

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MAY 3, 2023

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:20 P.M. at the Administrative Office with the following members present: Messrs. Russel C. Foti, President, Steve Fuselier, Jimmy Durio, Mike Clay, Richard Potier, Frederic Stelly, Marlin d'Augereau, Mark Hebert, Mrs. Wanda B. Vital and Ms. Edna M. Johnson.

ABSENT: None

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

Ms. Angel deLaunay, Behavioral Interventionist at Breaux Bridge Primary, was recognized as the April Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of April 5, 2023
 - 2) Regular Meeting of April 5, 2023
 - 3) Special Meeting of April 19, 2023
- b) 2023-2024 School Board Meeting Dates (attached as Exhibit A)
- c) Closure of the School Board administrative offices on Monday, July 3, 2023 due to the observance of the July 4th holiday
- d) Letter of Assurance of Continued Employment as envisioned by ACT 745 of 1977
- e) Revisions to the Virtual Learning Policy
- f) 2023 Summer School Program Handbook
- g) Transferring the two campsite leases from Mr. Jerry Westmoreland to Mr. Charles Leonard
- h) Transferring a campsite lease in Belle River from Mr. Greg Theriot to Mr. Ray Theriot
- i) Renewal of contract with St. Martin Hospital for Medical Director services for the 3 School-Based Health Centers
- j) Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between the Louisiana Department of Health/Office of Public Health and St. Martin Parish School Board
- k) Advertisement of the Extended School Year Services (ESYS), Summer of 2023
- l) Policy revisions for inclusion in the St. Martin Parish School Board Policy Manual: (attached as Exhibit B)
 - 1) Use of Accumulated Sick Days
 - 2) Employment of Reach University students
- m) Employment recommendations for Virtual Academic 2023 Summer School

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

- a) Head Start Policy Council Meeting agenda items:
 - 1) Finance Reports
 - 2) COLA and QI updated application
 - 3) Use of ARP supplement funds for classroom cameras/doorway entry systems

- b) Give the Superintendent and staff authorization to accept the lighting projects (replace the football stadium lights and upgrade the lights on the baseball and softball fields) and the drainage projects at Breaux Bridge High School, and also look at the safety issues around the parish and come back at the June meeting with recommendations
- c) Parish Wide HVAC projects
- d) Awarding the Cecilia High School Roof project to the low bidder, Morcore Roofing, in the amount of \$668,250
- e) Ability to maneuver \$100,000 of the Cecilia Area bond funds

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Durio, and carried, the Board approved the following Head Start Policy Council recommendations:

- a) PC Minutes 04/24/2023
- b) New Hire Recommendations
- c) MOU Unplanned Pregnancy Center

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

ABSTAINED: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. d'Augereau, and carried, the Board approved Option 1 with regard to the St. Martin Parish COVID-19 guidelines.

OPPOSED: Mr. Potier

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Mrs. Vital, and carried, the Board approved to do a study on office space before extending in any other direction.

ABSTAINED: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to go into Executive Session.

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Stelly, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to come out of Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Clay and seconded by Mr. Durio to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding Student A.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Potier and seconded by Mrs. Vital to give the student a nine (9) day out-of-school suspension then return to his/her regular school setting.

The substitute motion was then voted on with a result as follows:

FOR: Mr. Fuselier, Mrs. Vital, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Potier, and Mr. d'Augereau

OPPOSED: Mr. Durio, Mr. Foti, Mr. Clay, Mr. Stelly, and Mr. Hebert

The vote was tied, therefore, the motion failed.

The original motion was then voted on and carried, as follows:

FOR: Ms. Johnson, Mr. Durio, Mr. Foti, Mr. Clay, Mr. Stelly, Mr. d’Augereau, and Mr. Hebert

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital and Mr. Potier

ABSTAINED: Mr. Fuselier

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Durio, and carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding Student B.

OPPOSED: Mr. Potier

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Potier, and carried, the Board approved to follow counsel’s recommendation regarding desegregation fees.

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT