

**ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**JULY 13, 2022**

**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, and Mrs. Wanda B. Vital.

ABSENT: Ms. Edna Johnson

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. Pam Jordan, Director of Federal Programs, was recognized as the June Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

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 June 1, 2022
  - 2) Regular Meeting of June 1, 2022
- b) Intergovernmental Security Service Agreement
- c) The clarifications to the high school policy on earning half credits for the 2021-2022 school year as stated in the 2021-2022 St. Martin Parish Pupil Progression Plan and the 2021-2022 St. Martin Parish Teacher Information Handbook
- d) Changes to job descriptions in Curriculum Department
- e) Resolution expressing sympathy to the family of former Superintendent, Roland Chevalier (attached as Exhibit A)

ABSENT: Ms. Johnson

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

- a) Head Start Policy Council Meeting agenda items:
  - 1) 2022-2023 Baseline Budget including non-federal share waiver request
  - 2) Updated Head Start Salary Schedule (2022-2023)
  - 3) Financial reports (Baseline budget, CACFP Supplements, American Rescue Plan, CRRSA, and Covid-19)
- b) Not to renew the Lawn Maintenance Contracts and have staff look into alternatives and report back to the Committee
- c) Contract renewal for School Resource Officers (SRO's) for the 2022-2023 school year
- d) Salary schedules reflecting the recent legislation pay raise for professionals (\$1,500) and para-professionals (\$750)
- e) Group Health Plan Changes:
  - 1) Physical Therapy, Occupation Therapy – Lift the pre-cert requirements and also requirement to have a referral. The plan is limited already to 30 visits.
  - 2) Cardiac Rehab – Lift pre-cert requirements

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- 3) Routine Mammogram/Ultrasound – Pay the ultrasound at 100% in conjunction with the Mammogram. This is very common to have Ultrasound with Mammogram.
- 4) Secondary Coverage – Have SMPSB plan pay as secondary to primary coverage without requirement of pre-certification. Most physician offices won't call both and it is not required for Medicare Retirees.
- 5) Routine scheduled services should be paid at 100% even with diagnosis – Per stated guidelines (i.e. Bone Scan, Colonoscopy, Mammogram)

ABSENT: Ms. Johnson

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

Head Start Policy Council recommendations:

- a) PC Minutes 06/13/2022
- b) New Hire Recommendations
- c) Eligibility Selection Criteria
- d) 2021-2022 Disability Waiver Request

OPPOSED: Mr. Knott and Mr. Hebert

ABSENT: Ms. Johnson

On the motion of Ms. Vital, seconded by Mr. Foti, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a loan up to \$18,000 to the Cecilia High School Band for the purchase of uniforms.

ABSENT: Ms. Johnson

On the motion of Ms. Vital, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved securing the old Cecilia Football Stadium during school hours.

ABSENT: Ms. Johnson

Consider and/or approve the site for a cell tower on the Cecilia Primary property was tabled until next month.

The Board Member's request regarding National Serve Day on July 16, 2022 for Our Savior's Church was removed from the agenda.

The Board discussed the following:

- a) School board issues
- b) School Safety
- c) Use of school board vehicles

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

ABSENT: Ms. Johnson

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

ABSENT: Ms. Johnson

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding the appeal for the group health claim.

ABSENT: Ms. Johnson

The appeal regarding extracurricular activities was tabled.

No action was necessary for the pending litigation entitled Thomas, et. al vs. St. Martin Parish School Board, et. al, Civil Action No. 6:65-cv-11314 on the docket of the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

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

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SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT