

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

AUGUST 4, 2021

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:16 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, and Ms. Edna M. Johnson.

ABSENT: Mrs. Wanda B. Vital

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.

Liz Berard, Curriculum and Instruction Secretary, was recognized as the July Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

The Finance Committee recommendation with regard to loaning SMSH and CHS Band \$50,000 for band equipment was removed from the agenda.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of July 7, 2021
 - 2) Regular Meeting of July 7, 2021
- b) Request for waiver of sales tax penalties (1)
- c) Policy revisions for inclusion in the St. Martin Parish School Board Policy Manual:
 - 1) JD, Discipline
 - 2) JCD, Student Conduct
 - 3) JDD, Suspension
 - 4) JCDAC, Dangerous Weapons
 - 5) JCDAB, Student Alcohol and Drug Use
 - 6) JDE, Expulsion
- d) Revisions to the Virtual Learning Policy
- e) 2021-2022 Behavioral Health Services Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- f) 2021-2022 RTI Handbook
- g) 2021-2022 contract to provide services to students with disabilities

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

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

- a) Adopting a resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, in one or more series, of St. Martin Parish School District, Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith (attached as Exhibit A)
- b) Use of designated technology funds for 2021-2022 E-Rate Grant Projects

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- c) Contracting with Equitable Outcomes, LLC for Professional Development throughout the school year
- d) Contracting with School Kit for Eureka Math Professional Development
- e) Awarding the partial parking lot repair project at Cecilia High School to the low bidder, Jack Talley, with a total cost of \$30,290 and waive the insurance
- f) Cecilia High School girls softball loan in the amount of \$59,480

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Head Start Policy Council recommendations:

- a) June 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- b) New Hires
- c) Professional Development Schedule 2021-2022
- d) Mental Health Consultant Contract with The Family Tree
- e) Policy Council Meeting Schedule 2021-2022
- f) 2021-2022 Funding Award Notification
- g) 2021-2022 Head Start Baseline Application
- h) 2021-2022 Budget including non-federal share match waiver
- i) Policy for Replacing Policy Council members with excessive absences from meetings
- j) Program Disability Waiver
- k) Program Goals
- l) Non-Federal Share Match Waiver Request
- m) Budget Amendment 2020-2021

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

The item regarding issues pertaining to COVID-19 was removed due to the governor mandate.

The Board Member's request to discuss consideration of an appeal of the recent Federal Court decision will take place after Executive Session.

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

The President acknowledged the Public Participation cards that were filled out and allowed the following individuals to speak concerning the recent Federal Court decision:

Ricky Melancon, Ed Eastin, Celeste Latiolais, Clay Courville, and Stacey Boudreaux

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to authorize counsel to appeal all factors regarding the recent Federal decision.

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

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On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Foti, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding the employee salary concern.

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

Board President Richard Potier handed the gavel over to Board Member Mark Hebert to handle the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay and seconded by Mr. Foti to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding the employee concern.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Potier and seconded by Ms. Johnson to take no action and allow the Superintendent to make the decision. The substitute motion failed, as follows:

FOR: Mr. Potier and Ms. Johnson

OPPOSED: Mr. Durio, Mr. Foti, Mr. Clay, and Mr. Stelly

ABSTAINED: Mr. Knott and Mr. Fuselier

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

The original motion was then voted on and carried, as follows:

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

OPPOSED: Mr. Potier and Ms. Johnson

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Durio, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT