

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

JUNE 7, 2023

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:30 P.M. at the Administrative Office with the following members present: Messrs. Russel C. Foti, President, Steve Fuselier, Jimmy Durio, Mike Clay, Richard Potier, Marlin d'Augereau, Mark Hebert, Mrs. Wanda B. Vital and Ms. Edna M. Johnson.

ABSENT: Mr. Frederic Stelly

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

Mr. Wiltz presented the 2022/2023 Education Major Scholarships to the following:

Carrington Huval, 2023 Cecilia High Graduate
Andre Brown, 2023 Breaux Bridge High Graduate
Mariana George, 2023 St. Martinville Senior High Graduate

Andrea Broussard, Graduation Coach, was recognized as the May Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

Consider and/or approve request for waiver of sales tax penalties (5) was removed from the consent agenda.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of May 3, 2023
 - 2) Regular Meeting of May 3, 2023
 - 3) Special Meeting of May 11, 2023
 - 4) Special Meeting of May 19, 2023
 - 5) Special Meeting of May 30, 2023
- b) Teche News as Official Journal for the 2023-2024 school session
- c) Renewing the campsite lease for Misty Vaughn and Kristin Bryant
- d) St. Martin Parish Personnel Evaluation Program (Bulletin 130)
- e) Payment for After-Care Programs for the 2023-2024 School Term
- f) Payment for Breaux Bridge High's Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
- g) Payment for Breaux Bridge High's Assistant Softball Coach
- h) Payment for Cecilia High's Assistant Track Coaches

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request for waiver of sales tax penalties (5).

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

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

- a) Head Start Policy Council Meeting agenda items:
 - 1) Finance Reports
 - 2) Updated salary schedules
 - 3) Updated annual hours for Family Service Manager and Education Manager
- b) Renewal of contracts for Workers Comp TPA and Loss Control Services through LoCA
- c) Renewal of Revenue Recovery Group, Inc. Professional Services Agreement for Sales Tax Audits
- d) Paying summer pay to 1 additional coach at Cecilia Junior High
- e) Student Accident Insurance renewal proposal in the amount of \$111,213 submitted by Bollinger Specialty Group
- f) Earmarking state funds for the 4-H Program
- g) Increase the June sales tax supplement from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for all employees
- h) To go with the original plan and look into funding to approve Alternates 1 and 2 for the Food Service Building

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

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

- a) PC Minutes 05/22/2023
- b) Head Start Calendar 23-24
- c) New Hire Recommendation

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved placing local students with our custodians for a summer work program sponsored by Acadiana Workforce Solutions.

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by d'Augereau, and carried, the Board approved moving graduation to Saturday, May 18, 2024 for the 2023-2024 school year.

ABSTAINED: Mr. Potier

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

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

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

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

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved counsel's recommendation regarding the pending litigation entitled Thomas, et. al vs.

St. Martin Parish School Board, as follows:

- a) Approve the revised language for the proposed Consent Order regarding St. Martinville Zone Magnet School and District-Wide Transfer Programs negotiated by counsel as well as recommended by the Court in its entirety;
- b) Clarify that the Board had previously approved the following language in the proposed consent order: "articulating the theme in the magnet schools' curricular and extracurricular programs", but mistakenly believed during its last vote that this was a new term, and direct counsel to withdraw objections related to this language that the Board previously and now continues to approve;
- c) After further consideration and with the understanding that Section J "geographic transfer zones" and Section K "transition assistance for Majority-to-Minority transfers and students reassigned as a result of attendance changes" will be contained in a separate order, authorize counsel to agree to sever Sections J and K from the proposed Consent Order."

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

A motion was made by Mr. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Fuselier to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding Student B.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Potier and seconded by Mrs. Vital to allow Student B to participate in extracurricular activities after 45 days. The substitute motion was then voted on with a result as follows:

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

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

ABSTAINED: Mr. Fuselier

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

The vote was tied, therefore, the motion failed.

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

FOR: Mr. Fuselier, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Durio, Mr. Foti, Mr. Clay, Mr. D'Augereau, and Mr. Hebert

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital and Mr. Potier

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

The Board heard from Dr. Phyllis Griffard, the President of the Acadiana Native Plant Project, regarding the request to acquire 2-acre property at 1046 Main Hwy. in Arnaudville. The Board requested for staff to research, get property appraisal, and report back to the Board.

On the motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Durio, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT