

# **ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**AUGUST 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, 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.

Lincoln Wiltz, Alan Porter, and Prenella Guilliame, Early Learning Center Custodians, were recognized as the July Employees of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

The following items were removed from the agenda:

- a) Discussion and action regarding the litigation entitled "Chad Dupuis vs. St. Martin Parish School Board et al, Case No. 09212, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana" (Executive Session)
- b) Discuss the St. Martinville Magnet Schools (Board Member's Request – Vital)

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, 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 July 3, 2024
  - 2) Regular Meeting of July 3, 2024
- b) 2024-2025 Student and Parent Handbook
- c) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Louisiana at Monroe
- d) Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between St. Martin Parish School Board and Foundation for Wellness
- e) 2024-2025 Behavioral Health Services Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- f) Policy revisions for inclusion in the St. Martin Parish School Board Policy Manual:
  - 1) JBE, Truancy
  - 2) JD, Discipline
  - 3) JDD/JDE, Suspension and Expulsion
  - 4) IDCH/IDE/IDFA, Home Study and Co-Curricular and Extra Curricular Activities
  - 5) JGCE, Child Abuse
  - 6) JCDAE, Student Use of Electronic Devices
  - 7) EBA/GAMA/JCDAA, Tobacco

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

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

- a) Head Start Policy Council Meeting agenda items:
  - 1) 2024-2025 Salary Schedules
  - 2) New Hires

- 3) 2024-2025 Program Goals
- 4) Winters Mental Health Consultant Services Contract
- b) The following schedule for Sales Tax Supplements for 2024-2025. In addition to these supplements, a one-time stipend from the state will be paid in September, \$2,000 for professionals and \$1,000 for paraprofessionals.
  - October – Professionals \$1,000 and Paraprofessionals \$1,000
  - November – Professionals \$1,000 and Paraprofessionals \$715
  - January – Professionals \$1,000 and Paraprofessionals \$1,000
  - March – Professionals \$1,000 and Paraprofessionals \$1,000
  - May – Professionals \$1,000 and Paraprofessionals \$715
  - June – Professionals \$1,000 and Paraprofessionals \$1,000
- c) Contribution to St. Martin Economic Development Authority (SMEDA) in the amount of \$29,055.60 for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025
- d) Rejecting all bids for the Teche Elementary School Restroom and Storage Building project
- e) Awarding the Cecilia Jr. High Security Upgrade project in the amount of \$123,500 and the Career Center Security Upgrade project in the amount of \$140,000 to the low bidder, Acadiane Renovations, LTD
- f) Awarding the Virtual Center Limestone Parking project to the low quoter, MMJ Properties & Aggregates, in the amount of \$63,692

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Public Hearing was opened and closed.

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Mr. Hebert, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Finance Committee recommendation for adoption of budget for General and Special Revenue Funds for the year ending June 30, 2025.

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

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

- a) New Hires
- b) 2024-2025 Program Goals with objectives

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

Board Member Mark Hebert expressed concerns regarding the use and pay for resource officers at extracurricular events and requested for staff to revisit.

Mrs. Wanda B. Vital discussed the following:

- a) Parishwide projects
- b) Bus routes
- c) Superintendent's Evaluation

No action was necessary for the following:

- 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
- b) Appeals – Expulsion

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

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SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT