

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

DECEMBER 1, 2021

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:30 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.

Wynde C. Frederick, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent, was recognized as the November Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

On the motion of Mrs. Vital, seconded by Mr. Foti, and unanimously carried, consider and/or approve proposed settlement with the second injury fund was added to the agenda in Executive Session.

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 November 3, 2021
 - 2) Regular Meeting of November 3, 2021
- b) Request for permission to call for bids on tires
- c) Act 102: Adds Consulting Services to Purchasing Policy
- d) Act 275: Changes name from Guidance Counselor to School Counselor
- e) Payment for Breaux Bridge High's Assistant Volleyball Coach

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

- a) Alio Content conversion to Alio Archive for a one-time cost of \$16,200. This service will be hosted by Alio for an additional annual cost of \$7,785.
- b) Hazard Pay Supplement for Head Start (OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert)
- c) Awarding the St. Martinville Senior High School Football Field Lighting Upgrade project to the low quoter, CCD Electrical, LLC, with a total cost of \$69,800.00 as well as a separate proposal for the electrical equipment submitted by Musco Electrical in the amount of \$497,525.

On the motion of Mrs. Vital, seconded by Mr. Foti, and unanimously carried, the Board approved change in break policy for non-exempt employees.

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On the motion of Mrs. Vital, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and carried, the Board approved the Head Start Policy Council recommendations:

- a) Vaccine Requirement Policy
- b) New Hire Recommendation (EC Program/Grant Manager)

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert, Mr. Clay, Mr. Stelly, and Mr. Knott

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Clay, and carried, the Board approved the contract for Policy 360 the Policy Updating Service, Forethought Consulting, Inc.

OPPOSED: Mr. Clay and Mr. Hebert

Board Member Floyd Knott discussed the appeal of issues “Theresa D Thomas et al vs. St. Martin Parish School Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Stelly to cancel the Head Start contract because of federal mandates. The motion was voted on and failed, as follows:

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

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

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

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

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Durio, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding the proposed settlement with the second injury fund.

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. Durio, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT