

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 5:00 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, Mrs. Wanda B. Vital, and Ms. Edna M. Johnson.

ABSENT: Mr. Mark Hebert

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.

Kelli Alexander, CP Librarian, Alicia Breaux, PM Librarian, Corrina Narcisse, BBE Librarian, and Althea Dalcourt, TE Secretary, were recognized as the August Employees of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of August 7, 2024
 - 2) Regular Meeting of August 7, 2024
- b) Memorandum of Understanding between Parks Community Support Service, Inc. and St. Martin Parish School System for the LifeSkills Training Program
- c) Changes to the 2024-2025 Pupil Progression Handbook, Teacher Information Handbook, Curriculum and Instruction Handbook, and Response to Intervention Handbook
- d) Act 260-Numeracy professional learning schedule
- e) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Medically Necessary Behavioral Health Services
- f) Establishment of dedicated and official social media groups intended to enhance communication and support for district groups which are managed by the district
- g) Temporary Access and Acknowledgement Agreement with Shell Pipeline Company LP
- h) Policy revisions for inclusion in the St. Martin Parish School Board Policy Manual:
 - 1) JGCD, Administration of Medication
 - 2) JGCFA, Behavioral Health Services for Students
 - 3) GBA, Employment Contracts and Compensation
 - 4) JDA, Corporal Punishment
 - 5) JGCB, Immunizations
 - 6) BCBB, Notification of School Board Meetings
 - 7) BBBC, School Board Member Continuing Education
 - 8) ABCB, Qualifications for School Board Members
 - 9) GBRIB, Sick Leave
 - 10) JGC, Student Health Services
- i) Crisis Response Policy for the 2024-2025 school year
- j) Proclamations/Resolutions: (attached as Exhibit A)
 - 1) Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week, September 8-14, 2024
 - 2) Character Counts Week, October 20-26, 2024

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k) Payment for Cecilia High's Football Coaches 2024-2025

ABSENT: Mr. Hebert

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

- a) Accept the following group health plan changes: (OPPOSED: Mr. Potier)
 - 1) All GLP-1 prescriptions must be filled through RX Compass effective 10/1/24 – members currently on these medications will be receiving correspondence from Liviniti on this change
 - 2) Changes to deductibles, maximum out of pocket expenses, and copays effective 01/01/25
- b) Transferring \$750,000 from the general fund to the group health fund to offset the past 3 years of deficit spending in the group health plan effective immediately (OPPOSED: Mr. Potier)
- c) Proposed Group Health Rates, as follows:
 - 1) Increasing group health premiums by 10% for both the employee/retiree share and the board share effective 01/01/25
 - 2) Renewal of UHC rate of \$345 per retiree effective 01/01/25
- d) Loan SMSH and SMJH Band \$42,000 for band equipment
- e) Loan BBHS Track \$58,000 for equipment
- f) E-Rate Request for Proposals Category 2 Products and Services
- g) Residents' Incentive Program

ABSENT: Mr. Hebert

Parish President Pete Delcambre made a presentation to the Board regarding the tax renewal.

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

Ms. Laura Gilliland made a presentation to the Board regarding the Kiwanis Club of Breaux Bridge.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Hebert

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

ABSENT: None

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Clay, and carried, the Board approved to abolish the position of Maintenance Supply Emergency Technician.

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital, Mr. Potier, and Ms. Johnson

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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. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT