

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

DECEMBER 6, 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, and Ms. Edna M. Johnson.

ABSENT: Mrs. Wanda B. Vital

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.

Kyli Romero, Senior Bookkeeper, was recognized as the November Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

Consider and/or approve Magnet Consulting Contract as required by the Magnet Grant was added to the agenda.

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

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 November 1, 2023
 - 2) Regular Meeting of November 1, 2023
- b) Request for permission to call for bids on tires
- c) Payment for Cecilia High's Cross-Country Coach, 2023-2024 season

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Stelly, and unanimously carried, consider and/or recommend action with regard to Cecilia High School Baseball borrowing funds for renovations was added to the Finance Committee recommendations.

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

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

- 1) Head Start Policy Council Meeting agenda items:
 - a) Finance Reports
 - b) 1303 Applications/Amendments (BB Relocation)
 - c) Additional Position LPN/Family Advocate
 - d) Position 12 Month Custodian Braided Funds

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- 2) Awarding the Breaux Bridge High School Chiller Replacement project to the low bidder, Bernhard, in the amount of \$74,900 and to use parishwide funds for the remaining balance
- 3) Cecilia High School Baseball borrowing funds for renovations

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Mr. Durio, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in St. Martin Parish School District, Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

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

- a) PC Minutes 10/30/2023
- b) New Hire Recommendations

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

ABSTAINED: Mr. Stelly

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried, the Board approved the contract for Policy 360 the Policy Updating Service, Forethought Consulting, Inc.

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Magnet Consulting Contract as required by the Magnet Grant.

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

Board Member Mark Hebert expressed concerns regarding the usage of parish vehicles.

Members of the New Iberia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. introduced themselves to the Board.

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Durio, and carried, the Board approved to allow Student A to return to his/her regular school setting due to lack of evidence.

OPPOSED: Mr. Fuselier

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

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

OPPOSED: Mr. Fuselier and Mr. Potier

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

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

- a) Pending litigation entitled Thomas, et. al vs. St. Martin Parish School Board, et. al, Civil Action No. 6:65-cv-11314 on the docket of the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT