

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 19, 2023 – 2:00 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. Russel C. Foti, President, Jimmy Durio, Mike Clay, Richard Potier, Frederic Stelly, Marlin d’Augereau, and Mark Hebert.

ABSENT: Mr. Steve Fuselier, Ms. Edna Johnson, and Mrs. Wanda B. Vital

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Fuselier, Ms. Johnson, and Mrs. Vital

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

ABSENT: Mr. Fuselier and Ms. Johnson

A motion was made by Mr. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Potier to approve the following statement to be presented to the Court in its desegregation case:

On May 11, 2023, after considering the settlement proposal presented to the Board regarding attendance zone lines for Breaux Bridge, Parks, Cecilia, and St. Martinville on a PK-8 basis, the Board voted to approve a substitution motion “to adjust the lines in the St. Martinville, Parks, and Catahoula area to make us in compliance for PK-8.” The Board intended for this vote to be a counter offer for its legal counsel to present to the United States and Plaintiffs in its desegregation case. The Board was not voting to make unilateral decision on its attendance zones. The Board understands and is aware that any attendance zone changes must be approved by the Court during the pendency of its desegregation case.

A substitute motion was made by Mrs. Vital and seconded by Mr. Durio to reconsider and rescind the May 11, 2023 substitute motion approved by the Board, and to agree to enter into the full settlement agreement, as presented to the Board on May 11, 2023 in the original motion to approve settlement, regarding attendance zone lines for Breaux Bridge, Parks, Cecilia, and

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St. Martinville for grades PK-8 with no changes to the proposal regarding the original presented motion; and, to authorize the Superintendent and Legal Counsel to negotiate and enter into terms for a consent order for these attendance zone modifications. The substitute motion was then voted on and failed, as follows:

FOR: Mrs. Vital, Mr. Durio, and Mr. Clay

OPPOSED: Mr. Foti, Mr. Potier, Mr. Stelly, Mr. d’Augereau, and Mr. Hebert

ABSENT: Mr. Fuselier and Ms. Johnson

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

FOR: Mr. Foti, Mr. Potier, Mr. Stelly, Mr. d’Augereau, and Mr. Hebert

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital, Mr. Durio, and Mr. Clay

ABSENT: Mr. Fuselier and Ms. Johnson

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT