

**ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**AUGUST 15, 2022 – 4:00 P.M.**

**BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA**

**MINUTES**

The St. Martin Parish School Board met this day 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 Johnson.

ABSENT: None

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

The President acknowledged the Public Participation card that was filled out and allowed Ms. Elleanor Batiste to speak concerning 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. Clay, seconded by Mr. Foti, and unanimously carried, the Board went into Executive Session.

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

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to allow counsel to explain the ruling from the Fifth Circuit.

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and carried, the Board approved to have the School Board staff and our attorneys prepare a resolution that sets out the intentions of this Board to gather community input, study possible strategies, to implement reasonable, feasible and workable remedies that include the re-opening of Catahoula Elementary School. The School Board also authorizes appellate counsel to seek rehearing and rehearing en banc if appellate counsel deems it is the appropriate strategy.

OPPOSED: Ms. Vital, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. Knott

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

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