

**ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2017**

**BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA**

**MINUTES**

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 5:00 P.M. at the Administrative Office with the following members present: Messrs. Burton Dupuis, President, Steve Fuselier, Aaron Flegeance, James Blanchard, Russel C. Foti, Richard Potier, Frederic Stelly, Floyd Knott, Mark Hebert, and Ms. Wanda B. Vital.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by Burton Dupuis, President. Dr. Lottie P. Beebe, Superintendent, opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Nicole Hamilton, Response to Intervention (RTI) Coordinator, was recognized as the January Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

Ms. Susan Theall, a candidate for Judge, 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal, District 3, Division B, introduced herself to the Board.

On the motion of Mr. Flegeance, seconded by Mr. Foti, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
  - 1) Regular Meeting of January 11, 2017
  - 2) Special Meeting of January 20, 2017
- b) Memorandum of Understanding with the Cognitive Development Center
- c) Waiving the insurance requirements for the Use of Facilities for the use of Catahoula Elementary by LCPA West for their annual business meeting
- d) Assigning the campsite lease of Dennis and Peggy Landry to Denise McFarlin
- e) Resolution expressing the condolences of the entire school system to the families of Serina Pickney, Wilton "Zorro" Thibodeaux, and Peter Bonhomme (attached as Exhibit A)
- f) Personnel Changes:
  - 1) Request for extra employment pay for Tina Prejean, Kayla Menard, Kimberly Sullivan, and Monique Arceneaux for Breaux Bridge Elementary's After-Care Program for the month of December, 2016
  - 2) Request for extra employment pay for Kate Gary, Theresa Blankenship, Regina Smart, Catherine Guidry Meche, Trisha Chauvin, and Cherie Foti for Parks Primary's After-Care Program for the month of December, 2016

On the motion of Mr. Blanchard, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Finance Committee recommendations:

- a) Denying the postponement of taxed to ORB Exploration
- b) Stephenville Elementary's Flood Insurance Renewal Premium
- c) Upgrading network and internet connections to 10 gigabytes

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Ms. Vital, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following 2013 Bond projects:

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- a) BBJH – Award Breaux Bridge Junior High Gym HVAC Upgrades project to the low quoter, Guy Thibodeaux Air Conditioning, Inc., with a base bid of \$45,700 and \$57,565 alternate #1 and \$4,700 alternate #2, bringing their total to \$107,965. The project budget is \$150,000 and is being funded by 2013 Bond Parishwide HVAC Funds. (project is being expedited so that interior renovations can be done this summer)
- b) CJH – Award Cecilia Junior High Gym HVAC Upgrades project to the low quoter, Guy Thibodeaux Air Conditioning, Inc., with a base bid of \$126,800 and \$17,667 to add alternate #1, bringing their total bid to \$144,467. The project budget is \$150,000 and is being funded by 2013 Bond Parishwide HVAC Funds. (project is being expedited so that the roof can be replaced this summer)
- c) CHS – Award Substantial Completion for Cecilia High Weight Room Renovation.
- d) SMJH – Award St. Martinville Junior High ERV-1 Replacement project to the low quoter (\$33,600/Calcasieu Mechanical). Quotes were received on January 4, 2017 (results attached to Project Status Report). Project is being funded by 2013 Bond Parishwide HVAC Funds. (budget for project is \$150,000 – this is phase 1 of the project)

On the motion of Ms. Vital, seconded by Mr. Flegeance, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following 2016 Bond project:

- a) JCEP – Allowing Architectural Solutions to proceed through Contract Documents and Advertising on JCEP Upgrades and Miscellaneous Demolition (contingent upon Superintendent and Project Manager approval at each phase). Project will be funded by 2016 Bond JCEP Construction Funds.

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Flegeance, and carried, the Board approved a revision to the school board calendar to include Friday, March 3, as an employee professional development day.

OPPOSED: Mr. Fuselier

Board Member James Blanchard expressed concerns regarding field trip requests. Mr. Al Blanchard will present 2 proposals at the next Finance Committee meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Blanchard, seconded by Mr. Foti, and carried, the Board approved that in the future, anytime there is an altercation on the St. Martin Parish School Board lease of property for hunting and law enforcement is involved, the individuals will be notified and will be banned from the property completely.

OPPOSED: Mr. Potier

ABSTAINED: Mr. Knott

The Board heard a Citizen's Request by Dean Guidry regarding the policy for hunting on School Board properties.

Board Member Richard Potier discussed having technology available for board members to use during Board meetings. The Board will take action at the March Board meeting.

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No action was necessary for the pending litigation, Thomas v. St. Martin Parish School Board, Civil Action No. 11314 (W.D.La.).

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

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SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT