

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:05 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, and Ms. Edna M. Johnson.

ABSENT: Mrs. Wanda B. Vital

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.

Presentation by Cornelius Martinez regarding the Jump Start Summer Program was removed from the agenda.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of October 2, 2024
 - 2) Regular Meeting of October 2, 2024
- b) Parishwide "pay to dress day" where students and staff can pay \$1.00 to wear their favorite color shirt with all proceeds going to the Adapted Physical Education Department

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

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

- a) Amend the proposed salary schedule for non-certified teachers granting ½ year of experience for every year of experience as uncertified
- b) Reimbursing the cost of obtaining a CDL for newly hired bus drivers

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Foti, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the renewal of the Superintendent's contract for 2 years, effective July 1, 2025.

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Durio, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to allow Student A to return to his/her regular school setting.

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Durio, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to give Student B a nine (9) day out-of-school suspension then return to his/her regular school setting with a contract until the end of the school year.

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Potier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to allow Student C to return to his/her regular school setting with a contract until the end of the school year.

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

No action was necessary for the following items discussed in Executive Session:

- 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) Litigation entitled “Stacy Hypolite vs. St. Martin Parish School Board, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, Docket No. 89957

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT