

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

OCTOBER 2, 2024

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:20 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.

Jax Roberts, Sales Tax Administrator, was recognized as the September Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of September 4, 2024
 - 2) Regular Meeting of September 4, 2024
- b) Fall Break (October 21) for all school board employees
- c) Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Henderson and St. Martin Parish School Board
- d) A school spirit day where students and staff can pay \$1.00 to wear a spirit shirt with all proceeds going to St. Jude's Children's Hospital
- e) Proclamation designating October 27-November 1, 2024 as Red Ribbon Week (attached as Exhibit A)

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 item:
 - 1) October 2024 \$1,000 Supplement
- b) Increasing the hourly rate from \$20 to \$30 for personnel working the self-funded aftercare programs
- c) Contracting with Transfinder for the Bus Routing Software
- d) Salary schedule for non-certified teachers

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

- a) New Hire Recommendations

OPPOSED: Mr. Potier

ABSTAINED: Mr. Stelly

The Board heard a Citizen's Request by Celeste Latiolais regarding the federal desegregation case.

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Clay to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding Student A.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Potier and seconded Mrs. Vital to give the student a ten (10) day out-of-school suspension then return to his/her regular school setting. The substitute motion was then voted on and carried as follows:

FOR: Mr. Fuselier, Mrs. Vital, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Durio, Mr. Foti, Mr. Clay, Mr. Potier, and Mr. d'Augereau

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

ABSTAINED: Mr. Stelly

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. Potier, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT