

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MAY 4, 2011

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, Floyd Knott, Mark Hebert, Russel C. Foti, Steve Fuselier, Richard Potier, Robert E. Hollier, Frederic Stelly, and Ms. Wanda Babin.

ABSENT: Mr. Aaron Flegeance

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

Ms. Bernice Darby, Secretary, was recognized as the Taylor and Sons April Employee of the Month.

The following Board Member's requests were removed from agenda:

- a) Consider and/or approve Soccer in High School
- b) Discuss a 9 member board

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular Meeting of April 6, 2011
 - Special Meeting of April 20, 2011
- b) Recommended changes in Group Health Plan, effective July 1, 2011
- c) Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
- d) Advertising for the Sale of the Rights to Harvest Alligator Eggs on St. Martin Parish School Board property
- e) Entering into agreement with David Thibodeaux for the right to access the construction site at Parks Primary School
- f) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Acadiana Technical College and St. Martin Parish School Board
- g) Resolution designating May 1-7, 2011 as Teacher Appreciation Week

ABSENT: Mr. Flegeance

A motion was made by Mr. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Fuselier to approve the purchase of Video Conferencing Systems for all schools, utilizing State Contract purchasing.

An amendment to the motion was made by Mr. Knott and seconded by Mr. Hollier to approve the following items for the 2009 Bond Program, tabling the request for permission for the architect to proceed through Schematic Design for the Cecilia High School Multipurpose Building, Gym Stage, and Band Room Replacement or Renovations, to confirm scope of work:

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- a) Purchase of Video Conferencing Systems for all schools, utilizing State Contract purchasing
- b) Award of bid for Parks Primary New Classroom Building to low bidder, Timeline Builders, in the amount of \$1,366,300 for Base Bid (New Classroom Building and Library Classroom), Alternate No. 1 (concrete play area), Alternate No. 2 (demolition of 3 portable buildings), and Alternate No. 3 (provide ceramic tile in new restrooms).
- c) Rejecting the bids for St. Martinville Primary Restroom Additions, Canopy Renovations & Restroom Upgrade and re-advertising the project starting May 4.
- d) Award of Quote for St. Martinville Primary Sale/Demolition of 5 Portables Buildings to low quoter.

The amendment was then voted on and unanimously carried.

ABSENT: Mr. Flegeance

On the motion of Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Foti, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to adopt the millage rates for the tax year 2011.

ABSENT: Mr. Flegeance

Board Member Mark Hebert discussed travel over \$500 being brought to the Board.

Board Member Floyd Knott discussed the following items:

- a) Bus Routes
- b) School Board Member, Superintendent, and Substitute Employee Salaries

Board President James Blanchard discussed amending the consequences for the use of cell phones. The policy will be discussed at the Discipline Committee meeting and then brought back to the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Blanchard and seconded by Ms. Babin to revise the Denial of Participation in Extracurricular Activities Policy, allowing a student who is attending JCEP for the first time to participate in extracurricular activities once they return to school, if they had a good review.

An amendment to the motion was made by Mr. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Knott to close JCEP and move a portable building to the junior high school in St. Martinville, Breaux Bridge, and Cecilia. Each area will handle their own discipline problems.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Knott and seconded by Mr. Stelly to postpone the motion as amended pending the Superintendent's report. The substitute motion was then voted on and carried.

OPPOSED: Ms. Babin, Mr. Blanchard, and Mr. Potier

ABSENT: Mr. Flegeance

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Flegeance

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded Mr. Foti, and carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration to terminate the support employee.

ABSTAINED: Ms. Babin

OPPOSED: Mr. Potier

ABSENT: Mr. Flegeance

A motion was made by Ms. Babin and seconded by Mr. Foti to approve the recommendation of the administration to schedule a Tenure Hearing. The motion was then voted on and failed, as follows:

FOR: Mr. Stelly and Mr. Hollier

OPPOSED: Ms. Babin, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Foti, Mr. Potier, Mr. Knott, and Mr. Hebert

ABSTAINED: Mr. Fuselier

ABSENT: Mr. Flegeance

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Potier, and carried, the Board approved the Professional Personnel Changes, excluding the transfers, non-renewal of contracts, and elimination of positions:

MEDICAL LEAVES:

Cox, Julie, Exploratory, Cecilia Junior High; effective February 13, 2011 through April 29, 2011.

Velazquez, Lois, 8th grade, Breaux Bridge Junior High; effective April 19, 2011 through May 27, 2011.

DROP/RETIREMENT PROGRAM:

Benoit, Cabrini, Kindergarten, Cecilia Primary; effective July 1, 2011.

Lewing, Reba, Speech Therapist, Cecilia Primary; effective April 11, 2011.

RETIREMENTS:

Bass, Betty, Speech Therapist, Catahoula Elementary; effective June 2, 2011.

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Kidder, Jewell, Guidance Counselor, Cecilia Junior High; effective April 30, 2011.

Ramogost, Marilyn, RTI Coach, Stephenville Elementary; effective June 2, 2011.

Solomon, Sandra, Librarian, Parks Middle; effective June 2, 2011.

Verret, Susan, Librarian, St. Martinville Senior High; effective June 2, 2011.

RESIGNATIONS:

Babin, Leslee Cherie, 3rd grade, Teche Elementary; effective June 2, 2011.

Matthew, Earline, Teacher, JCEP; effective June 2, 2011 (RRTW).

Ware, Danielle, Science, Breaux Bridge Junior High; effective June 2, 2011.

Williams, Veronica, 6th grade, Breaux Bridge Elementary; effective June 2, 2011 (RRTW).

OPPOSED: Mr. Hollier and Mr. Knott

ABSENT: Mr. Flegeance

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

a) Paraprofessionals

MEDICAL LEAVES:

Celestine, Barbara, Food Services Technician/Custodian, St. Martinville Junior High; effective April 18, 2011 through May 26, 2011.

Huval, Dayne, Bus Driver, St. Martinville area; effective April 7, 2011 through June 2, 2011.

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE:

Patin, Doris, Bus Driver, Breaux Bridge area; effective May 2, 2011 through June 2, 2011.

TRANSFERS:

Chastant, Carrie, from LPN Aide at Catahoula Elementary to Breaux Bridge Primary; effective April 4, 2011.

Durand, Joseph, from Custodian (10 month) at St. Martinville Primary/Nature Trail to St. Martinville Senior High; effective July 1, 2011.

Johnson, Mary Ann, from part-time Custodian at St. Martinville Junior High to St. Martinville Senior High; effective July 1, 2011.

Schexnaider, Lisa, from Special Education Aide at Cecilia Junior High to Teche Elementary; effective August 12, 2011.

Skipper, Joseph, from Custodian (12 month) at the Early Learning Center to St. Martinville Primary; effective July 1, 2011.

Trahan, Melinda, from Special Education Aide at Cecilia Junior High to Cecilia Senior High; effective August 12, 2011.

RESCIND RETIREMENT:

Sonnier, Mary Jude, Teacher Aide, St. Martinville Junior High; effective June 2, 2011.

RETIREMENTS:

Celestine, Barbara, Custodian/Food Services Technician; effective June 2, 2011.

Gordon, Hilda, Custodian, Cecilia Senior High; effective June 16, 2011.

TERMINATION:

Sylvester, Sonya, Custodian, Parks Primary; effective May 5, 2011.

b) Request for extra employment pay for Corita Andrus, Cabrini Benoit, K. Jill Bozeman, Dana Broussard, Brenda Davis, Mary Jo Franciol, and Niki Thibodeaux for Cecilia Primary's After-Care Program for months of March and April, 2011

c) Request for extra employment pay for Theresa Blankenship, Trisha Chauvin, Catherine Guidry, Debbie Guillory, Angela Toncrey, and Kim LeBlanc for the Parks Primary After-Care Program for the month of March, 2011

d) The following appointments for the 2011 Extended School Year Program (ESYP):

Primary Teacher	Kevin Dugas
Elementary Teacher	Marc Broussard
Jr./Sr. High Teacher	Todd Angelle
APE Teacher	Elaine Huval
Speech Therapist	Joy Castille
Teacher Assistant (3)	Sharon Williams
	Tina Frederick
	Mary Filer
Bus Driver (2)	Rebecca Guidry
	Suzie Guidry
Bus Attendant (2)	Monica Theriot
	Nancy Domengeaux

e) Request for permission to advertise for Director of Federal Programs

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Stelly, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.