

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

JANUARY 5, 2022

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.

Board President Richard Potier opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board. A motion was made by Mrs. Vital and seconded by Mr. Knott to nominate Richard Potier for the office of President.

The nominations for the office of President were closed unanimously.

Mr. Richard Potier was re-elected President of the St. Martin Parish School Board for the year 2022.

Board President Richard Potier called for the acceptance of nominations for Vice-President of the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Johnson to nominate Wanda B. Vital for the office of Vice-President.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Clay to nominate Mark Hebert for the office of Vice-President.

The nominations for the office of Vice-President were closed unanimously.

Mr. Mark Hebert was elected Vice-President of the St. Martin Parish School Board for the year 2022.

Board President Richard Potier made the following appointments:

Mike Clay, Finance and Insurance Committee Chairman
Edna Johnson, Education Committee Meeting
Wanda B. Vital, Maintenance Committee Chairman
Steve Fuselier, Transportation Committee Chairman

Mr. James Boyd, Mr. Gary LeBlanc, and Mr. Boyd Johnson, Bus Shop Crew, were recognized as the December Employees of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

January 5, 2022 - MINUTES

Page 2 of 3

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Mrs. Vital, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of December 1, 2021
 - 2) Regular Meeting of December 1, 2021
 - 3) Special Meeting of December 9, 2021
- b) Request for use of school facility
- c) Adopting the LSBA Code of Conduct (attached as Exhibit A)
- d) Resolutions: (attached as Exhibit B)
 - 1) Louisiana School Board Recognition Month, January 2022
 - 2) Certifying President and Vice President to conduct transactions for and on behalf of the School Board

On the motion of Mrs. Vital, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a resolution requesting the Legislative Delegation to keep all of Iberia and St. Martin Parishes in the same State Senate District 22 should redistricting be required as a result of the 2020 Census (attached as Exhibit C).

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

- a) Amend the current long term substitute pay to begin receiving the higher daily rate of pay on their 11th day of subbing in the same position for all substitutes
- b) Increase non-degreed substitutes pay to \$60 per day
- c) Purchase extra buses with ESSER Funds for the next three (3) years
- d) Add an Associate Data Systems Analyst Position
- e) Allowing staff to proceed with the bid/quote process for the bond project list for summer 2022
- f) Payment for Breaux Bridge High's Assistant Football Coach
- g) Request for waiver of sales tax penalties

Mr. Russel Champagne with Champagne & Company presented the audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

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

- a) Vaccine Policy and Exemption Forms
- b) New Hire Recommendations

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

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Stelly, and unanimously carried, the Board approved amending the job description of the Sales Tax Administrator from a Supervisor position to a Manager/Accountant position.

A motion was made by Mr. Knott requesting that the school board attorney request a legal opinion from the attorney general on the use of properties for charter schools. The motion died for lack of a second.

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and carried, the Board approved to suspend policy and vote on the item regarding the Governor's initiative to vaccinate all students in the state (2/3 vote required).

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital and Ms. Johnson

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and carried, the Board approved for Mr. Boyer, School Board Attorney, to draw up a resolution against the vaccination mandate for employees (including Headstart) and students and forward the resolution to the governor and the Louisiana School Boards Association.

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital and Ms. Johnson

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

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

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Mrs. Vital, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding the litigation entitled "SMILE vs. St. Martin Parish School Board, Docket No. 90934 of the 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana."

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT