

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

FEBRUARY 7, 2024

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:15 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.

The Board honored the 2023-2024 Students of the Year. Parish winners were:

Harper Dugas, Parks Middle, 5th Grade
Tristin Fontnette, Parks Middle, 8th Grade
Chloe Tanner, Breaux Bridge High School, 12th Grade

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mrs. Vital, and unanimously carried, consider and/or approve request for Testers Only Day (10th & 11th graders) at the three high schools for the 2024 State ACT Testing Day (March 12th) was added to the consent agenda.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of January 10, 2024
 - 2) Regular Meeting of January 10, 2024
- b) Request for permission to call for bids on Janitorial Products
- c) Recommendation of the administration for the acceptance of bids on tires to Southern Tire Mart in the approximate amount of \$72,585.20
- d) Revisions to Policy: File JGCD: Administration of Medication on Field Trips and other Extra-Curricular Activities (attached as Exhibit A)
- e) A virtual learning day for Cecilia High School on April 24, 2024 as they are hosting the Regional Track Meet
- f) Request for Testers Only Day (10th & 11th graders) at the three high schools for the 2024 State ACT Testing Day (March 12th)

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

- a) Head Start Policy Council Meeting agenda items:
 - 1) Update to Facilities Project
 - 2) \$750 Staff Supplement in March using Head Start Supplement Funds
- b) Accepting Tax Compliance & Recovery's New Audit Contract
- c) Math Textbook Adoption
- d) A \$1,000 sign on bonus for certified teachers who commit to employment at the St. Martin Early STEAM Academy or the St. Martin STEAM Academy

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Educator's Rising students made a presentation to the Board.

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

- a) PC Minutes 12/18/2023
- b) New Hire Recommendations
- c) Community Needs Assessment
- d) MOU: Winters Mental Health and Consulting

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

ABSTAINED: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Potier, and unanimously carried, the
Board approved the Louisiana School Teacher Retiree Return to Work Resolution (attached as
Exhibit B).

The Board heard a Citizen's Request by Brittany Guidry regarding the cell phone policy.

Board Member Wanda B. Vital discussed the following:

- a) Food Service Building
- b) Magnet School Building

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. d'Augereau, 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.

No action was necessary for the 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. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Stelly, and unanimously carried, the
Board adjourned.

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT