

# ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

JUNE 2, 2021

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

ABSENT: None

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

Ms. Kenya Goodie, Speech Coordinator, was recognized as the May Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

Consider and/or approve allowing the Region IV Office of Public Health to use our facilities to provide voluntary vaccinations to St. Martin Parish students was removed from the agenda.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
  - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of May 5, 2021
  - 2) Regular Meeting of May 5, 2021
- b) Denial of sales tax penalty waiver
- c) Recommendation of administration for acceptance of bids on the following:
  - 1) SN Fresh Produce – Kevin Guidry Produce
  - 2) SN Equipment (Phase II) – Associated Food Equipment & Supplies
- d) 2021-2022 School Board Meeting Dates (attached as Exhibit A)
- e) Official journal for the 2021-2022 school session
- f) A jeans and spirit shirt day for students and faculty on Friday, June 4, 2021 to raise money for the Autism Society of Acadiana
- g) Closure of the School Board administrative offices on Monday, July 5, 2021 following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday
- h) Resolutions recommended by the Louisiana School Boards Association: (attached as Exhibit B)
  - 1) Thanking the Community
  - 2) Position on ACT Index Changes
  - 3) Position on Requesting a Federal Accountability Waiver
- i) St. Martin Parish Personnel Evaluation Program (Bulletin 130)
- j) Revisions to the 504/SBLC Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year
- k) Contracts to provide services to students with disabilities

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Finance Committee recommendations:

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- a) Purchase of a Food Service Vehicle. The cost of the vehicle is \$22,933.13.
- b) Performance stipend for the Health Center Nurse Practitioners
- c) Renewal of Workers Comp Excess Coverage through Brown & Brown of LA with New York Marine and General Insurance Company
- d) Head Start Budget Amendment
- e) Renewal of contracts for Workers Comp TPA and Loss Control Services through LoCA
- f) Disburse additional ESSER funds as follows:
  - 1) Time sheet employees \$500
  - 2) Professional and paraprofessional employees an additional \$87 totaling \$1587 instead of \$1500
- g) Increasing the raise from the MFP formula from \$800 to \$1000 for professionals and \$400 to \$500 for paraprofessionals
- h) One-time \$500 Sales Tax Supplement to all employees in August

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and carried, the Board approved

Head Start Policy Council recommendations:

- a) Head Start Center Names
- b) New Hire Recommendations
- c) Aftercare Program 21-22 Hours of Operations

ABSTAINED: Mr. Hebert

A motion was made by Mrs. Vital and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve job descriptions for Maintenance Foreman and Energy/Construction/Maintenance Supervisor.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Knott to discuss this item after Board Member's requests. The substitute motion was then voted on and carried, as follows:

FOR: Mr. Fuselier, Mr. Durio, Mr. Foti, Mr. Stelly, Mr. Knott, and Mr. Hebert

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. Potier

ABSTAINED: Mr. Clay

On the motion of Mrs. Vital, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved placing local students with our custodians for a summer work program sponsored by Acadiana Workforce Solutions.

Mrs. Vital discussed the request for waiver of liability insurance and \$200 deposit for the New Day Basketball Team. No action was taken.

A point of order was raised by Mr. Hebert that the following Board Member requests are for discussion only. The President ruled the point of order as valid.

- a) Consider and/or approve hiring sales tax auditor (Vital)
- b) Consider and/or approve conducting an independent audit in the sales tax department (Vital)

A motion was made Mr. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Stelly to suspend policy and vote on the following (2/3 vote required):

- a) Consider and/or approve rescinding prior action compensating two bookkeepers for their level of education (professional pay) in addition to making the manager a supervisor of maintenance and to do a study related to the work load of the Head Start Program
- b) Consider and/or approve rescinding Maintenance Foreman position

The motion was then voted on and failed, as follows:

FOR: Mr. Durio, Mr. Clay, Mr. Stelly, Mr. Knott, and Mr. Hebert

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Fuselier, and Mr. Foti

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to postpone the following items until the next Board meeting:

- a) Consider and/or approve rescinding prior action compensating two bookkeepers for their level of education (professional pay) in addition to making the manager a supervisor of maintenance and to do a study related to the work load of the Head Start Program
- b) Consider and/or approve rescinding Maintenance Foreman position

Board Member Mark Hebert addressed the Board relative to the Parliamentary Procedures and St. Martin Parish School Board Policy and Procedures.

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. Foti, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

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PRESIDENT