

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

JULY 9, 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, Richard Potier, Rodney Ledoux, and Ms. Wanda Babin and Mrs. Barbara Latiolais.

ABSENT: Mr. Frederic Stelly

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Ledoux and seconded by Mrs. Latiolais approving the following minutes:

- a) Regular Meeting of June 4, 2008 (unanimously carried)
- b) Finance Committee Meeting of June 18, 2008 (carried, abstained: Mr. Hebert)

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Ledoux, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee of June 18, 2008, as follows:

- a) Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the School Board and the Louisiana Technical College, Evangeline Campus, Region 4 for the 2008-2009 school year
- b) Barber Board/Hairstyling Class at the St. Martin Parish Government Technology Center (near Cecilia High School) for the 2009 spring semester

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Ledoux, seconded by Mrs. Latiolais, and unanimously carried, the Board approved disbursement of the July Sales Tax Salary Supplement in the amount of \$450 to professional employees and \$365 to paraprofessional employees.

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Ledoux, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and carried, the Board approved the request for waiver of sales tax penalties, as recommended by administration, for Halliburton Energy Services.

OPPOSED: Mr. Flegeance

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ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Mr. Flegeance, and unanimously carried, the Board approved rejection of bids and a request for permission to re-bid on Library Books.

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Ledoux, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following bid recommendations:

- a) Electrical Upgrades in 3 High Schools for Computer Labs – Ernest P. Breaux Electrical, Inc. (\$98,965.55)
- b) Re-roofing of JCEP Campus – Continental Roofing (\$251,000)
- c) Bread and Bread Products – Flowers Evangeline Maid Bread (\$10,302)

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

Mr. I. Jack Burson, Jr., Attorney, provided a report on the litigation entitled, “Sandra Batiste vs. St. Martin Parish School Board.”

ABSENT: None

The Board Member’s request relative to the change of a part-time secretary to full-time position at St. Martinville Junior High School was removed from the agenda.

Board Member Rodney Ledoux removed the following items from the agenda:

- a) Discuss the hiring procedure that involves testing
- b) Revisit the request for permission to implement JROTC at Breaux Bridge High School

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the student accident and catastrophic insurance for 2008-2009.

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Ledoux, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the renewal of service contracts with Poché Prouet and Associates.

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mrs. Latiolais, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request for permission to advertise for bids on alligator tags.

On the motion of Mr. Latiolais, seconded by Mr. Flegeance, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following:

- a) Resolution of St. Martin Parish School Board

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WHEREAS, the ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD is the owner of that certain lot of land located in St. Martinville, Louisiana, known as the St. Martinville Primary School of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD has a need to have proper drainage of the aforescribed property;

WHEREAS, the City of St Martinville and the St. Martin Parish Council have the equipment and skilled labor necessary at no cost to the ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD to maintain and repair the ditches for proper drainage on said premises;

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville and the St Martin Parish Council desire and request that they be granted a Right of Way for a Utility Servitude to conduct said maintenance and repair of the ditches for proper drainage; and

WHEREAS, IN CONSIDERATION OF the above agreement, the ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD desires to assent to the request for a Right of Way for a Utility Servitude:

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Superintendent RICHARD LAVERGNE, representing the ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed for and on behalf of the ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD to enter into a Right of Way for a Utility Servitude wherein the City of St. Martinville and the St. Martin Parish Council to conduct said maintenance and repair of the ditches for proper drainage at the St. Martinville Primary School of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; The said Richard Lavergne shall be and is hereby directed to sign any such agreement for a Right of Way for a Utility Servitude to the City of St. Martinville and the St. Martin Parish Council, and incorporating therein such further terms, conditions and provisions as he may deem necessary and fit in his discretion.

b) Right of Passage at St. Martinville Primary

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved revisions to Board Policy GBRIB, Sick Leave. (Attached as Exhibit A).

On the motion of Mr. Ledoux, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the hiring of ten (10) additional teachers.

No action was necessary for the item relative to the citizen's request to appear before the Board.

For the following motion, Mr. Mark Hebert, Vice-President, presided over the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Blanchard and seconded by Mrs. Latiolais to approve changes in Board Policy GBA, Employment Contracts and Compensation.

Mr. Potier made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Knott to table changes in Board Policy GBA until the Superintendent places the item on the agenda. The substitute

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motion was then voted on and tied. The Acting President, Mark Hebert, exercised his right to vote and voted in opposition to the motion. The motion failed, as follows:

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

OPPOSED: Mr. Fuselier, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Ledoux, and Mr. Stelly

ABSTAINED: Mr. Flegeance

The original motion was then voted on and unanimously carried.

Mr. Knott expressed concerns regarding Parliamentary Procedures.

Mr. Knott gave a history to the Board relative to information on Sales Tax I and Sales Tax II.

Mr. Ledoux expressed concerns regarding Sales Tax Supplements.

The Board discussed the request for a Football Field and a Baseball Diamond at St. Martinville Junior High School. No action was taken.

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Potier and seconded by Mr. Flegeance to follow the recommendation of the administration, in regard to the employee discussed in Executive Session.

Ms. Babin made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Hebert, to pursue a tenure hearing. The substitute motion was then voted on and failed, as follows:

FOR: Mr. Knott, Mrs. Latiolais, Mr. Hebert, and Ms. Babin

OPPOSED: Mr. Fuselier, Mr. Flegeance, Mr. Potier, Mr. Ledoux, and Mr. Stelly

The original motion was then voted on and carried.

OPPOSED: Ms. Babin

On the motion of Mr. Ledoux, seconded by Mr. Potier, and carried, the Board approved the recommendation of the administration regarding retirement.

OPPOSED: Ms. Babin

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On the motion of Mr. Flegeance, seconded by Mrs. Latiolais, and carried, the Board approved the recommendation of the administration regarding administrative transfer.

OPPOSED: Ms. Babin

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Borel, Tristin, 5th grade, Teche Elementary; effective August 6, 2008. (Certified)

Broussard, Courtney, Science, Breaux Bridge Senior High; effective August 6, 2008. (OFAT)

Broussard, Kerri, 5th grade, Breaux Bridge Elementary; effective August 6, 2008. (PL)

Charles, LaTosha, 4th grade, St. Martinville Primary; effective August 6, 2008. (Certified)

Chatelain, Oliver, French, Cecilia Junior High; effective August 6, 2008. (PL)

Dore', Nancy, Pre-GED, Cecilia Senior High; effective August 6, 2008. (Certified)

Gibson, Amy, English, Breaux Bridge Senior High; effective August 6, 2008 (Out of State)

Milliman, Joni, 4th grade, Teche Elementary; effective August 6, 2008. (Certified)

LeBoeuf, Stacey, Psychologist, Special Services; effective August 6, 2008. (Certified)

Lemaire, Amy, 2nd grade, Breaux Bridge Primary; effective August 6, 2008. (PL)

Foti, Rose, 1st grade, St. Martinville Primary; effective August 7, 2008. (Certified)

Thibodeaux, Alexis, Special Education, Parks Primary; effective August 6, 2008 (PL)

Wikstrom, AnneMarie, 4th grade, St. Martinville Primary; effective August 6, 2008. (Certified)

ONE SEMESTER APPOINTMENT:

Eddy, Buddy, Social Studies, Cecilia Senior High; effective August 6, 2008 through December 19, 2008.

MEDICAL LEAVE:

Romagosa, Marie, Principal, Breaux Bridge Junior High; effective June 10, 2008 through August 6, 2008.

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TRANSFERS:

Castille, Misty, from 5th grade at Breaux Bridge Elementary to 3rd grade at Breaux Bridge Primary; effective August 6, 2008.

Frederick, Denise, from Principal at St. Martinville Junior High to Principal at Breaux Bridge Junior High; effective July 10, 2008.

Lewis, Jacoby, from Science/Coach at Breaux Bridge Senior High to Behavior Interventionist at St. Martinville Primary; effective August 6, 2008.

SABBATICAL LEAVE:

Huval, Laura, Social Studies, Cecilia Senior High; effective August 6, 2008 through December 19, 2008.

RESIGNATIONS:

Baltazar, Kayla, English, Cecilia Junior High; effective May 23, 2008.

Buchanan, Amanda, 4th grade, St. Martinville Primary; effective June 16, 2008.

Chadwick, Jodi, Pre-kindergarten Facilitator, Breaux Bridge Primary; effective June 4, 2008.

Davis, Chad, 4th grade, St. Martinville Primary; effective May 23, 2008.

Davis, Nicole, 4th grade, St. Martinville Primary; effective May 23, 2008.

Jenkins, Lillian, Business, St. Martinville Senior High; effective June 30, 2008.

Pere', Ashley, Pre-Kindergarten, Cecilia Primary; effective May 23, 2008.

Romagosa, Marie, Principal, Breaux Bridge Junior High; effective August 6, 2008.

Smith, Jeffery, Social Studies, Breaux Bridge Senior High; effective June 1, 2008.

Taylor, Chase, GED/Coach, Cecilia Senior High; effective June 19, 2008.

NON-RENEWAL OF CONTRACT:

Abel, Amariah, English, Cecilia Junior High; effective May 23, 2008.

DROP/RETIREMENT PROGRAM:

Chataignier, Charlotte, Curriculum Coordinator, Early Learning Center; effective October 1, 2008.

RETIREMENT:

Foti, Rose, 1st grade, St. Martinville Primary; effective August 6, 2008.

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mrs. Latiolais, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Paraprofessional Personnel Changes, excluding the transfer of the Food Service Technician:

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APPOINTMENT:

Willis, Kimberly, Food Services Technician, St. Martinville Junior High; effective August 7, 2008.

TRANSFER:

Poirier, Tina, from part-time to full-time Food Services Technician at St. Martinville Junior High; effective August 7, 2008.

MATERNITY LEAVE:

Calais, Katina, Food Services Technician, Breaux Bridge Senior High; effective May 26, 2008 through July 14, 2008.

RESIGNATION:

Rivera, Darius, PC Technician, Instructional Center; effective June 20, 2008.

DROP/RETIREMENT PROGRAM:

Filer, Alice, Food Services Technician, Parks Middle; effective October 13, 2008.

Hulin, Linda, Food Services Technician, St. Martinville Junior High; effective November 6, 2008.

Lejeune, Delores, Food Services Technician, Cecilia Primary; effective October 1, 2008.

A motion was made by Mrs. Latiolais and seconded by Mr. Hebert to transfer Ms. Tina Poirier from part-time to full-time Food Services Technician at St. Martinville Junior High School.

Mr. Ledoux made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Flegeance, to appoint Ms. Tina Poirier and Mrs. Kimberly Willis as full-time Food Services Technicians. The substitute motion was then voted on and unanimously carried.

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Knott, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to amend the item relative to the advertisement for Breaux Bridge Junior High School Principal to read consider and/or approve the advertisement for St. Martinville Junior High School Principal.

Superintendent Lavergne informed the Board Pamela Jordan was his recommendation for the position of Assistant Principal at Breaux Bridge Senior High School. On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mrs. Latiolais, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Ms. Pamela Jordan as the Assistant Principal at Breaux Bridge Senior High School for a two-year term, effective July 1, 2008.

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On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Potier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the advertisement of a PC Technician.

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT