

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

JUNE 6, 2012

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 5:00 P.M. at the Breaux Bridge Instructional Center with the following members present: Messrs. James Blanchard, President, Steve Fuselier, Mark Hebert, Aaron Flegeance, Russel C. Foti, Robert E. Hollier, Richard Potier, Frederic Stelly, Floyd Knott and Ms. Wanda Babin.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by James Blanchard, President. Superintendent Lavergne opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Melisa Brasseaux, Bookkeeper, was announced as the Taylor and Sons May Employee of the Month.

Fifty-three retirees were recognized and honored.

Ms. Lottie Beebe, Director of Human Resources, presented the 2012 Education Major Scholarships to Alex Thomasee, Cecilia Senior High and Kadijah Olivier , St. Martinville Senior High.

Board President, James Blanchard, pulled item #19, 2009 Bond Program. Board Member, Floyd Knott, removed his items, #21 c (Timber Contract) & d (School Board properties).

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings
 - Regular Meeting of May 2, 2012
 - Special Meeting of May 16, 2012
 - Finance Committee Meeting of May 16, 2012
- b) Finance Committee recommendations
 - Approval of Cecilia Junior High Gym Floor Project, total projected cost of \$95,339 (Internal Capital Project)
 - Approval of Cecilia Junior High Building B Roof Repair, 20 year standing seam retro-fit metal roof system with an estimated cost of \$64,800 (Internal Capital Project)
 - Adoption of Framework for Budget Development - Medium Term Plan
- c) Waiver of sales tax penalty for:
 - Exterran Energy Solution LP
 - Lanbro Tire Inc.

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- d) Bid recommendations on the following:
 - Milk and Related Products - Borden's
 - Milk and Related Products (Stephensville) – LaFleur Borden's
 - Bread and Related Products – Flowers Baking Co of Lafayette LLC
- e) Advertising to lease the forty acres behind Pecan Villa Apartments
- f) 2012-2013 School Board Meeting Dates: June 27, 2012; August 1, 2012; September 5, 2012; October 3, 2012; November 7, 2012; December 5, 2012; January 9, 2013; February 6, 2013; March 6, 2013; April 3, 2013; May 1, 2013; June 5, 2013 (All Committee Meetings will be scheduled on an as needed basis.)
- g) Teche News as official journal for the 2012-2013 school session
- h) Contribution to St. Martin Economic Development Authority (SMEDA) for 2012-2013 fiscal year in the amount of \$29,055.60
RECUSED: Floyd Knott
- i) Authorized Board President and Superintendent to sign a petition in support of changing Courville Street to Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
- j) Approved the following resolution relative to Act 2 of the 2012 regular session:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has passed and Governor Jindal has signed into law Act 2 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature; and
WHEREAS, Art. 3, Sec. 15 of the Louisiana Constitution requires that all bills in the Legislature have a single object or purpose; and
WHEREAS, Act 2 of the 20-12 is forty-seven (47) pages long and addresses charter schools, school “scholarships”, and other objects or purposes in apparent violation of Art. 3, Sec. 15 of the Louisiana Constitution; and
WHEREAS, Art. 8, Sec. 13 of the Louisiana Constitution provides that state funding for public education shall be equitably allocated to the public school systems of the State for the benefit of public education; and
WHEREAS, Act 2 of 2012 calls for state funds to be used in support of students in private and parochial schools and calls for such allocations of public funds to be made directly to those non-public schools, all in apparent violation of Art. 8, Sec. 13 of the Louisiana Constitution; and
WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and Art. 1, Sec. 8 of the Louisiana Constitution require the separation of church and state; and
WHEREAS, Act 2 of 2012 authorizes the expenditure of state funds in support of programs of education for students and parochial schools in apparent violation of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and Art. 1, Sec. 8 of the Louisiana Constitution; and
WHEREAS, Act 2 of 2012 contains other provisions that are legally and/or constitutionally suspect; and
WHEREAS, the only way to get definitive interpretations of Act 2 of 2012 and the constitutionality and/or legality of its provisions is through litigation;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT DULY RESOLVED, by the St. Martin Parish School Board in regular session duly convened that:

Section 1. The St. Martin parish School Board authorizes the institution of litigation in federal and/or state court, either individually or as a member of a group of other public school systems with similar purpose, challenging the constitutionality and/or legality of Act 2 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Section 2. The School Board also authorizes the payment of all reasonable attorney's fees and other costs incurred in such litigation is filed only by this School Board or on a pro rata basis if such litigation is filed in conjunction with other public school boards of the State.

Section 3. The Superintendent is directed to come back to the Board with a recommendation of legal counsel to handle such litigation on behalf of the Board and to present to the board at that time for its consideration of a special counsel resolution employing such attorney for such purpose.

- k) Approved Student Insurance coverage and the renewal of the catastrophic insurance coverage in the amount of \$92,000 effective 6/1/2012
- l) Approved to increase the extra pay stipends for non-exempt employees/paraprofessionals to \$7.30 per hour
- m) Approved the replacement of the coordinator position at JCEP, the St. Martin Parish Alternative Program, with a certified Assistant Principal.

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On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Hollier and carried, the Board approved the change to Reduction in Staff Personnel Policy. (EXHIBIT A)

FOR: Mrs. Babin, Mr. Flegeance, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Foti, Mr. Hollier, Mr. Stelly, Mr. Knott, Mr. Hebert

OPPOSED: Mr. Fuselier, Mr. Potier

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Hollier and unanimously carried, the Board approved to suspend the rules and vote on a discussion item.

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Flegeance and unanimously carried, the Board created a position of Administrative Assistant and appointed Vickie Guidry a one year appointment to that position

The Board discussed the following topics: reforms for bus routes (Knott); redistricting of School Board Districts (Fuselier); Worker's Compensation (Hebert) and policies and procedures for new hires (Hebert).

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

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

On the motion of Mr. Flegeance, seconded by Mr. Fuselier and unanimously carried, the Board approved extending authority as discussed in Executive Session relative to the settlement of the matter entitled Claudia Prade v. St. Martin Parish School Board; OWC; Docket No.: 11-09648; District: 04.

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Foti and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Personnel items:

A. PROFESSIONALS:

APPOINTMENTS:

Babineaux, John, Physical Education/Coach, St. Martinville Junior High; effective August 9, 2012. (PL)

Carroll, Daniel, Career Cluster/Coach, St. Martinville Senior High; effective August 9, 2012. (Certified)

Harris, Georgie, Guidance Counselor, Cecilia Senior High; effective August 9, 2012. (Certified)

Hebert, Nico, 4th grade, St. Martinville Primary; effective August 9, 2012. (Certified)

Joice, Brandi, Science, Cecilia Senior High; effective August 9, 2012. (Certified)

Malbrue, Corey, Social Studies, Cecilia Junior High; effective August 9, 2012. (Certified)

Williams, Percy, Jr., Band Director, St. Martinville Senior High; effective August 9, 2012 (Certified)

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MEDICAL LEAVES:

Potier, Rodney, Physical Education, Parks Middle; effective May 2, 2012 through May 31, 2012.
Thibodeaux, Denice, Physical Education, Cecilia Senior High; effective May 16, 2012 through May 31, 2012.

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVES:

Bergeron, Bridget, Assistant Principal, St. Martinville Primary; effective April 30, 2012.
Fauntleroy, Ivy, Homebound V/I, Special Services; effective April 9, 2012 through May 31, 2012.

SABBATICAL LEAVE:

Callais, Casie, Physical Education, Stephenville Elementary; effective August 9, 2012 through May 31, 2013.

UNPAID LEAVE:

Scrantz, Abbey, 4th grade, Teche Elementary; effective August 9, 2012 through January 8, 2013.

TRANSFERS:

Bertrand, Tiffany, from a Registered Nurse at the Cecilia School Based Health Center to School Nurse for the Cecilia area schools; effective August 9, 2012.
Broussard, Michelle, from Language at St. Martinville Junior High to ELA at Cecilia Junior High; effective August 9, 2012.
Brown, Britni, from 5th grade at Breaux Bridge Elementary to 4th at St. Martinville Primary; effective August 9, 2012.
Hays, Katherine, from a Speech Therapist at Parks Primary to the Early Learning Center; effective January 9, 2012.
Jones, Leah, from Special Education at JCEP to Catahoula Elementary; effective August 9, 2012.
Montgomery, Alexis, from Mild/Moderate to Kindergarten at Cecilia Primary; effective August 9, 2012.
Prioux, Jenna, from 4th grade at Breaux Bridge Elementary to 2nd grade at Parks Primary; effective August 9, 2012.
Underwood, Courtney, from Math/Science at Breaux Bridge Senior High to Math at St. Martinville Senior High; effective August 9, 2012.
Wiltz, Joseph Filer, from Physical Education to Social Studies at St. Martinville Junior High; effective August 9, 2012.

REDUCTION IN FORCE:

Taylor, Jaccarie, Special Education, Breaux Bridge Elementary; effective June 17, 2012.

RESIGNATIONS:

Boudreaux, Cassandra, Social Studies, Cecilia Junior High; effective May 31, 2012.
Brown, Karen, Special Education, Catahoula Elementary; effective May 24, 2012.
Cassel, Sandra, RTI, Parks Primary; effective June 1, 2012. (RRTW)
Creek, Gwyn, Speech Therapist, Catahoula Elementary; effective May 31, 2012.
Davis, Chad, READ 180, Cecilia Junior High; effective May 31, 2012.
Dugas, Leslie, Language Arts, St. Martinville Junior High; effective May 31, 2012.
Duhon, Lindsey, Science, Breaux Bridge Junior High; effective May 31, 2012.
Fall, Serigne, French, Cecilia Primary; effective May 31, 2012.
Garner, Christine, Early Interventionist, Early Learning Center; effective May 31, 2012.
Glover, Kerra, Special Education, Early Learning Center; effective May 31, 2012.
Harmon, Tiffany, Physical Education, Breaux Bridge Junior High; effective June 30, 2012.
Louvriere, Crystal, 6-8th Teacher, Catahoula Elementary; effective May 31, 2012.
Martin, Everson, Band Director, St. Martinville Senior High; effective May 31, 2012.
McHugh, Sylvia, 4th grade, Breaux Bridge Elementary; effective May 31, 2012. (RRTW)
Miller, Nicholas, Science, Cecilia Senior High; effective May 31, 2012.
Oubre, Tiffany, 4th grade, Breaux Bridge Elementary; effective May 31, 2012.
Prejean, Cheryl, 4th grade, St. Martinville Primary; effective May 31, 2012.
Schaub, Angela, 2nd grade, St. Martinville Primary; effective May 31, 2012.
Shepherd, Robin, GED, St. Martinville Senior High; effective May 31, 2012.

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Smith, Krissa, Art, Cecilia Senior High; effective May 31, 2012.
Stelly, Jamie, 4th grade, Breaux Bridge Elementary; effective May 31, 2012.
Thibodeaux, Niki, Kindergarten, Cecilia Primary; effective May 31, 2012.
Thibodeaux, Susan, Registered Nurse, Cecilia School Based Health Center; effective May 31, 2012.

RETIREMENTS:

Angelle, Lana, 3rd grade, Catahoula Elementary; effective June 1, 2012
Burdick, Zahn, Social Studies, Cecilia Junior High; effective May 27, 2012
Chance, Robin, Assistant Principal, Cecilia Senior High; effective June 8, 2012.
Honor, Mary, 1st grade, Breaux Bridge Primary; effective June 1, 2012.
Miller, Carol, Journalism, Breaux Bridge Senior High; effective August 1, 2012.
Sopko, John, Pre- GED, Breaux Bridge Senior High; effective June 1, 2012.

B. PARAPROFESSIONALS:

APPOINTMENT:

Billiot, Paul, 10 month Custodian, Catahoula Elementary; effective June 7, 2012.

MEDICAL LEAVES:

Anderson, Linda, Custodian, Breaux Bridge Junior High; effective April 17, 2012 through June 6, 2012.
Breaux, Amy, Bus Driver, JCEP route; effective October 14, 2011 through October 14, 2012.
Duplechein, Jean, Teacher Aide, Catahoula Elementary; effective May 2, 2012 through June 1, 2012.
Francis, Kila, Custodian, Early Learning Center; effective April 30, 2012 through May 27, 2012.
Thibodeaux, Betty, Teacher Aide, Breaux Bridge Elementary; effective April 19, 2012 through May 31, 2012.

TRANSFERS:

Berthelot, Inez, from Home School Coordinator to Special Education Aide at the Early Learning Center; effective August 9, 2012.
Boyd, Lisa, from Home School Coordinator at Parks Primary to a Title I Tutor at St. Martinville Junior High; effective August 9, 2012.
Knott, Cheryl, from Home School Coordinator to Title I Tutor at Cecilia Primary; effective August 9, 2012.
Landry, Samantha, from the Home School Coordinator to a Pre-Kindergarten Teacher Aide at Stephenville Elementary; effective August 9, 2012.
Laperouse, Crystal, from Secretary at Breaux Bridge Junior High to St. Martinville Senior High; effective June 7, 2012.
Savoy, Juanita, from Home School Coordinator to Special Education Aide at Catahoula Elementary; effective August 9, 2012.
Suire, Lillian, from a 10 month to a 12 month Custodian at Catahoula Elementary; effective June 7, 2012.

ELIMINATION OF FULL-TIME TUTOR:

Gros, Tracey, Title I Tutor, Stephenville Elementary; effective May 31, 2012.

RETIREMENTS:

Dugas, Allen, Custodian, Teche Elementary; effective February 27, 2012.
Huval, Gayle, Teacher Aide, Teche Elementary; effective June 1, 2012.
Savoy, Rodney, Delivery Driver, Food Services; effective July 1, 2012.

- C. Request for extra employment pay for Corita Andrus, Mandy Angelle, Cabrini Benoit, Dana Broussard, and Brenda Davis for Cecilia Primary's After Care Program for the month of April and May.

- D. Request for extra employment pay for Theresa Blankenship, Trisha Chauvin, Catherine Meche, Angela Toncrey, Crissy Frederick and Julie Laviolette for Parks Primary's After Care Program for the month of April and May.
- E. Request for extra employment pay for Faith James and Karen Thomas for St. Martinville Primary's After Care Program for the month of October 2011.
- F. Approved the appointments for 2012 LEAP Remediation as follows:

Cecilia area

Karen Anderson, Latonia Cretian, Rhonda Broussard, Suzanne LeBoeuf, Shala Cormier, Alicia Kidder, Debra Barnes, Khristy Faulk, Celeste Robin, Jill Guidroz, Mona John and Rhea Angelle Coordinator

Breaux Bridge area

Devin Baltazar, Carole Coffman, Corrina Menard, Edward Boyd, Kerri Broussard, Keny Goodie, Gary Watson, Opheila Shaw, Joshua Trahan, Natalie Foster, Jennifer Katley, Cora Siner and Patricia Charlot, Coordinator

St. Martinville area

Debra Mitchell, Tina Benoit, Erma Jacob, Marvel Swain, Veronica Honore, Cederic Theyard, Mary Journet, Karen Thomas, Leah Jones, Gretchen Ebow, Ihamaru Jones and Nicole Theyard, Coordinator and alternate Christine Porter

- G. Coaching stipend for Jenni Fortenberry for assisting with Breaux Bridge Senior High's Girls' Softball
- H. Coaching stipend for Greg DeVillier for assisting with Breaux Bridge Senior High's Boys' Baseball
- I. Request to advertise for a Nurse Practitioner at the Cecilia School Based Health Center.

Superintendent Lavergne announced Frederick Wiltz as his recommendation for Supervisor of Child Welfare & Attendance. On the motion of Mr. Hebert seconded by Mr. Flegeance and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendation of Frederick Wiltz as Supervisor of Child Welfare & Attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Hollier, seconded by Mr. Flegeance and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT