



## **MEETING MINUTES**

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### **Attendance**

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#### **Voting Members**

Guienzy Brent, Board Member  
Lindsey Anslem, Board Member  
Debra Jones, Board Member  
Ginger Griffin, Board Member  
Marilyn LaSalle, Board Member  
Chad Paradee, Board Member  
Alaina Black, Board Member - President  
Andrew Mancuso, Board Member  
Rhonda Dennis, Board Member  
Lawrence Guillory, Board Member

#### **Absent Members**

Tammie Moore, Vice President

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### **I. Meeting Called to Order (Mrs. Black)**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Black.

#### **1. Roll Call (Dr. Fegenbush)**

The roll call was conducted by Dr. Fegenbush.

### **II. Opening of Regular Meeting**

The St. Mary Parish School Board met in regular session on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana for the following purposes and to take whatever actions necessary. The meeting may be viewed online at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnZ1z15loF\\_FZnVcBe09cRQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnZ1z15loF_FZnVcBe09cRQ)

#### **1. Invocation (Mr. Holmes)**

Due to the absence of Mr. Holmes, the invocation was provided by Ms. Estay.

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America (Mrs. Black)**

President Black led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### **III. Appearances**

#### **1. Recognition of newly appointed positions (Ms. Estay)**

Ms. Estay recognized the newly appointed positions as follows:

- Mrs. Sarah Olivier as the LaGrange Elementary Dean of Students.
- Mrs. Kendra Thomas as the Raintree Elementary Assistant Principal.
- Mrs. Christina Harrison as the Federal Program Liaison.

**2. Recognition of Support Personnel of the Year-State Winner. (Ms. Estay)**

Ms. Estay recognized Ms. Donella Wagner, a custodian at Raintree Elementary as the 2025 Louisiana Outstanding School Support Employee of the Year.

**IV. Approval of Amended Agenda (Mrs. Black)**

There was no amended agenda.

**V. Approval of Official School Board Minutes (Mrs. Black)**

**1. Regular Meeting: May 8, 2025**

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the official school board minutes from the regular school board meeting held on May 8, 2025, as presented.

Motion made by: Rhonda Dennis

Motion seconded by: Marilyn LaSalle

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**VI. Approval of Consent Agenda (Mrs. Black)**

President Black stated that board members can remove any of the items on the consent agenda for further discussion in the regular proceedings. Dr. Fegenbush read aloud the items on the consent agenda.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the following consent agenda as presented by Dr. Fegenbush.

Motion made by: Andrew Mancuso

Motion seconded by: Marilyn LaSalle

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

- 1. \*Award Bids: Child Nutrition Department Items: Juice, Milk, Produce, Dry and Canned Foods, Frozen Foods and Meat, Paper and Cleaning, Small Kitchen Equipment. (Ms. Chaisson)**
- 2. \*Approve a newspaper to serve as the official journal for the school board for the year commencing July 1, 2025. (Mrs. Voisin)**

**VII. Business Affairs**

**1. Receive Group Health Insurance Premium to Claims Summary Report (Mr. James Perez)**

Mr. James Perez of DJW Insurance provided the Board with an updated Premium to Claims Summary through May 2025 on the Group Health Insurance Plan. He reported that there was a favorable month with \$1,114,019 in premiums and \$841,446 of claims paid out. The loss ratio for May was 75.5 percent, and year-to-date, under 81 percent. For the past 12 months (June 2024 to May 2025), the loss ratio has been about 90 percent, which was better than last year.

**2. Approve amended 24-25 budget. (Mrs. Voisin)**

Mrs. Voisin reported that each year, the St. Mary Parish School Board are provided with preliminary Federal Allocations in June. This value was \$14,251,062 this fiscal year. Both in November/December and again in February. Additional allocations are provided that total \$6,610,354 this fiscal year for a grand total revised FINAL "variable" Federal budget of \$20,861,416 of which have already or will spend on or before 06/30/25 except for the two grants that are allowed to carry over spending which are Title I and IDEA. It was recommended that the board adopt, as presented, the Final 24/25 budget for

these designated funds and that the board allow the final budgets for the funds to be deemed a variable budget, provided that such expenditures do not exceed those approved by the Board and/or State or Federal regulatory authorities.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the amended 24-25 budget as presented by Mrs. Voisin.

Motion made by: Rhonda Dennis

Motion seconded by: Chad Paradee

Voting:

Guienzy Brent - Yes

Lindsey Anslem - Yes

Debra Jones - Yes

Ginger Griffin - No

Marilyn LaSalle - Yes

Chad Paradee - Yes

Alaina Black - Yes

Andrew Mancuso - Yes

Rhonda Dennis - Yes

Lawrence Guillory - Yes

The motion passed with 9 votes in favor, 1 vote against, and 1 absent.

**3. Approve Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires of audit engagement entities and adopt the Resolution for audit purposes. (Mrs. Voisin)**

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires of audit engagement entities and adopt the Resolution for audit purposes, as presented by Mrs. Voisin.

Motion made by: Chad Paradee

Motion seconded by: Debra Jones

Voting:

Guienzy Brent - Yes

Lindsey Anslem - Yes

Debra Jones - Yes

Ginger Griffin - Yes

Marilyn LaSalle - Yes

Chad Paradee - Yes

Alaina Black - Yes

Andrew Mancuso - Yes

Rhonda Dennis - Yes

Lawrence Guillory - Yes

The motion passed with 10 votes in favor and 1 absent.

**4. Approve change order # 2 for the Track and Field improvements for Franklin Senior High, Patterson Senior High, and Berwick Senior High School to reduce the contract by \$7,216.25 to eliminate discus cage at Franklin Sr. High. (Mr. Wiese)**

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve change # 2 for the track and field improvements for Franklin Senior High, Patterson Senior High, and Berwick Senior High School to reduce the contract by \$7,216.25 to eliminate the discus cage at Franklin Sr. High as presented by Reid A. Miller, P.E., of Miller Engineers & Associates, Inc.

Motion made by: Lawrence Guillory

Motion seconded by: Debra Jones

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**5. Award Substantial Completion for the Track and Field improvements for Franklin Senior High, Patterson Senior High, and Berwick Senior High School. (Mr. Wiese)**

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve substantial completion of the Track and Field improvements for Franklin Senior High, Patterson Senior High, and Berwick Senior High School as presented by Reid A. Miller, P.E., of Miller Engineers & Associates, Inc.

Motion made by: Debra Jones

Motion seconded by: Marilyn LaSalle

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**6. Approve Community Eligibility Provision Participation for the 2025-2026 School Year. (Ms. Chaisson)**

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Community Eligibility Provision Participation for the 2025-2026 School Year as presented by Ms. Chaisson.

Motion made by: Marilyn LaSalle

Motion seconded by: Guienzy Brent

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**VIII. Committee Reports**

**1. The Policy Committee Meeting met on May 21, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room to discuss the following items. (Mr. Mancuso)**

Mr. Mancuso reported that the Policy Committee met on May 21, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room to discuss the Employee Dress Policy (GAMB). The committee recommended tabling the policy until the Goldbook could be reviewed to ensure alignment and consistency.

The committee also discussed the implementation process for the new policy manual within the SIMBLI platform.

Additionally, approximately 20 policies from the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) series—specifically Series 00, 100, and 200—were reviewed. These policies were submitted to Attorney Bob Hammonds for legal review.

Mr. Mancuso recommended tabling further discussion on these policies and proposed scheduling the next Policy Committee Meeting for Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., prior to the regular board meeting, in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville. This will allow committee members adequate time to review the policies in advance.

- A. Discussion and any action regarding policy GAMB**
- B. Discussion and any action on policy manual review process.**
- C. Discussion and any action regarding Louisiana School Board Association (LSBA) 00, 100, and 200 series policies**

**IX. Staff Reports**

**1. Chief Financial Officer's Report (Mrs. Voisin)**

**A. Sales Tax Update**

Mrs. Voisin reported the sales tax collections for eleven months into the fiscal year. The fiscal year-to-date sales tax collections from July through

May were 13 percent favorable, with \$2,005,000 collected in May, which was \$53,000 under budget.

**B. Financial Statements (Major Funds Only)**

The Board was provided financial statements for major funds only to review at their leisure.

**1. Consider scheduling the 2025-2026 general funds, maintenance districts, and school food service budget workshop**

The St. Mary Parish School Board 2025-2026 Budget Workshop for general funds, maintenance districts, and food service funds is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana.

**C. Other Significant Items**

There were no other significant items to report.

**X. Superintendent's Report (Dr. Fegenbush)**

Dr. Fegenbush reported that educators across the state of Louisiana attended the Teacher Leader Summit 2025, from June 10-12, at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

The St. Mary Chamber of Commerce's Annual Education Banquet was held on June 12, 2025, where principals, teachers, and students of the year were recognized. A silent auction was held to raise funds for scholarships throughout the year.

The Louisiana Public Service Commission Energy Efficiency Program provides annual funding for LED lighting upgrades to promote and reduce costs for public entities. The program is funded with a surcharge from electric bills paid by cities, parishes and other political subdivisions. Each year, school sites are selected by the Commission for participation. This year, two of the St. Mary Parish school sites have been selected. Lagrange Elementary School has been awarded a grant of \$14,076 and Paterson High School has been awarded a grant of \$381,617, which brings the total value of lighting upgrades to \$526,693 provided at no cost to the school system. These upgrades will improve lighting quality, increase energy efficiency and result in long-term cost savings.

This summer, two school board member workshops will be held to support ongoing professional development and fulfill annual training requirements. On Friday, June 27, a District-Led Workshop will focus on district goals and accountability, best practices and curriculum and intervention strategies. On Friday, July 18, representatives from the Louisiana School Board Association will lead sessions on good governance and policies. Both workshops will count towards the annual board member education hours.

**XI. Resolution of Respect (Ms. Estay)**

There were no Resolutions of Respect.

**XII. Executive Session (Mrs. Black)**

- 1. Strategy session and/or action concerning pending litigation..... As authorized by La.R.S. 42:17(A)(2), there may be an executive session to discuss strategy in litigation entitled "Boudreaux, et al vs. School Board of St. Mary Parish," bearing Civil Action No. 6:65-11351 on the docket of the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.**

A motion was made and duly seconded to enter into the Executive Session.

Motion made by: Andrew Mancuso  
Motion seconded by: Lawrence Guillory  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved

A motion was made and duly seconded to return to regular session.

Motion made by: Andrew Mancuso  
Motion seconded by: Marilyn LaSalle  
Voting:  
Unanimously approved

**XIII. Closing - Adjournment (Mrs. Black)**

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Motion made by: Andrew Mancuso  
Motion seconded by: Lindsey Anslem  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved