

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SEPTEMBER 6, 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, 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. Frederick Wiltz, Superintendent, opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Victoria Sinegal, Student Data Analyst, was recognized as the August Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of August 2, 2023
 - 2) Regular Meeting of August 2, 2023
 - 3) Special Meeting of August 10, 2023
- b) Policy revisions for inclusion in the St. Martin Parish School Board Policy Manual: (attached as Exhibit A)
 - 1) BCAD, Teleconference/Remote Participation in School Board Meetings
 - 2) BCBI, Public Participation in School Board Meetings
 - 3) JBD, Student Absences and Excuses
 - 4) EBBB, School and Student Safety
 - 5) JDA, Corporal Punishment
 - 6) EDCA, Carpool and Bus Line Safety
- c) Changes to the 2023-2024 Pupil Progression Handbook, Teacher Information Handbook, Curriculum and Instruction Handbook, and Response to Intervention Handbook
- d) School spirit day where students and staff can pay \$1.00 to wear a spirit shirt with all proceeds going to St. Jude’s Children Hospital
- e) Crisis Response Policy for the 2023-2024 school year
- f) Proclamations/Resolutions: (attached as Exhibit B)
 - 1) Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week, September 10-16, 2023
 - 2) Character Counts Week, October 16-20, 2023
- g) Payment for Breaux Bridge High’s Cheerleading Coach for Summer, 2023
- h) Payment for Breaux Bridge High’s Boys Basketball Coach 2022/2023 School Year

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

- a) Head Start Policy Council Meeting agenda item:
 - 1) Finance Reports (Official COLA award letter)
 - 2) Budget Revision
 - 3) Advertisement for Part Time Floaters

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- b) Authorization for the Superintendent and Bond Committee to accept the low bidder for the Food Service Warehouse
- c) 2023-2024 Salary Schedules

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

The Board discussed the proposal for a Cell Tower at the Early Learning Center.

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

- a) Enrollment Reports
- b) Director's Report
- c) New Hire Recommendations
- d) School Readiness Goals
- e) Behavior Guidance and Discipline Plan
- f) Updated Early Head Start Teacher/Caregiver Job Description
- g) Organizational Chart 2023-2024

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

ABSTAINED: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to keep a 10-year lease, including a clause giving a 6-month notice to opt out, for the 2-acre property at 1046 Main Hwy in Arnaudville (Acadiana Native Plant Project).

The Board discussed Mr. Clay's request to allow students in St. Martin Parish Schools to wear shorts, effective immediately. Staff will review the policy and report back to the Board at the October meeting.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. d'Augereau, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Discipline Policy for the 2023-2024 school term.

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Stelly, and carried, the Board approved to authorize the Superintendent and legal counsel to negotiate terms, and return to the Board for approval, of an agreement in the desegregation case to align the high school attendance zones with the negotiated elementary and middle school zones, specifically aligning the attendance zone line between Breaux Bridge and St. Martinville as reflected in the high school zone map

labeled “St. Martin Parish School Board High School 5-11 Proposal,” which shall be attached to the Minutes (attached as Exhibit C).

OPPOSED: Mr. Durio

ABSTAINED: Mr. Hebert

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT