the Invocation.

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

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

# Introduction of Students and Employees of the Month

# Berwick Elementary School:

Principal Debbie Domingue introduced 5th grader Addie Aucoin as Student of the Month at Berwick Elementary School. On weekends, Addie likes to do cookouts with her family, sing karaoke, and she likes to ride her bike. When she grows up, she would like to be an attorney who focuses on wills and estates. Addie has maintained a 4.0 grade point average the entire time at Berwick Elementary School. When asked what keeps her motivated to do well in school, Addie stated that she wants to make her parents and teachers proud. She is currently the Beta Club president, she is a reading buddy, and she is also in talented singing and theater. Outside of school, she is a part of dancing divas, and she plays soccer. Abbie was recently announced as the yearbook cover artist contest winner. She is accomplished, driven, dedicated, and intelligent. Addie is proud to be a panther who does well in school and achieves her goals.

Principal Debbie Domingue introduced Bookkeeper Jamie Anslem as Employee of the Month at Berwick Elementary School. Jamie has been the Bookkeeper at Berwick Elementary School for three years. Her favorite part of working at the school is getting to work with a supportive staff and taking care of the kids when they need it. When asked what she finds to be the most challenging part of working at Berwick Elementary, she says just getting to know every child and connecting him or her to the extended family. Principal Dominque stated that the school secretary suffered a tragedy and had two emergency surgeries, which left Jamie to be on her own for an extended period of time. A list of job duties Jamie performed every day included: student and staff attendance, phone calls to change dismissals five times, calls from parents, giving medication, counting money/ bank procedures, recess and PE casualties, handling students with invisible ailments every single day, helping teachers who need supplies, sending out parent letters, checking in late students every day, dealing with disgruntled parents demanding they get their way, and finding changes of clothes for students when parents did not show up. Jamie did everything with a smile in the span of one workday and not going over her work minutes.

# M. E. Norman Elementary School:

Principal Ronica LaPoint introduced 5th grader Chasity Williams, as Student of the Month at M. E. Norman Elementary School. Chasity is a true leader at M. E. Norman Elementary where she demonstrates a positive attitude. She has maintained the honor roll and principal’s list, and scored above average on standardized tests. She is a Beta member, she is in the 4-H club, and talented art. Outside of school, she enjoys playing softball and reading. She is always wearing a smile on her face and willing to help in any way she can. Chasity is more than deserving of this recognition and she is a great representation of a model student. Principal LaPoint proudly introduced Chasity as Norman Elementary’s Student of the Month.

Principal Ronica LaPoint introduced 1st Grade Teacher Alexis Mikeska as Employee of the Month at M. E. Norman Elementary School. She has been teaching for 4 years now. Before becoming a St. Mary Parish teacher, she earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Nicholls State University. She states the best part of teaching is the relationship she builds with her school babies and those “lightbulb moments” students. Her love for her students shows through her hard work and dedication. She is always willing to go the extra mile and help a fellow teacher or faculty member out. She is a part of the Sunshine and yearbook committee. Ms. Mikeska keeps parents up to date with school events and important dates by keeping M.E. Norman Elementary School’s social media platforms up to date. Being nominated for teacher of the year two years in a row and being recognized as M. E. Norman Elementary’s Shining Star for the month of April, are two of Ms. Mikeska’s most recent accomplishments. When Ms. Mikeska is not busy inspiring minds in the classroom, she enjoys running her small business, Crafty Creations and attending small local business markets. She also takes pleasure in traveling, making memories with her son, and attending sporting events. She also loves to be outside in the boat, fishing, hiking, and reading. Ms. Mikeska’s colleagues often recognize Ms. Mikeska as the one they can count on for anything they may need help with – whether it is to complete a task, help with a student, or to lend a listening ear. Principal LaPoint thanked Ms. Mikeska for being such an inspiration for the students, faculty, and staff at M. E. Norman Elementary School.

# Approval of Amended Agenda.

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. Mr. Foulcard made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

# Approval of Official School Board Minutes.

Mrs. Rack offered the motion and Mr. Barbier offered the second to approve the official school board minutes from the regular school board meeting held on April 21, 2022, as presented. All in favor and the motion carried.

# Approval of Consent Agenda.

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

# New Business

# Personnel:

# Business Affairs:

## Item 2. Approve Job Descriptions:

B. \*Agriculture Teacher

## Item 4. Advertise for Bids:

A. \* Permission to advertise for custodial supplies

## Item 5. Award Bids:

A. \*Child Nutrition Department Items: Produce, Eggs, Juice, Milk, Dry and Canned Foods, Frozen Foods and Meats, Paper and Cleaning Supplies.

Mrs. Rack requested to remove Item 1 A from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Mr. Taylor made a motion and Mr. Deslatte made a second to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of removing Item 1 A, as requested by Mrs. Rack. All in favor and the motion carried.

# Appearances:

## Recognition of Red Ribbon 2022 Slogan and Drawing Contest Winners:

Ms. Michelle South recognized the 2022 Slogan and Drawing Contest Winners as follows:

## 2022 Red Ribbon Slogan Winner:

Hudson Gorman, 5th grader at Wyandotte Elementary School. Hudson’s slogan, "Wherever you go, just say no. Be Drug Free!" will be featured on the red lapel ribbons worn across the parish during Red Ribbon Week.

## Grand Champion Winner of the 2022 Red Ribbon Drawing Contest:

Silas Hastings,  8th grader at Morgan City Junior High School. Silas’s artwork will be featured on the annual Red Ribbon t-shirt and on the cover of the annual Red Ribbon calendar.

## Additional Red Ribbon Drawing Contest Winners:

The following winner’s artwork will be featured in the 2022 Red Ribbon Calendar:

Bria Lemelle, Kindergarten at Berwick Elementary School

Parker Pisani, Kindergarten at Berwick Elementary School

Caidynce Washington, 1st grader at St. John Elementary School

Sofia Alfred, 2nd grader at J.S. Aucoin Elementary School

Brekin Monceaux, 3rd grader at Berwick Elementary School

Brie Landry, 3rd grader at Hattie Watts Elementary School

Ella Robinson , 4th grader at Central Catholic Elementary School

Addie Aucoin, 5th grader at Berwick Elementary School

Charlotte Reynolds, 5th grader at St. John Elementary School

Eduin Perez Deleon, 5th grader at J.S. Aucoin Elementary School

Sherlly Bordales, 6th grader at Morgan City Junior High School

Chloe Lemelle, 7th grader at Berwick Junior High School

Silas Hastings, 8th grader at Morgan City Junior High School

Sherley Perez, 9th grader at Morgan City High School

Lauren Chauvin, 11th grader at West St. Mary High School

## Recognition of 2022 Top Word-Millionaires in St. Mary Parish:

Ms. Sarah Broussard indicated since 2004, the goal of the Word-Millionaire program has been to encourage reading district-wide and recognize those who have documented an extensive reading repertoire during the school year.

For the 2021-2022 school year, St. Mary Parish had 128 Word-Millionaires, which consisted of 86 students and 42 adults.

Berwick Elementary School with 10 students and 9 adults led the parish with the most Word-Millionaires.

In total, the 128 Word-Millionaires read 182,839,367 words.

All Word-Millionaires receive t-shirts and certificates that are distributed at individual school ceremonies.

The Top Word-Millionaire in elementary is Addie Aucoin, a 5th grader at Berwick Elementary School, who read 3,147,859 words.

The Top Word-Millionaire in secondary is Stanley Aucoin, a 6th grader at Berwick Junior High School who read 6,897,101 words.

## Item 1. Approve policies from Forethought Consulting (moved from the consent agenda)

A. \*Compulsory School Attendance Ages (JBA)

Mrs. Rack indicated that she requested to remove Item 1 A\* from the consent agenda for clarification on the new policy. She inquired how the community would be informed of this new policy, which will be mandated for 5- to 7-year-old kids to attend school.

Dr. Bagwell replied it was already publicized when the law passed at the end of the session last year, and it has been in the news quite often. Many of these kids are already in St. Mary Parish School System. Therefore, it will be similar to the registration process that is already in place, where the information goes to the local media, St. Mary’s website and through the schools, to remind parents of kindergarten registration and that is mandatory at this point.

Mrs. Rack said, she understands if a student is actually enrolled in school and fail to abide by compulsory school attendance law, that it may result in a referral to Families in Need of Services (FINS), but she is still concerned about those students that are not legally enrolled.

Dr. Bagwell replied, the compulsory attendance in terms of kindergarten is now mandatory. Therefore, if the child does miss a number of days in school, then the school board would send out a School Resource Officer (SRO) because that child is inherently truant, whereas before that was more of an informal process. The biggest change would be letting parents know that attendance in kindergarten is just as important as attendance in first grade.

Mrs. Rack then asked if something will be done about kids that should be enrolled in school, and parents are allowing them to stay home.

Dr. Bagwell responded yes.

Mrs. Rack made a motion to approved the Compulsory School Attendance Ages (JBA) policy from Forethought Consulting. Ms. Moore made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

## Item 2. Approve Job Description:

A. Federal/Special Programs Liaison (NEW)

Ms. McClarity appeared before the Board for approval of the Federal/Special Programs Liaison job description. She stated that it is not a new job, she moved the Compliance Officer job duties to the Special Education Coordinator of Discipline. There has been an increase in the number of Title I schools. By the 2022-2023 school year, all schools in St. Mary Parish will be Title I schools except for three schools. She asked for the Board’s approval of the Federal/Special Programs Liaison job description.

Mrs. Griffin asked Ms. McClarity to clarify if she said it was or was not a new position.

Ms. McClarity responded it is “Not” a new position, it is only renaming the Compliance Officer job description.

Mrs. Griffin inquired if the job descriptions are the same.

Ms. McClarity replied “No” the job descriptions are not the same, it is a different job description.

Mrs. Rack offered a motion and Mr. Barbier offered a second to approve the new job description for Federal/Special Programs Liaison, as presented by Ms. McClarity. All in favor and the motion carried.

## Item 3. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding an Industrial Tax Exemption application for Orion Engineered Carbons, LLC.

Mr. David Hanagriff, President of St. Mary Parish Government, and Mr. Evan Boudreaux, Director of St. Mary Economic Development, reported that Orion Engineered Carbon, which is one of the three largest carbon black operations in St. Mary Parish, is applying for an Industrial Tax Exemption and it meets the criteria at a net positive. Mr. Hanagriff stated as further agreement, he and Mr. Boudreaux met with the School Board’s President and Superintendent, on Monday to review the project impact analysis of the Orion’s tax exemption application. At the request of the School Board’s President Alfred, Mr. Hanagriff and Mr. Boudreaux are present to answer any questions from the Board.

President Alfred asked Mr. Boudreaux to explain why Orion’s Tax Exemption application is set for nine years instead of ten years.

Mr. Boudreaux stated under the ITEP agreement a company has to apply through an advanced notification two years before the project actually starts. When Orion filed their application they did one year before the start of the project and because of that the state penalized them by one year.

Mr. Alfred replied because they did not stick to their guidelines, and they lost a year, and we did not stick to the guidelines, and we lost the whole thing.

Mr. Boudreaux responded yes sir.

President Alfred stated when he met with Mr. Hanagriff and Mr. Boudreaux, something was mentioned in the meeting that wasn't specifically related to the $700,000 that the board would get. He asked Mr. Boudreaux to explain to board members exactly what that meant.

Mr. Boudreaux responded the project that is being exempted, has a second part of the project called EPA mandate. However, that EPA portion of the project cannot qualify under Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP), and it is going to be the full taxable amount that the school would receive. He thinks the full value of that portion of projects is $50,000,000, whatever the assessed value is and taxable amount the school board would get that amount. He believed it is three and a half times of what the school board is going to collect under the exemption. Basically, the school board would basically collect more than what is being exempted, with that additional project.

Mrs. Griffin inquired the total lost revenue over the nine-year period for the St. Mary Parish school board.

Mr. Boudreaux responded it is important to note that the school board is set to receive $774,789 and abate about $3,000,000, which will be the 80 percent over the course of nine years. The depreciation of the equipment, that exemption decreases over the course of time at about 25 percent.

Mrs. Griffin said, “ only $3,000,000 for the St. Mary Parish School Board.”

Mr. Boudreaux replied yes, but the parish and the sheriff will also be exempting their portions.

Mrs. Griffin asked what the total for the parish was as a whole.

Mr. Boudreaux responded the total of the exemptions would be $8,400,000.

Mrs. Griffin asked if the parish loses $8,400,000 and the school board loses $3,000,000, how many new jobs would be created.

Mr. Boudreaux responded it would create 4 new direct jobs. He also said, “It is important to note that with the installation, they are going to be hiring 230 contract workers. So all those are contract workers, that does not count towards new direct jobs.”

Mrs. Griffin questioned if those employees will be residents of St. Mary Parish.

Mr. Boudreaux replied we cannot mandate that.

Mr. Hanagriff stated that the school board is not losing anything, but would not gain as much as you would without the exemption.

Mrs. Griffin said, “ I disagree, I think it is a loss.”

Mr. Deslatte asked Mr. Hanagriff if he could provide the analysis documentation that shows how Orion’s application was calculated as a net positive.

Mr. Hanagriff replied yes.

Mr. Taylor stated after speaking with the representatives of Orion, they said about a third of the employees come from St. Mary and other employees come from Lafayette and Iberia. If the school board is the parish giving the exemption, can it be requested or mandated that those four employees are residents of St. Mary Parish.

Mr. Boudreaux replied we can definitely encourage that. Whether it be a new company or not, anytime a new job is created, we want to advocate that it is a St. Mary Parish resident, that's why we partner with SLCC for those job recruitment programs, and also partner with the high schools to get those students if they have certifications. Even if they do not have certifications, but looking for jobs after they graduate, we want them to have those jobs, we want them to stay in St. Mary.

Taylor said, “We want the Parish President Hanagriff to pursue the exemptions with the same “dogged determination” as to when he opposed the School Board’s 0.45 percent sales tax for teacher and staff raises last year.”

Mr. Hanagriff replied that he has moved on from the past, and hopefully the school board can do the same. He is moving forward to the next chapter to help St. Mary Parish be the best it can be.

Mr. Perry stated he does not have a vote on this. However, as the Chief Financial Officer, he is bothered to know that the Parish President keeps saying it is not lost revenues, in which he feels that is not true. Mr. Perry said, “lost revenue is what you are getting and what you would be getting.” The School Board’s Maintenance District I will be affected by this, where the budget is already in very bad shape. The only revenues that the maintenance district has is the Ad Valorem taxes.

Mr. Hanagriff replied as far as the school board’s maintenance budget for next year, which is a number that is already in the budget right now. So again, the school board is not losing any of that budget, just not going to gain as much with the exemption for maintenance future budgets.

President Alfred asked Mr. Hanagriff so in the next nine years the school board would not be gaining $3,000,000 that it could be gaining.

Mr. Hanagriff replied correct, but the school board will be gaining extra money through this and through the portion that does not exempt.

President Alfred said $3,000,000 will not be gained, and the school board has no say so over that.

Mr. Hanagriff replied yes sir, but keep in mind you are gaining, and the school board’s maintenance budget will increase for the remainder of the amount you will be getting, which will be a net gained. Next year when this goes through the St. Mary Parish School Board, the Parish and the Sheriff’s Office, revenues will be increased.

Mr. Deslatte indicated that the school board will get some revenue or sales tax, but the school board is exempting and losing money. He stated that the company will do the job anyway because it is mandated, so do not “Sugar Coat” it.

Mr. Hanagriff responded that he is not trying to “Sugar Coat” it and he is not the one doing that.

With there being no further discussion, President Alfred thanked Parish President David Hanagriff and St. Mary Economic Development Director Evan Boudreaux for attending the meeting.

## Item 6. Adopt tax millage rates for the year 2022 and allow for a public comment period.

Mrs. Becky Voisin read aloud the resolution for the tax millage rates for the year 2022 as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2022 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by St. Mary Parish School Board:

**MILLAGE**

**GENERAL FUND:**

1. Constitutional School Tax (1068051) 8.83

2. Consolidated School District No. 5 (1068061) 11.82

**SPECIAL FUNDS (MAINTENANCE TAXES):**

1. Consolidated School District No. 3 (1068055) 12.42

2. Consolidated School District No. 2 (1068054) 12.73

3. Sixth Ward School District No. 3 (1068057) 12.53

**BOND RETIREMENT FUNDS:**

1. Consolidated School District No. 1 (1068093) 16.00

2. Special School District No. 4 (1068092) 6.00

3. Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1 (1068106) 20.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2022, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Mr. Joseph C. Foulcard Jr., Ms. Tammie L. Moore, Mrs. Pearl B. Rack, Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Mr. Michael E. Taylor, Mr. Wayne J. Deslatte, Mr. Dwight D. Barbier, Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mr. Roland H. Verret, Mr. Kenneth E. Alfred.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on May 19, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Centerville, Louisiana, this 19th day of May, 2022.

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(Secretary/Treasurer)

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. MARY

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, duly commissioned and qualified within and for the aforesaid parish and state, personally came and appeared:

Mrs. Teresa T. Bagwell, Ed. D.

who, after first being duly sworn, did depose and say that:

She is the duly authorized Secretary/Treasurer of the St. Mary Parish School Board.

**(Mark the appropriate box below to show how you complied with the Open Meetings Law.)**

A public meeting was held in accordance with the **Open Meetings Law** at R.S. 42:11, et seq., including allowing a public comment period before taking a vote, R.S. 42:14(D), to adopt the millage rates for the 2022 tax year. Public written notice of the **agenda**, date, time, and place of the meeting (X) **was posted** on the building where the meetings of this taxing authority are usually held no less than 24 hours before the meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays and/or ( ) **was published** in the official journal no less than 24 hours before the meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

A quorum or simple majority of the total membership of the taxing authority was physically present and voting at the public meeting, which was held on the 19th day of May, 2022, at \_5:00 p.m. at \_the Central Office Complex of the St. Mary Parish School Board, 474 Hwy 317, Centerville, LA 70522. The meeting was conducted in accord with the prior noticed agenda. Matters not included on the agenda were not discussed without the unanimous approval of the members present after complying with all provisions of R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(ii)(cc).

If applicable and as required by R.S. 42:23(A) and R.S. 44:36(F) as a **non-elected board** we have video or audio recorded, filmed or broadcast live all proceedings of our public meeting and ensure the recording will be maintained for at least 2 years.

The taxing district did not roll forward. Copies of all required notices and agenda are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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\_Teresa T. Bagwell, Ed. D. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Printed name)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED Before Me, this 19th day of May, 2022, at \_Centerville, Louisiana.

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Notary Public

Printed or Typed Name (as commissioned): Ms. Alicia Morris

Notary ID or Bar Roll No.: 163268

The floor was opened to receive public comments and there was no response. Mrs. Becky Voisin asked that the Board consider approving the tax millage resolution for the year 2022.

Mr. Barbier made a motion to approve the resolution and affidavit adopting the tax millage rates for the year 2022, as presented by Mrs. Becky Voisin. Mrs. Black gave a second to the motion.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Joseph C. Foulcard Jr., Ms. Tammie L. Moore, Mrs. Pearl B. Rack, Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Mr. Michael E. Taylor, Mr. Wayne J. Deslatte, Mr. Dwight D. Barbier, Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mr. Roland H. Verret, Mr. Kenneth E. Alfred.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle

All in favor and the motion carried.

## Item 7. Approve a one-time employee retention stipend for performing duties associated with the ongoing response to COVID-19 and maintaining the school system’s ability to sustain an in-person educational environment.

Dr. Bagwell stated as part of the ESSER III formula funds, the school board received additional monies that were potentially budgeted with the Board’s approval to provide a one-time employee stipend in the amount of $1,000. This stipend would be similar to the parameters set last year, as it was adhered to the fact that employees were involved in fulfilling responsibilities associated with the continuation of the pandemic and retaining in-person schooling throughout the 2021-22 school year. With the Board’s approval, at the end of the school year on May 27th, employees that have met those parameters would receive a $1,000 stipend. Dr. Bagwell asked for the Board’s approval at this time.

Mrs. Griffin made a motion and Mrs. Rack made a second to approve a one-time stipend for performing duties associated with the ongoing response to COVID-19 and maintaining the school system’s ability to sustain an in-person educational environment.

President Alfred stated that School Board Members do not qualify for the $1,000 stipend.

Mrs. Black inquired if this included bus drivers and cafeteria workers.

Dr. Bagwell replied “Yes” it is equally distributed and that employees fulfilled their work calendar of 180 or 182 or more days.

President Alfred asked if it was indexed.

Dr. Bagwell responded “No” it is not indexed, it is equally distributed to everyone.

All in favor and the motion carried.

## Item 8. Permission to dedicate Franklin Jr. High School’s gym floor as “Ronald Demby Sr. Court” honoring his lifetime contributions to the Franklin Community.

Mrs. Rack made a motion and Ms. Moore made a second to approve the dedication of Franklin Junior High School’s gym as “Ronald Demby Sr. Court” honoring his lifetime contributions to the Franklin Community. All in favor and the motion carried.

## Item 9. (DELETED) Receive Group Health Insurance Premium to Claims Summary Report.

Mr. James Perez was not able to attend the meeting.

## Item 10. Consider Authorizing request from St. Mary Community Action to approve the summer feeding program at Hattie Watts Elementary School.

Ms. Almetra Franklin, CEO/Head Start Administrator of St. Mary Community Action Agency, Inc., thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to utilize Hattie Watts Elementary School for the St. Mary Community Action summer feeding program. However, this year it will interfere with the School Board’s summer learning program.

# Reports

# Committees:

## 1. Child Nutrition Department Committee Meeting (May 5, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.)

Mrs. Rack reported that the Child Nutrition Department Committee met to get an update on the Child Nutrition Department. Ms. Felicia Brown (filling in for Ms. Padgett Leonard) reported that everything was going smoothly, and food items are being delivered to schools to provide meals for students. Ms. Brown also stated that there have not been any problems with the free lunch program and every student is being provided free meals. Mr. Wiese reported that the food service department recently lost two technicians that maintained all food service equipment in schools throughout the district, and the maintenance department has stepped in to resume all of those responsibilities. The meeting was informational only and did not require action from the committee or the Board. Mrs. Rack thanked Ms. Brown, and Mr. Wiese for updates and also thanked everyone who attended the committee meeting.

## 2. Ad Hoc Committee Meeting (May 5, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.)

Mrs. Griffin indicated that the Ad Hoc Committee met on May 5th at 4:00 p.m. The committee was presented with a possible draft to be used for future superintendent evaluations. The members requested time to review the draft and no action was taken. The committee will meet again on June 21, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

## 3. District I Maintenance Committee (May 19, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.)

Mr. Deslatte reported that the District I Maintenance Committee met to review District I special projects list for the fiscal year 2022-2023, as submitted by school administrators. The projects were reviewed on a school-by-school basis, as presented by Mr. Brad Wiese. Projects were amended in some instances, then approved by the District I Maintenance Committee to present for full Board approval. If approved by the full board, these projects will be included as part of the St. Mary Parish Consolidated Budget.

Mr. Deslatte made a motion and Mr. Foulcard made a second to approve District I special projects list for the fiscal year 2022-2023, as presented. All in favor and the motion carried.

The committee also recommended transferring $350,000 from the District I Maintenance funds to the Capital Project Funds for the fiscal year 2022-2023. Mr. Deslatte asked for the full Board approval to transfer funds.

Mr. Deslatte made a motion and Mrs. Rack made a second to transfer $350,000 from the District I Maintenance funds to the Capital Project Funds for the fiscal year 2022-2023. All in favor and the motion carried.

The District I Maintenance Committee approved to declare J. A. Hernandez as surplus property, which requires full Board approval.

Mr. Deslatte made a motion and Ms. Moore made a second to declare J. A. Hernandez as surplus property to be sold according to state bid laws. All in favor and the motion carried.

Lastly, the District I Maintenance Committee approved Centerville High roofing project and accepted the lowest bid from Roofing Solutions, LLC of Prairieville for the amount of $175,100.00, which will be funded through ESSER Funds. Mr. Deslatte asked for full Board approval.

Mr. Deslatte made a motion to approve Centerville High roofing project and award the lowest bid to Roofing Solutions, LLC of Prairieville for the amount of $175,100.00, which will be funded through ESSER Funds. Mr. Foulcard made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

4**. District II Maintenance Committee (May 16, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.)**

Mr. Taylor reported that the District II Maintenance Committee met to review District II special projects list for the fiscal year 2022-2023, as submitted by School administrators. The projects were reviewed on a school-by-school basis, as presented by Mr. Brad Wiese and approved by the District II Maintenance Committee. Mr. Taylor asked for full Board approval.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the District II Maintenance Committee recommendations of the special project list for the fiscal year 2022-2023, as presented by Mr. Brad Wiese. Mrs. Griffin made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

## 5. District III Maintenance Committee (May 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.)

Mr. Verret reported that the District III Maintenance Committee met to review District III special projects list for the fiscal year 2022-2023, as submitted by School administrators. The projects were reviewed on a school-by-school basis, as presented by Mr. Brad Wiese. Projects were amended in some instances, then approved by the District III Maintenance Committee to present for full Board approval. These approved projects will be presented at a later date as part of the entire St. Mary Parish School Board Consolidated Budget.

Mr. Verret moved to approve the District III Maintenance Committee recommendations for District III special projects list for the fiscal year 2022-2023 as presented. Mr. Barbier made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

The District III Maintenance Committee approved to transfer $850,000 from the District III Maintenance Funds to the District III Capital Project Funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, and this transfer is also being recommended for full Board approval.

Mr. Verret made a motion to approved the transfer of $850,000 from the District III Maintenance Funds to the District III Capital Project Funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, as presented. Mrs. Black made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

# Schedule an Athletic Committee Meeting:

Mr. Barbier reported that the Athletic Committee will meet on June 9, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville.

# Staff Report:

# Chief Financial Officer’s Report:

## Sale Tax Update

Mr. Perry reported that sales tax collections for ten months through the fiscal year was $1,600,000 collected versus a budget of $1,300,000.

## Financial Statements (Major Funds Only):

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

## Other Significant Items:

Mr. Perry provided a Health Insurance Claims Summary update on behalf of Mr. James Perez in his absence. The Group Health Insurance Claims Summary was provided in the board’s packet under Reports. Mr. Perry reported claims are looking really good at 63.57 percent for four months into the new period with Blue Cross, versus the schedule for 2021 at 143.07 percent. He stated with all the other costs and the medical ratio increases, the optimum target is about 85 percent, where there will be no rate increase. At the beginning of the year, normally the cost is less because people are meeting their deductibles. However, it seems like a lot of the big case claims that plagued last year are not showing up on these reports, which is a good thing. Mr. Perry stated that no action is necessary at this time from the Board.

# Superintendent’s Report:

Dr. Bagwell reported that the school year officially closes on Friday, May 27th. Students and parents will pick up report cards and head off to enjoy their summer. Beginning Tuesday, May 31st students in grades Kindergarten through 8th will have the opportunity to attend St. Mary's parish’s summer adventure camp. Currently, there is almost 1,600 students registered to attend the district’s second annual camp that will run through June 10th at J. S. Aucoin, Bayou Vista, Berwick, Centerville, Foster, M. E. Norman, Hattie Watts, and Wyandotte Elementary Schools, and June 17th at Maitland, LaGrange, Raintree, as well as Morgan City Junior, Patterson Junior, Franklin Junior and B. Edward Boudreaux Middle Schools. Teachers, paraprofessionals, and principals are excited to welcome their return to the program. As students were very enthusiastic after being part of the engaging project-based learning activities presented last summer. Summer learning opportunities for teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, and other staff members are also being finalized for dissemination at the close of school. Educators will be able to attend content, technology, and other job-related trainings throughout the summer months, in addition to the intensive five days of professional development that will open the 2022-23 school year. Finally, the Annual School Board Member Institute is presently scheduled for Tuesday, July 19th, at 8:00 a. m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville. The workshop will include several sessions dedicated to supporting board members in their role of leadership and previewing upcoming changes for the 2022-23 school year. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

# Comments from the Board

President Alfred indicated that he attended three graduations over the past week. He commended the principals and staff for an outstanding job, and also congratulated all graduates. He also stated that there is misleading information about the St. Mary Parish School Board’s reapportionment plan that is being stirring up on social media and in the public. President Alfred and Mr. Taylor changed the lines with the Berwick/Bayou Vista districts to equalize the people in the school board’s zone. The Burchfield trailer park in Berwick on the south side of 182, has been changed to where the citizens will go to the Bayou Vista’s representative. The only change would be that voters would vote in Bayou Vista. The bad news going around is that kids now have to attend Bayou Vista Elementary, which the reapportionment has nothing to do with attendance zones. The attendance zones have not changed, kids in the Burchfield trailer park would continue attending the Berwick schools.

# Any other Business as Allowed by Act 131

None

# Closing

# Resolutions of Respect

Mrs. Bergeron read the Resolutions of Respect for the late Iris Hebert (retired cafeteria technician), Cedric Hudgens (retired teacher), Marianne Martin (retired teacher), Aubree Underwood (retired teacher) and Rita Wiggins (retired cafeteria technician).

With there being no further business to address, Mr. Foulcard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Moore made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.