# Centerville, Louisiana

May 13, 2021

The St. Mary Parish School Board met in regular session on Thursday, May 13, 2021, 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. Sylvia K. Lockett, Mrs. Pearl B. Rack, Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Mr. Wayne J. Deslatte, Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle, Mr. Michael E. Taylor, Mr. Dwight D. Barbier, Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mr. Roland H. Verret, Mr. Kenneth E. Alfred.

**Absent:** None

## Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Bergeron gave the Invocation and 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 Shelby Taylor, 5th Grade Student as “Student the Month” at Berwick Elementary School. She is accompanied by her parents, and sister. Shelby currently has a 4.0 grade point average for the entire school year. She is a member of the Beta Club, her favorite subject is reading, and she also loves softball and basketball. Shelby’s teachers describe her as ambitious, respectful, hardworking, and competitive.

Principal Debbie Domingue introduced Andrea Crappell, Special Education Teacher as “Employee of the Month” at Berwick Elementary School. She is accompanied by her husband and son. Ms. Crappell has been a teacher for 23 years, 16 of which has been with St. Mary Parish School Board. Ms. Crappell stated that her favorite part of teaching SPED (Special Education) is learning from her students as much as they learn from her, especially with patience and adaptability. She chose Special Education after working part-time as a physical therapist, where she became really interested in working with the Educational part for students with cerebral palsy, down syndrome, and autism.

## M. E. Norman Elementary School:

Principal Shannon Hoffpauir introduced Whitley Berry, 5th Student as “Student of the Month” at M. E. Norman Elementary School. She is accompanied by her mother, brother, and grandparents. Whitley is in the gifted academic and the gifted art program, 4-H Club, president of the Junior Beta Club. Her favorite subject is math. She enjoys working with her gifted teacher, Ms. Blanchard, and she also likes to dance and play the saxophone.

Principal Shannon Hoffpauir introduced Ocean Armond, Kindergarten Teacher as “Employee of the Month” at M. E. Norman Elementary School. She is accompanied by her fiancé, her sister, parents, and other family members. Ms. Armond keeps a smile on her face every day. Her classroom is bright and cheerful, and that is how she is every day when she presents the lessons to her students. Principal Hoffpauir stated that “she is very blessed and thankful to have Ms. Armond at M. E. Norman Elementary School.”

## Approval of Amended Agenda

There were no amended agenda items to approve.

## Approval of Official School Board Minutes

Mrs. Griffin offered the motion and Mr. Barbier offered the second to approve the official school board minutes from the regular meeting held on April 8, 2021, as presented. All in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Taylor offered the motion and Ms. Lockett offered the second to approve the official school board minutes from the special meeting held on April 13, 2021, 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:

### **Item 1.** \*Approve of policies from Forethought Consulting

### A. \*Retirement (GBQ)

B. \*Recruitment (GBC)

### **Item 2.** \*Approve updated Job Description

A. \*School Psychologist

### **Item 5.** \*Consider Authorizing request from St. Mary Community Action to approve the summer feeding program at St. Mary Alternative Program site, Raintree Elementary School, Hattie Watts Elementary School, and Maitland Elementary School.

### **Item 8.** \*Award bids for Hunting and Trapping lease Possum Bayou (Section 16, Township 16 South, Range 11 East)

### **Item 9.** \*Grant servitude to the St. Mary Parish Water Commission No. 3 for a permanent right of way and servitude TEN FEET (10’) wide, across property of St. Mary Parish School Board as shown on a “St. Mary Water & Sewer #3, Proposed 12” Waterline Right-Of-Way, Across the Property of ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, Section 37, T15S-R10E, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, Southwestern Land District” drawn by Miller Engineers & Associates, Inc., dated January 1, 2021, and attached hereto. Also, a temporary or working right of way and servitude THIRTY FEET (30’) wide, over & across property of the St. Mary Parish School Board as shown by reference to the attached survey or plat.

### **Item 10.** \*Permission to declare unused items stored in the Hernandez Elementary gym as surplus and enact sale to highest bidder.

Mrs. Rack made a motion and Ms. Lockett offered a second to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented by Dr. Bagwell, with the exclusion of agenda Item 5 which will be voted on separately. All in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

### Mr. Deslatte made a motion and Ms. Lockett offered a second to approve agenda Item 5: \*Consider Authorizing request from St. Mary Community Action to approve the summer feeding program at St. Mary Alternative Program site, Raintree Elementary School, Hattie Watts Elementary School, and Maitland Elementary School. The motion passed with Mrs. Rack abstaining to vote for reasons of conflict of interest.

## Appearances:

Recognition of 2021 Slogan and Drawing Contest Winners:

On behalf of the Red Ribbon Committee and Mrs. Everitt in her absence, Mrs. Niki Fryou recognized the 2021 Slogan and Drawing Contest Winners as follows:

**Author of the 2021 Red Ribbon Slogan:**

Luis Gonzalez-Mejia - 11th grade - Morgan City High School

**Grand Champion of the 2021 Red Ribbon Drawing** **Contest:**

Mia Crooks- 11th grade - Berwick High School

**Additional Red Ribbon Drawing Contest Winners:**

Aubrey Notto - Kindergarten - Raintree Elementary

Marie St. Blanc - 1st grade - St. John Elementary

TaMari’el James - 3rd grade - Centerville Elementary School

Nakyriah Leonard - 3rd grade - M. E. Norman Elementary

Cooper Eenigenburg - 5th grade - St. John Elementary

Kadence Lyall - 6th grade - Patterson Junior High School

Emily Faucheux - 7th grade - Hanson Memorial

Silas Hastings - 7th grade - Morgan City Junior High School

Sophia Hastings - 8th grade - Morgan City Junior High School

Ja’Layiah Smith - 8th grade - Morgan City Junior High School

Grace Faucheux -10th grade - Hanson Memorial

Victoria Nguyen - 11th grade - Berwick High School

## Business Affairs:

### **Item 3.** Approve Job Descriptions

A. K-2 Literacy Coach (**NEW**)

B. K-2 Literacy Paraprofessional (**NEW**)

C. Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Coach (**NEW**)

Mrs. Niki Fryou provided a brief explanation on the newly created job descriptions for the K-2 Literacy Coach and K-2 Literacy Paraprofessional. The Comprehensive Literacy State Development 2020 (CLSD-UIN) Grant presented an opportunity for local school systems to address their needs to meet the challenge of improving student achievement in literacy for students in grades K-2. A grant was approved through the state and funded to provide for a K-2 Literacy Coach and two K-2 Literacy Paraprofessionals who will service students in the K-2 classrooms at Berwick Elementary School, which is projected to be three years.

Through ESSER III Intervention funding, it is the goal to provide elementary schools that do not have a guidance counselor on staff with a Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Coach. Coaches will be responsible for social-emotional screening, analysis of data, coordinating with parents and teachers to directly support students in addressing social and emotional needs. This job description will be utilized only in the event the funds are awarded for the position.

Mr. Deslatte made a motion to approve the new job descriptions for K-2 Literacy Coach (NEW), K-2 Literacy Paraprofessional (NEW), and the Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Coach (NEW). Mrs. Black made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

### **Item 4.** Approve adjustments to the 2021-2022 employee salary scales to reflect increases of $3,000 for certificated and $1,500 for non-certificated employees.

### Mr. Taylor indicated that the employee salary increases results from the passage of the .45% tax sales, which will be effective as of July 1st.

Mr. Taylor moved to approve adjustments to the 2021-2022 employee salary scales to reflect increases of $3,000 for certificated and $1,500 for non-certificated employees. Mr. Foulcard made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

### **Item 6.** Adopt tax millage rates for the year 2021 and allow for a public comment period.

Mr. Perry read aloud the resolution for the tax millage rates for the year 2021 as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 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 2021, 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**: Joseph C. Foulcard, Sylvia K. Lockett, Pearl B. Rack, Marilyn P. LaSalle, Ginger S. Griffin, Wayne J. Deslatte, Michael E. Taylor, Alaina L. Black, Dwight D. Barbier, Roland H. Verret, Kenneth E. Alfred

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED**: None

**ABSENT:** None

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on May 13, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Centerville, Louisiana, this 13th day of May, 2021.

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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 2021 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.

If applicable, the presiding officer of this public body certified that this public meeting held via electronic means was limited to one of four provisions set forth in R.S. 42:17.1; and provided all proper notices and public comment information.

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 13th day of May, 2021, 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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(Signature of affiant)

Teresa T. Bagwell, Ed. D.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Printed name)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED Before Me, this 13th day of May, 2021, at \_Centerville, Louisiana.

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Notary Public

Printed or Typed Name (as commissioned): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Notary ID or Bar Roll No.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The floor was opened to receive public comments and there was no response. Mr. Perry asked that the Board consider approving the tax millage resolution for the year 2021.

Mr. Foulcard made a motion to approve the resolution and affidavit adopting the tax millage rates for the year 2021, as presented by Mr. Perry. Mr. Deslatte gave a second to the motion.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Joseph C. Foulcard, Sylvia K. Lockett, Pearl B. Rack, Marilyn P. LaSalle, Ginger S. Griffin, Wayne J. Deslatte, Michael E. Taylor, Alaina L. Black, Dwight D. Barbier, Roland H. Verret, Kenneth E. Alfred

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

All in favor and the motion carried.

### **Item 7.** To consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Consolidated School District No. 5 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein: making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Mr. Perry asked that the Board approves the resolution to make application to the State Bond Commission to have a special election on Saturday, October 9, 2021.

Mrs. Griffin made a motion and Mr. Barbier made a second to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Consolidated School District No. 5 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein: making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Joseph C. Foulcard, Sylvia K. Lockett, Pearl B. Rack, Marilyn P. LaSalle, Ginger S. Griffin, Wayne J. Deslatte, Michael E. Taylor, Alaina L. Black, Dwight D. Barbier, Roland H. Verret, Kenneth E. Alfred

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

All in favor and the motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Ginger S. Griffin and seconded by Dwight D. Barbier.

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Consolidated School District No. 5 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Consolidated School District No. 5 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1 . Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 974, including Article VIII, Section 13(C) Third thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 PROPOSITION

(TAX CONTINUATION)

Shall Consolidated School District No. 5 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (a parishwide school district) (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy an eleven and eighty-two hundredths (11.82) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated $6,777,175 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten ( 10) years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the year 2031, for the purpose of giving additional support to public elementary and secondary schools in the District by providing funds for salary obligations and educational management, advancement and enrichment, said millage to represent a sixty-four hundredths of a mill (.64) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 11.18 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2021 pursuant to an election held on October 22, 2011?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Daily Review,* a newspaper of general circulation within the District, published in Morgan City, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the District, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President of the Governing Authority is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex"' 474 Hwy. 317, Centerville, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021,** at FIVE **O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.,** and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the District are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners: Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Secretary of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of St. Mary Parish and the Registrar of Voters of St. Mary Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** Joseph C. Foulcard, Sylvia K. Lockett, Pearl B. Rack, Marilyn P. LaSalle, Ginger S. Griffin, Wayne J. Deslatte, Michael E. Taylor, Alaina L. Black, Dwight D. Barbier, Roland H. Verret, Kenneth E. Alfred

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:**  None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of May, 2021.

/s/ Teresa T. Bagwell /s/ Kenneth E. Alfred

Secretary President

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EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Consolidated School District No. 5 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on May 13, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 PROPOSITION

(TAX CONTINUATION)

Shall Consolidated School District No. 5 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (a parishwide school district) (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy an eleven and eighty-two hundredths (11.82) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated $6,777,175 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten ( 10) years, beginning with the year 2022 and ending with the year 2031, for the purpose of giving additional support to public elementary and secondary schools in the District by providing funds for salary obligations and educational management, advancement and enrichment, said millage to represent a sixty-four hundredths of a mill (.64) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 11.18 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2021 pursuant to an election held on October 22, 2011?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in St. Mary Parish, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places for the precincts are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is $67,000. Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex, 474 Hwy. 317, Centerville, Louisiana, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021, at FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

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THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Centerville, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of May, 2021.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_*/s/* Kenneth E. Alfred\_\_\_\_\_\_ President

*\_\_\_\_\_/s/* Teresa T. Bagwell\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. MARY

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of Consolidated School District No. *5* of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "District"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on May 13, 2021, ordering and calling a special election to be held in Consolidated School District No. 5 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Centerville, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of May, 2021.

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Secretary

## Reports

## Committees:

## 1. District I Maintenance Committee (May 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.)

Mr. Deslatte reported that the District I Maintenance Committee met to consider the principal’s special project requests for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The Special Project list was presented by Mr. Brad Wiese and reviewed on a school-by-school basis. 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. The committee also recommended transferring $250,000 from the District I Maintenance funds to the Capital Projects funds. Mr. Deslatte asked for full Board approval for amended project items and also the transfer of $250,000 from the District I Maintenance funds to the Capital Projects funds.

Mr. Deslatte moved to approve the District I Maintenance Committee recommendations of the principal’s special project requests for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the transfer of $250,000 from the District I Maintenance funds to the Capital Projects funds. Mrs. Rack offered the second, all in favor and the motion carried.

## 2. District II Maintenance Committee (May 11, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.)

Mr. Taylor reported that the District II Maintenance Committee met to consider the principal’s special project requests for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, as presented by Mr. Brad Wiese. The projects were reviewed on a school-by-school basis and approved by the committee, which is now being recommended 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. Taylor made a motion to approve the District II Maintenance Committee recommendations of the principal’s special project requests for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Ms. LaSalle made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

## 3. District III Maintenance Committee (May 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.)

Mr. Barbier reported that the District III Maintenance Committee met to consider the principal’s special project requests for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, as presented by Mr. Brad Wiese. The projects were reviewed on a school-by-school basis. 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. The committee approved to transfer $900,000 from the District III Maintenance Fund to the District III Capital Project Fund for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and this transfer is also being recommended for full Board approval.

Mr. Barbier moved to approve the District III Maintenance Committee recommendations of the principal’s special project requests, and the transfer of $900,000 from the District III Maintenance Fund to the District III Capital Project Fund for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, as presented. Mrs. Black made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

President Alfred commended Mr. Wiese and staff for preparing the principal’s special project requests for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

## Staff:

## Chief Financial Officer’s Report

## Sales Tax Update

Mr. Perry reported that the sales tax collections were projected at about $400,000 favorable for the current month.

## Financial Statements (Major Funds Only)

None

## Other Significant Items

None

## Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Bagwell reported that financial assistance related to the reopening of schools during the pandemic has included three stimulus funding sources from the federal government. The Louisiana Department of Education defines these three separate stimulus packages as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER I, II, and III.) By April 30th, Louisiana school districts were to submit funding requests and pre-approval for any specific infrastructure projects. Those projects were posted in the State's Grant Management System. Each stimulus fund spans an availability timeline and ultimately stretches into 2024. These one-time allocations are significant and present a considerable fiscal responsibility to properly assign funds, according to the state's prescribed priorities. Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) priorities and areas of focus are spelled out in the “Achieved!” guidance for school systems. This week, St. Mary received substantial approval for its first set of funding requests that encompass 50 percent of ESSER II funds, and 20 percent of ESSER III interventions. Overall, the approval will allow St. Mary to support student learning throughout various summer activities and address recognized infrastructure demands.

Graduation ceremonies will be held Thursday, May 20th at Berwick, Centerville, and West St. Mary High Schools and May 21st at Franklin, Morgan City, and Patterson High Schools. All ceremonies will be held in outdoor arenas according to establish health guidance. The 2021 school year will officially close on June 4th as students and parents pick up report cards. Beginning June 7th over 1200 Pre-K to fifth grade students will attend the district's inaugural Summer Adventure Camp. St. Mary Schools is looking forward to providing the youngest learners with a fun filled two week learning experience of project-based learning.

## Comments from the Board

President Alfred requested to schedule a special meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana, with the following items to discuss:

* New job descriptions
* ESSER expenditure approvals

Mr. Barbier thanked Ms. McClarity and the Special Education staff for a great job performed at the Special Olympics on Friday, May 7th held in Berwick.

## Any other Business as Allowed by Act 131

None

## Closing

## Resolution of Respect

Mrs. Bergeron read the Resolutions of Respect for the late Marie Lucille Savoie (retired paraprofessional) and Irving Sonnier (retired paraprofessional).

With there being no further business to address, Mrs. Rack made a motion adjourn the meeting. Mr. Taylor made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.