

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

DECEMBER 4, 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, Jimmy Durio, Mike Clay, Richard Potier, Frederic Stelly, Marlin d'Augereau, Mark Hebert, Ms. Edna M. Johnson and Mrs. Wanda B. Vital.

ABSENT: Mr. Steve Fuselier

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.

Superintendent Wiltz made the following announcement:

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Department of Administration Building, 625 Corporate Blvd., Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the St. Martin Parish School District, to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of November 6, 2024
 - 2) Regular Meeting of November 6, 2024
- b) Request for waiver of sales tax penalties (7)
- c) Contract for Policy 360 the Policy Updating Service, Forethought Consulting, Inc.
- d) Policy revisions for inclusion in the St. Martin Parish School Board Policy Manual: (attached as Exhibit A)
 - 1) BCBJ, Broadcasting and Taping of School Board Meetings
 - 2) CBD, Employment of Superintendent
 - 3) IDBA, Sex Education
 - 4) GAMK, Use of Pronouns and Given Names
 - 5) GAK, Personnel Records
 - 6) GBC, Recruitment of Personnel
 - 7) IDDF, Education of Students with Exceptionalities
 - 8) BCB, Notification of School Board Meetings
- e) St. Martin Parish Seclusion and Restraint Policy
- f) Revision to the Suicidal/Homicidal Assessment Policy in the Discipline Handbook
- g) General Lease Agreement between St. Martin Parish School Board and the City of St. Martinville for use of the former Tiny Tot Park/Playground as a Veterans Memorial Park

ABSENT: Mr. Fuselier

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

- a) \$600 Sales Tax Supplement in December

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- b) Head Start Policy Council Meeting agenda items:
 - 1) Contracted Services with Iberia/St. Martin Comprehensive
 - 2) 12 month Custodian funding source change
- c) Resolution to support the elimination of taxes on school board supplements

ABSENT: Mr. Fuselier

On the motion of Mrs. Vital, seconded by Mr. Potier, and carried, the Board approved the

Head Start Policy Council recommendations:

- a) New Members/New Officers
- b) MOU with SWLA Center for Health Services
- c) New Hire Recommendations
- d) Policy Council Meeting Days/Times

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

ABSTAINED: Mr. Stelly

ABSENT: Mr. Fuselier

The Board heard a Citizen's Request by Chana Jordan regarding the process of selecting a Student of the Year winner.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Fuselier

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

ABSENT: Mr. Fuselier

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) Appeals - Expulsion

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. d'Augereau, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT