

# ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

## MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:50 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 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.

The Early Learning Center staff members, were recognized as the August Employees of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
  - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of August 3, 2022
  - 2) Regular Meeting of August 3, 2022
  - 3) Special Meeting of August 15, 2022
- b) Resolutions indicating the authorized signatures on the school accounts for Breaux Bridge Primary, Cecilia Primary, Parks Primary, Breaux Bridge Elementary, Breaux Bridge Junior High, Cecilia Junior High, and St. Martinville Junior High
- c) Policy revisions for inclusion in the St. Martin Parish School Board Policy Manual:
  - 1) DJED, Bids and Quotations
  - 2) GBDA, Employment of Retired Personnel
  - 3) GBN, Dismissal of Employees
  - 4) GBRID, Military Leave
  - 5) JBCE, Public School Choice
  - 6) JGCE, Child Abuse
  - 7) LEH, Patriotic Organizations
- d) Policy: File IDFA: Special Education Advisory Council (attached as Exhibit A)
- e) Changes to the 2022-2023 Pupil Progression Handbook, Teacher Information Handbook, Curriculum and Instruction Handbook, and Response to Intervention Handbook
- f) Amending the 2022-2023 calendar by moving the October 25, 2022 Professional Development Day to November 8, 2022
- g) Revised contract for Speech Therapy Services for the 2022-2023 school year
- h) Continuing the District Attorney's Early Intervention Program and Truancy Assessment Service Center
- i) Renewal of board resolution to conduct and negotiate contracts with Greenway Health, Change Healthcare, Alpha II, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Louisiana Clinical Services, United Way of Acadiana, all Medicaid health plans, and all commercial health insurance plans
- j) Crisis Response Policy for the 2022-2023 school year
- k) Proclamations/Resolutions: (attached as Exhibit B)
  - 1) Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week, September 11-17, 2022
  - 2) Character Counts Week, October 17-21, 2022

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- l) Extra pay for St. Martinville High's sporting events (ticket sellers, basketball coaches, cafeteria & custodial workers)

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

- a) Head Start Policy Council Meeting agenda item:
  - 1) HS Staff Supplement
- b) Request for Industrial Tax Exemption for Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc.
- c) Request for Industrial Tax Exemption for Processors LLC
- d) Authorizing staff to proceed with the design and bid phase of the Cecilia High Gym Roof Project
- e) Table the item regarding the creation of four positions in the maintenance department for the purpose of cutting grass at the campuses throughout the district until the January Board meeting
- f) Group Health Plan Changes
- g) Table the item regarding the purchase of four maintenance trucks for grass cutting crews, piggybacking off of the City of Alexandria, until the next meeting so staff can come back with a recommendation

OPPOSED: Mr. Knott

Mr. Stuart Gauthier, County Agent, and staff members presented the LSU AgCenter Annual Report to the Board.

Discussion and/or action concerning special counsel resolution will be discussed after Executive Session.

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

- a) PC Minutes 08/22/22
- b) New Hire Recommendations
- c) Anaphylaxis and Stock Epinephrine Policy for Early Childcare Centers

OPPOSED: Mr. Knott and Mr. Hebert

ABSTAINED: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Knott, and carried, the Board approved the site for a cell tower on the Cecilia Primary property and the use of general fund money to reimburse the Cecilia area bond funds for the purchase of the property.

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Knott, and carried, the Board approved a policy regarding the use of school board vehicles for travel to and from work.

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital

The Board heard a Citizen's Request by Celeste Latiolais, Peggy Feehan, and Will McGrew regarding the reopening of Catahoula Elementary School.

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Board Member Floyd Knott requested information about signs on school board property on Grand Point Road.

Mr. Knott made comments regarding Catahoula Elementary School.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Clay, and carried, the Board authorized staff to hire discipline and magnet school consultants.

OPPOSED: Mr. Knott and Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Foti, and carried, the Board approved the desegregation resolution.

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Foti, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the special counsel resolution increasing the hourly rate to \$175.00.

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

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PRESIDENT