

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

FEBRUARY 13, 2008

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, Mark Hebert, Floyd Knott, Steve Fuselier, Aaron Flegeance, Rodney Ledoux, Frederic Stelly, and Ms. Wanda Babin.

ABSENT: Mr. Richard Potier and Mrs. Barbara Latiolais

The meeting was called to order by Mr. James Blanchard, President.

Superintendent Lavergne opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to amend the item relative to the PC Technician to read consider and/or approve the recommendation of the administration for a PC Technician.

ABSENT: Mr. Potier and Mrs. Latiolais

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Mr. Ledoux, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2008.

ABSENT: Mr. Potier and Mrs. Latiolais

On the motion of Mr. Flegeance, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board approved disbursement of the February Sales Tax Salary Supplement in the amount of \$400 for all professional and paraprofessional employees.

ABSENT: Mr. Potier and Mrs. Latiolais

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request for permission to call for bids on the following:

- a) Janitorial Supplies
- b) Cecilia Junior High Roof
- c) Playground Equipment for St. Martinville Primary

ABSENT: Mrs. Latiolais

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Ms. Babin, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request for permission to obtain bids for a new roof on the Special Services building and the JCEP main building.

ABSENT: None

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On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Flegeance, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, LLC as auditors for the year ending June 30, 2008.

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Mr. Flegeance, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to mail report cards on the last day of school, May 23, 2008.

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Flegeance, and unanimously carried, the Board approved hiring an additional Air Conditioner Tech.

A motion was made by Mrs. Latiolais and seconded by Mr. Potier to approve the renewal of a contract with Boudreaux and Devillier Architectural Services.

Mr. Hebert made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Ledoux to follow the recommendation of the administration and not renew the contract. The substitute motion was then voted on and carried as follows:

FOR: Mr. Fuselier, Mr. Flegeance, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Ledoux, and Mr. Stelly

OPPOSED: Mr. Knott, Mrs. Latiolais, Mr. Potier, and Ms. Babin

A motion was made by Mr. Fuselier and seconded by Mr. Hebert to approve the renewal of the Special Counsel Resolution from Hammonds & Sills.

Mr. Potier made a substitute motion to keep one attorney to represent the School Board and approve the renewal of the Special Counsel Resolution from Hammonds & Sills. The substitute motion died for lack of a second.

The original motion was then voted on and unanimously carried.

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Mr. Flegeance, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the proposed St. Martin Parish "Kids in Care" Juvenile Fight Diversion Program.

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following requests from St. Martin Parish Government:

- a) To utilize School Food Service facilities for a summer program May 29, 2008 through July 15, 2008
- b) To utilize current bid prices and vendors from 2007-2008 school year

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolutions/proclamations:

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- a) Designating Saturday, February 23, 2008 Dads' for Children Symposium

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish School Board is dedicated to the education, development and well-being of our school children; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish School Board recognizes "Dads" as an integral part of the development of the child; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish School Board wishes to dedicate a day for all "Dads" in the Parish to gather and interact with their children and for Dads to have an opportunity to develop as well.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that Saturday, February 23, 2008, shall be known as "Dad's for Children Symposium" at Cecilia High School.

- c) Declaring March 3-7, 2008 Attendance Awareness Week

WHEREAS, the children of our parish, state and nation are our most valued resource; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance, the International Association of Pupil Personnel Workers, School Social Workers are cognizant of the need for children to attend school regularly to develop educationally, emotionally, and socially; and

WHEREAS, all the people of St. Martin Parish join with the teachers, administrators, and local and parish school officials in encouraging our students to attend school regularly.

NOW, THEREFORE, the St. Martin Parish School Board does hereby proclaim the week of March 3-7, 2008 as

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS WEEK

in the St. Martin Parish Schools, and encourage all schools to plan and develop activities to recognize the thousands of students who attend school regularly.

On the motion of Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the attorney's recommendation to table appraising the school board owned property in Arnaudville and offering property for sale until further research is conducted on the matter.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. Ledoux, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Attorney Mark Boyer to waive the subrogation rights of the St. Martin Parish School Board relative to claims against La. Farm Bureau.

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On the motion of Mr. Ledoux, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Attorney Mark Boyer to move forward with negotiating a resolution regarding item B1 (personnel matter).

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding item B2 (personnel matter).

OPPOSED: Mr. Knott

On the motion of Mr. Ledoux, seconded by Mrs. Latiolais, and carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding item B3 (personnel matter) which involves moving forward with a termination hearing notice pending.

OPPOSED: Mr. Potier

A motion was made by Mr. Ledoux and seconded by Mrs. Latiolais to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding item B4 (personnel matter) which involves discipline.

Mr. Potier made a substitute motion to allow the individual to seek treatment. The substitute motion died for lack of a second.

The original motion was then voted on and carried.

OPPOSED: Mr. Potier

A motion was made by Mr. Flegeance and seconded by Mrs. Latiolais to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding item B5 (personnel matter) which involves discipline.

Mr. Potier made a substitute motion that he/she transfer to Breaux Bridge Elementary School. The substitute motion died for lack of a second.

The original motion was then voted on and carried.

OPPOSED: Mr. Potier

On the motion of Mr. Flegeance, seconded by Mr. Ledoux, and unanimously carried, the Board approved settlement in the case Walter Dauphine vs. St. Martin Parish School Board, OWC Docket No. 07-08355, District 4 and to receive reimbursement from the Louisiana Second Injury Fund.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Champagne, Kellie, 4th grade, Parks Primary; effective January 22, 2008.

Foret, Jennifer, Kindergarten, Cecilia Primary; effective January 7, 2008.

Foti, Betty, 4th grade, St. Martinville Primary; effective February 11, 2008.

Poirier, Kyle, Special Education/GED, St. Martinville Senior High; effective January 7, 2008.

Romero, Judy, Physical Education, Breaux Bridge Senior High; effective February 8, 2008.

Ward, Caroline, 1st grade, Cecilia Primary; effective January 8, 2008.

MATERNITY LEAVE:

Rounsaville, Renee, 5th grade, St. Martinville Junior High; effective March 13, 2008 through April 24, 2008.

Olivier, Jeanne, 1st grade, Parks Primary; effective July 8, 2008 through August 20, 2008.

MEDICAL LEAVES:

Guidry, Ashlie, Special Education, Cecilia Junior High; effective December 17, 2007 through January 28, 2008.

Lewis, Melissa, Behavioral Interventionist, Teche Elementary; effective December 19, 2007 through January 18, 2008.

Matthew, Earline, Teacher, JCEP; effective January 13, 2008 through February 7, 2008.

Meaux, Kara, Assistant Principal, Breaux Bridge Senior High; effective February 27, 2008 through May 26, 2008.

DROP/RETIREMENT PROGRAM:

Dupuis, Kerry, 1st grade, Parks Primary; effective April 1, 2008.

RESIGNATIONS:

Charles, Kimberly, 4th grade, Parks Primary; effective January 18, 2008.

Stockstill, Jennifer, 4th grade, St. Martinville Primary; effective February 1, 2008.

RETIREMENT:

Romero, Judy, Physical Education, Breaux Bridge Senior High; effective February 7, 2008.

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

MEDICAL LEAVE:

Sam, Paughnee, Special Education Teacher Aide, St. Martinville Junior High; effective February 6, 2008 through February 20, 2008.

UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVE:

Jones, Gayle, Special Education Teacher Aide, Breaux Bridge Senior High; effective January 7, 2008 through May 23, 2008.

DROP/RETIREMENT PROGRAM:

Jones, Craig, Bus Driver, St. Martinville area; effective March 1, 2008.

Landry, Elaine, Food Services Manager, Parks Middle; effective January 11, 2008.

Simon, Blanche, Bus Driver, St. Martinville area; effective January 17, 2008.

RESIGNATION:

Foster, Terry, PC Technician, Instructional Center; effective January 10, 2008.

RETIREMENT:

Alexander, Ella Mae, Food Services Technician, St. Martinville Junior High; effective May 24, 2008.

EXPIRATION:

Courville, Lillie, Secretary, Catahoula Elementary; effective January 18, 2008.

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Mrs. Latiolais, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request for extra employment pay for Regina Guidry, Angela Toncrey, Catherine Guidry, Kimberly LeBlanc, and Theresa Blankenship for the Parks Primary After-Care Program for the month of December, 2007.

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Potier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request for payment for Regan Gauthier for her assistance with the Cecilia Senior High School Girls Basketball Team for the 2007-2008 Basketball Season.

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Ledoux, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request for payment for Scotty Borel for his assistance with the Breaux Bridge High School Girls Basketball Team.

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On the motion of Mr. Ledoux, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the appointment of James Richard, Sr. as PC Technician.

On the motion of Mr. Flegeance, seconded by Mr. Knott, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following two-year administrative contracts, effective July 1, 2008:

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS – Two-year contract renewal:

Sarah Allen, Assistant Principal, St. Martinville Primary

Cy Dugas, Assistant Principal, St. Martinville Senior High

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT