

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

OCTOBER 4, 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. Frederick Wiltz, Superintendent, opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

St. Martin Food Service Managers, Technicians and Warehouse Staff, were recognized as the September Employees of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

The following candidates appeared before the Board announcing their candidacy:

Pete Delcambre, Parish President
Cy Savoy, Clerk of Court

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, 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 September 6, 2023
 - 2) Regular Meeting of September 6, 2023
 - 3) Special Meeting of September 22, 2023
- b) Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Henderson and St. Martin Parish School Board
- c) Memorandum of Understanding between Vermillion Behavioral Health Systems and St. Martin Parish School-Based Health Centers
- d) Memorandum of Understanding between Foundation for Wellness and St. Martin Parish School Board
- e) Policy revisions for inclusion in the St. Martin Parish School Board Policy Manual: (attached as Exhibit A)
 - 1) DC and DID, Annual Operating Budget and Audits
 - 2) BCBK, Executive Sessions
 - 3) EBBI, Public Health Emergency
 - 4) EBCB, Video/Audio Monitoring of School Board Property
- f) Fall Break (October 23) for all school board employees
- g) Proclamation designating October 22-28, 2023 as Red Ribbon Week (attached as Exhibit B)

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) \$1,500 October Supplement
 - 3) Updated Training Costs Agreement

October 4, 2023 - MINUTES

Page 2 of 3

- 4) Shine Early Learning Services Contract
- b) Not enforcing a penalty for Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc. ITEP Non-Compliance
- c) The addition of a 9-month counselor position

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. d'Augereau, and carried, the Board

approved the Head Start Policy Council recommendations:

- a) Enrollment Reports
- b) New Hire Recommendations
- c) Mental/Behavioral Health Consultant
- d) MOU Louisiana Lions Club
- e) MOU St. Martin Parish Library
- f) MOU Breaux Bridge Housing Authority

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

ABSTAINED: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. d'Augereau, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the proposal for a Cell Tower at the Early Learning Center.

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and carried, the Board approved allowing all students in St. Martin Parish Schools to wear shorts, effective the 2024-2025 school year.

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert, Mr. Durio, Mr. Potier, and Mr. d'Augereau

Board President Russel C. Foti handed the gavel over to Vice President Mark Hebert to handle the meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and carried, the Board went into Executive Session.

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital and Mr. Potier

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

No action was necessary for the following items discussed in Executive Session:

- a) Removal of District V Board Member as Board President for violating policy
- b) Closure of Catahoula, immediately, forever
- c) Duties of President and Vice-President

Vice President Mark Hebert handed the gavel over to Board President Russel Foti to handle the meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Board went into Executive Session.

October 4, 2023 - MINUTES

Page 3 of 3

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

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mrs. Vital, and carried, the Board approved to allow the student discussed in Executive Session to return back to school on October 12, 2023.

OPPOSED: Mr. Clay

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. d'Augereau, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to authorize the Superintendent and legal counsel to enter into the revised Consent Order Regarding Student Attendance Zones, negotiated with the Private Plaintiffs and the United States in the School Board's pending desegregation case, which modifies attendance zones in the Parks, St. Martinville, and Breaux Bridge attendance zones, as reflected in the Elementary, Middle/Junior High, and High School zone maps, that shall be attached to these Minutes (attached as Exhibit C).

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. d'Augereau, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to authorize the Superintendent and legal counsel to solicit public feedback to change the names of the Early Learning Center and St. Martinville Primary to reflect the new magnet schools that will be coming online for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT