

**ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

**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. Russel C. Foti, President, Steve Fuselier, Jimmy Durio, Mike Clay, Richard Potier, Frederic Stelly, Floyd Knott, Mark Hebert, Mrs. Wanda B. Vital, and Ms. Edna M. Johnson.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by Russel C. Foti, President. Mr. Allen Blanchard, Jr., Superintendent, opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

The Early Learning Center Faculty and Staff were recognized as the August Employees of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of August 7, 2019.

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 7, 2019.

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request for waiver of sales tax penalties.

On the motion of Mr. Stelly, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the creation of a Special Education Advisory Council.

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved revisions to Policy: File JGCF: Behavioral Health Services for Students.

On the motion of Mr. Stelly, seconded by Mr. Durio, and unanimously carried, the Board approved revisions to the Virtual Learning Policy.

On the motion of Mrs. Vital, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved deeming obsolete technology as surplus by St. Martin Parish School Board network and no longer of use to the district.

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Durio, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Crisis Response Policy for the 2019-2020 school year.

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On the motion of Mrs. Vital, seconded by Mr. Stelly, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following proclamations/resolutions: (attached as Exhibit A)

- a) Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week, September 9-15, 2019
- b) Character Counts Week, October 20-26, 2019

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Finance Committee recommendations:

- a) Awarding Parks Middle New Classrooms project to the low bidder, Bulliard Construction Company, Inc., with a base bid of \$1,111,000.00 and alternate #1 of \$12,500.00 for a total bid of \$1,123,500.00. Bids were received on August 28, 2019.
- b) Awarding St. Martinville Primary New Furniture to the low quoter, Louisiana School Equipment Company, LLC, in the amount of \$40,062.02. The project is being funded by the 2016 Bond Program St. Martinville Primary Construction Funds.
- c) Awarding Early Learning Center New Furniture to the low quoter, Louisiana School Equipment Company, LLC in the amount of \$44,382.48. The project is being funded by the 2016 Bond Program St. Martinville School District Construction Funds.

Mr. Marcus Bryant, a candidate for Louisiana House of Representatives District 96, introduced himself to the Board.

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mrs. Vital, and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving the unfilled secretarial position from the Curriculum Department to create a full-time secretarial position at the College and Career Readiness Center.

On the motion of Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and carried, the Board approved reinstating the full-time custodial position at Cecilia Primary School.

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Durio, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a policy for CECP Coaches (attached as Exhibit B).

Board Member Steve Fuselier expressed concerns regarding the location of JCEP. The President acknowledged the Public Participation card that was filled out and allowed Ms. Chicora Shelton to speak concerning the location of JCEP. No action was taken.

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hebert, and seconded by Mr. Durio to follow policy regarding Student A.

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A substitute motion was made by Mr. Potier and seconded by Mr. Fuselier to allow Student A to return to his/her regular school setting after 45 days. The substitute motion was then voted on and failed, as follows:

FOR: Mr. Fuselier, Mrs. Vital, and Mr. Potier

OPPOSED: Ms. Johnson, Mr. Durio, Mr. Foti, Mr. Clay, Mr. Stelly, Mr. Knott, and Mr. Hebert

The original motion was then voted on and carried.

FOR: Ms. Johnson, Mr. Durio, Mr. Foti, Mr. Clay, Mr. Stelly, Mr. Knott, and Mr. Hebert

OPPOSED: Mr. Fuselier, Mrs. Vital, and Mr. Potier

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Durio, and carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding Student B.

OPPOSED: Mr. Fuselier, Mrs. Vital, and Mr. Potier

No action was necessary for the pending litigation, Thomas v. St. Martin Parish School Board, Civil Action No. 11314 (W.D.La.).

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

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SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT