



MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Voting Members

Guienzy Brent, Board Member
Tammie Moore, Board Member - Vice President
Lindsey Anslem, Board Member
Marilyn LaSalle, Board Member
Alaina Black, Board Member - President
Andrew Mancuso, Board Member
Rhonda Dennis, Board Member
Lawrence Guillory, Board Member

Absent Members

Debra Jones, Board Member
Ginger Griffin, Board Member
Chad Paradee, Board Member

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, July 10, 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

1. Invocation (Mr. Holmes)

Mr. Holmes gave the Invocation.

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. Dwyla Jones as the ELA Secondary Specialist
- Mrs. Alicia Morris as the Human Resource Manager
- Mrs. Ingrid Cummings as the Pre-K/Interventions Specialist

IV. Approval of Amended Agenda (Mrs. Black)

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

1. Regular Meeting: June 12, 2025

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the official school board minutes from the regular school board meeting held on June 12, 2025, as presented.

Motion made by: Rhonda Dennis

Motion seconded by: Tammie Moore

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda (Mrs. Black)

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

Motion made by: Marilyn LaSalle

Motion seconded by: Lindsey Anslem

Voting:

Guienzy Brent - Yes

Tammie Moore - Yes

Lindsey Anslem - Yes

Marilyn LaSalle - Yes

Alaina Black - Yes

Andrew Mancuso - Yes

Rhonda Dennis - Yes

Lawrence Guillory - Yes

- 1. *Award bids for custodial supplies. (Mr. Wiese)**
- 2. *Authorize RFP or negotiation process for casualty insurance for the year commencing October 1, 2025. (LARMA)**
- 3. *Approve Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Sixteenth Judicial District Office of the District Attorney and Family Service Division for Early Intervention Programs. (Dr. Sanders)**

VII. New Business-Personnel

1. Review and approve updates to the 2025-2026 St. Mary Parish School Comprehensive Salary and Classification Goldbook. (Ms. Estay)

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve updates to the 2025-2026 St. Mary Parish School Comprehensive Salary and Classification Goldbook, as presented by Ms. Estay.

Motion made by: Rhonda Dennis

Motion seconded by: Lindsey Anslem

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

VIII. 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 June 2025 on the Group Health Insurance Plan. He reported that there was an increase in the month of June with \$1,101,217 in premiums and \$1,121,327 of claims paid out. June 2025 marked the highest monthly spend on prescription drugs, totaling \$608,000.

It was noted that the reference period for the 2026 renewal is September 2024 through August 2025. Given this, the next two months are critical. It is hoped that prescription drug spending over the next few months will return to a more sustainable level, trending toward an 85 to 90 percent loss ratio.

2. Approve student & athletic accident insurance for the year commencing August 1, 2025. (Mrs. Carmel Breaux)

Mrs. Carmel Breaux with Norris Consulting provided an overview of student and athletic accident insurance. The catastrophic coverage required by the Louisiana High School Athletic Association was included in the policy premium of \$38,500. She recommended that the Board renew the policy commencing August 1, 2025, with the current agent, Frank's Agency, and current carrier Zurich for the amount of \$38,500 for both policies. There was no increase in premiums when compared to the prior year.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the student accident insurance for the year commencing August 1, 2025, as presented by Mrs. Breaux.

Motion made by: Marilyn LaSalle

Motion seconded by: Lindsey Anslem

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

3. Approval of revisions to the 2025-2026 Pupil Progression Plan. (Dr. Percle)

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the revisions to the 2025-2026 Pupil Progression Plan, as presented by Dr. Kristin Percle.

Motion made by: Lindsey Anslem

Motion seconded by: Guienzy Brent

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

4. Permission to replace 600 feet of the 4" main sewer line at Berwick Junior High School for an estimated cost of \$42,000. (Mr. Wiese)

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve replacing the main sewer line at Berwick Junior High School for an estimated cost of \$42,000, as presented by Mr. Wiese.

Motion made by: Marilyn LaSalle

Motion seconded by: Lindsey Anslem

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

After discussion, the Board recognized that tonight marked Mr. Wiese's final board meeting, as he is set to officially retire the following day. Mr. Wiese was honored for his nearly 25 years of dedicated service to the school system as Director of Maintenance. In attendance were members of Mr. Wiese's family, including his wife and two of his daughters, who were there to support him on the special occasion.

Mr. Wiese expressed his gratitude to the Board, his colleagues, and his team, sharing heartfelt reflections on his time with the district. He described his career as a meaningful chapter in his life and spoke of entering a new phase with no specific plans, but with appreciation for the journey and the people he worked with.

The Board extended its best wishes to Mr. Wiese in his retirement and expressed that he would be greatly missed.

IX. Committee Reports

1. Policy Committee Meeting: Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room. (Mr. Mancuso)

Mr. Mancuso reported that the Policy Committee met on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., prior to the regular board meeting, in the Evans Medine Meeting Room.

A. Discussion and any action regarding policy GAMB-Employee Dress.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Employee Dress Policy (GAMB) as revised and recommended by the Policy Review Committee.

Motion made by: Andrew Mancuso

Motion seconded by: Rhonda Dennis

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

B. Discussion and any action on policy manual review process.

The item was discussed only, and no action was required from the board.

C. Discussion and any action regarding Louisiana School Board Association (LSBA) 00, 100, and 200 series policies.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve transitioning to the Louisiana School Board Association (LSBA) policies beginning with 00, 100, and 200 series, as discussed and revised by the Policy Review Committee.

Motion made by: Andrew Mancuso

Motion seconded by: Lindsey Anslem

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

2. Schedule time and date for Maintenance District I Committee Meeting to discuss canopy at W. P. Foster Elementary School. (Ms. Brent)

The Maintenance District I Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., prior to the regular school board meeting. The meeting will be held in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana.

X. Staff Reports

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

A. Sales Tax Update

Mrs. Voisin reported that the sales tax collections for June 2025, the final month of the fiscal year. Collections totaled \$1.831 million, which was \$228,000 below the budgeted amount for the month. However, year-to-date sales tax collections were 11 percent above budget, reflecting a favorable overall performance for the fiscal year.

B. Financial Statements (Major Funds Only)

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

C. Other Significant Items

Mrs. Voisin respectfully requested that the board consider rescheduling the 2025-2026 General Funds, Maintenance Districts, and School Food Service Budget Workshop from July 23, 2025, to either August 5th or

August 11th, preferably Monday, August 11th at 3:00 p.m. This will allow her to closely monitor budgets compared to actual spending—not only to ensure compliance with the Local Government Budget Act, but also to help supervisors manage their budgets more effectively.

1. Consider rescheduling the 2025-2026 General Funds, Maintenance Districts, and School Food Service Budget Workshop. (Mrs. Voisin)

The budget meeting is rescheduled for Monday, August 11, 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.

XI. Superintendent's Report (Dr. Fegenbush)

Dr. Fegenbush reported that the Louisiana Department of Education released preliminary 2024–2025 statewide assessment results. Preliminary data for St. Mary Parish shows a slight overall proficiency rate increase of 0.3 percentage points. Out of 21 schools, 12 schools demonstrated growth in student proficiency. LaGrange Elementary School had the highest proficiency growth to date with an impressive 12.5-point improvement. Close behind were J. B. Maitland Elementary School, W. P. Foster Elementary School, and J. S. Aucoin Elementary School.

It's also important to note that some key assessment scores, including LEAP third through eighth grade social studies and high school civics, have not yet been released as the state is still finalizing the performance score scales. She anticipates having these scores in August, with final performance scores to be issued in late fall.

St. Mary Parish Schools have successfully completed summer school and credit recovery initiatives which provide essential academic support to students needing additional assistance or opportunities. A highlight of the summer programming was the NASA STEM camp. Now in its second week, this year's camp was hosted first at Foster Elementary School and this week at Bayou Vista Elementary School. The response from students and families has been overwhelmingly positive, with nearly 150 students participating across both sites.

The 2025-26 school year officially begins for students on August 7th. An annual safety summit will be held on July 22nd, administrator workshops on July 28th and 29th, and the new teacher Inservice on July 28th. Teachers will return to workshops beginning August 1st.

Families are encouraged to check school websites and social media pages regularly for orientation details and important back-to-school information.

Dr. Fegenbush concluded her report by thanking Mr. Wiese for his dedication to St. Mary Parish Public Schools and wished him the very best in his next endeavors.

XII. Resolution of Respect (Ms. Estay)

Ms. Estay read the Resolutions of Respect for the late Evelyn Joyce Estay (retired math teacher) and Lisa Moss (retired account clerk)

XIII. Closing - Adjournment (Mrs. Black)

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Motion made by: Andrew Mancuso

Motion seconded by: Marilyn LaSalle

Voting:

Unanimously Approved