

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2023 – 5:00 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, Jimmy Durio, Russel C. Foti, Mike Clay, Frederic Stelly, Marlin d’Augereau, Mark Hebert, Mrs. Wanda B. Vital and Ms. Edna Johnson.

ABSENT: Mr. Steve Fuselier

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 cards that were filled out and allowed Ms. Elleanor Batiste and Ms. Celeste Latiolais 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. Foti, seconded by Mrs. Vital, and unanimously carried, the Board went into Executive Session.

ABSENT: Mr. Fuselier

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

ABSENT: Mr. Fuselier

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Durio, and carried, the Board approved to reopen Catahoula Elementary School as it was at the time of closure: a PK-5 school. The attendance zone boundaries would be the same as they were with no additional changes.

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital

ABSENT: Mr. Fuselier

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following with regards to Majority-to-Minority Transfers:

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- a) The School Board will continue offering M-to-M transfers.
- b) The School Board will not require that M-to-M transfer applications be notarized.
- c) All applications for students who qualify for an M-to-M will be granted.
- d) The School Board will continue to encourage M-to-M transfers.

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and carried, the Board approved not to accept Flexible Attendance Zones.

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital

ABSENT: Mr. Fuselier

On the motion of Mrs. Vital, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Magnet Programs at St. Martinville Primary and the Early Learning Center based upon the orders of the courts and citizen's requests. The renaming of the schools will be determined at a later date.

ABSENT: Mr. Fuselier

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT