

**ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2015**

**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. Mark Hebert, President, Steve Fuselier, Aaron Flegeance, Burton Dupuis, James Blanchard, Russel C. Foti, Richard Potier, Frederic Stelly, Floyd Knott, and Ms. Wanda B. Vital.

ABSENT: None

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

Mr. Louis Blanchard, Principal of Breaux Bridge High School, was recognized as the January Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

Consider and/or approve Finance Committee recommendation regarding purchase of buses was removed from the consent agenda.

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Stelly, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following regarding the 2009 and 2013 Bond projects:

- a) Amend the item (12a) regarding the Cecilia Jr. High New Classrooms project to consider authorizing the Superintendent to award the bid for the Cecilia Jr. High New Classrooms project if the bid comes under budget. If the bids are over budget, a special meeting will be scheduled or postpone until the March 4 School Board meeting.
- b) Remove sod installation from the item (12c) regarding the Cecilia High School Athletic Improvements
- c) Consider and/or approve high priority projects funded by district 2013 bond funds to proceed through Schematic Design – (G6) Projects being funded by District Bond funds for the Cecilia District as presented to the Principals and respective Board Members was tabled until the March meeting.
- d) Consider and/or approve the issuance of a Purchase Order to A & P Electrical for unforeseen electrical upgrades required for the scoreboard and clocks associated with the St. Martinville High Turf and Track project, in the amount of \$3,900.00 was removed from the agenda.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
  - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of January 7, 2015
  - 2) Regular Meeting of January 7, 2015
- b) Request for waiver of sales tax penalties for the following:
  - 1) Tripoint LLC
  - 2) Industrial Helicopter, Inc.
- c) Stephenville Elementary's Flood Insurance Renewal Premium

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- d) Loan request from the Cecilia High Girls' Softball Group to fund the remaining projects for field completion
- e) Resolutions:
  - 1) Amend Accountability Sanctions Associated with PARCC Testing
  - 2) Expressing the condolences of the entire school system to the families of Geraldine Hebert, Horace Thibeaux, and Andy LeBlanc, Sr.
- f) Personnel Changes:
  - 1) Request for extra employment pay for Angela Toncrey, Rena David, Tonia Theriot, Kate Gary, Theresa Blankenship, Regina Smart, Catherine Meche, Trisha Chauvin, and Cherie Foti for Parks Primary's After-care Program for the month of December, 2014
  - 2) Extra pay for Breaux Bridge Senior High's Assistant Football Coach (A. Derouselle)

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Flegeance, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Finance Committee recommendations regarding purchasing buses, as follows:

- a) 2014-2015 fiscal year purchase 10 regular ed buses and 2 special ed buses
- b) Address correcting the emission problems with the 2007 buses (requires board action for funding)
- c) Purchase 5 buses per year beginning with the 2015-16 budget

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following 2009 and 2013 Bond projects:

- a) Authorizing the Superintendent to award the bid for the Cecilia Jr. High New Classrooms project if the bid comes under budget. If the bids are over budget, a special meeting will be scheduled or postpone until the March 4 School Board meeting.
- b) Substantial Completion for the following projects:
  - 1) Breaux Bridge High Chiller Replacement
  - 2) Breaux Bridge High Hot Water Piping
- c) Allowing Vermilion Architects to proceed with Schematic Design of Cecilia High School Athletic Improvements funded by the 2013 Bond allocated funds in the amount of \$1,260,632. Based on approval of the Superintendent of the schematic design, allow the architect to proceed with construction documents for track installation as a priority for completion prior to football season, and remaining athletic priorities.
- d) Allowing Vermilion Architects to proceed with Schematic Design of Breaux Bridge High School Athletic Improvements funded by the 2013 Bond allocated funds in the amount of \$1,260,632. Based on approval of the Superintendent of the schematic design, allow the architect to proceed with construction documents for track and sod installation to take place prior to football season.
- e) Track improvements at the 3 High Schools be the same criteria and basic construction. St. Martinville High track is already under construction.
- f) Remaining 2009 Bond funds at Breaux Bridge High School (approximately \$600,000) to be used for non-athletic related campus improvements unless directed otherwise by the Board at a future date, and authorize Angelle Architects to proceed with Schematic Design. Based on approval of Superintendent of the schematic design, allow the architect to proceed with construction documents.

Consider and/or approve purchasing property next to Teche Elementary School was tabled until the March meeting.

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Board Member Steve Fuselier expressed concerns regarding usage of cell phones by students on buses and at school.

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to suspend policy and vote on the Board Member's request regarding the St. Martin Parish Government (2/3 vote required).

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a request from the St. Martin Parish Government to use the St. Martin Parish School Board Department of Administration facility on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 and on an as needed basis subject to our facility policy.

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Stelly, and unanimously carried, the Board went into Executive Session.

On the motion of Mr. Stelly, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, and unanimously carried, the Board came out of Executive Session.

No action was necessary for the following items discussed in Executive Session:

- a) Litigation strategy in the matter entitled "Gene Nezat vs. SMPSB, Office of Workers Compensation, District 9, State of Louisiana, Docket No. 14-0031
- b) Litigation entitled Demond Winfrey, et al vs. XYZ Insurance Co., Docket number 72753-A of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Martin

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

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SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT