

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

JANUARY 08, 2025

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:10 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 C. Foti, President. Mr. Frederick Wiltz, Superintendent, opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Board President Russel C. Foti opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board. On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, Mr. Russel C. Foti was nominated for the office of President.

Mr. Russel Foti was re-elected President of the St. Martin Parish School Board for the year 2025.

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

Board President Russel Foti called for the acceptance of nominations for Vice-President of the Board. On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Stelly, and unanimously carried, Mr. Mark Hebert was nominated for the office of Vice-President.

Mr. Mark Hebert was re-elected Vice-President of the St. Martin Parish School Board for the year 2025.

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

Board President Russel Foti made the following appointments:

Mike Clay, Finance and Insurance Committee Chairman
Edna Johnson, Education Committee Chairman
Frederic Stelly, Maintenance Committee Chairman
Steve Fuselier, Transportation Committee Chairman

Mr. Jacoby Lewis, Behavior Interventionist at St. Martin STEAM Academy, was recognized as the December Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

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

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- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of December 4, 2024
 - 2) Regular Meeting of December 4, 2024
- b) Memorandum of Understanding between Common Thread and St. Martin Parish School Board
- c) Education Affiliation Agreement between Western Governors University Leavitt School of Health and St. Martin Parish School Board
- d) Adopting LSBA Code of Conduct
- e) Resolutions: (attached as Exhibit A)
 - 1) Louisiana School Board Recognition Month, January 2025
 - 2) School Board Member Training Resolution
 - 3) Certifying President and Vice-President to conduct transactions for and on behalf of the School Board
- f) Payment for Cecilia High's Cross-Country Assistant Coach
- g) Payment for Breaux Bridge High's Assistant Football Coaches

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Potier, 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) Finance Reports
- b) Awarding the E-Rate Category 2 RFP
- c) Splitting Robert Carroll's Section 16 lease into two separate pieces
- d) Reviewed General Fund Monthly Budget-to-Actual Comparison

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

The Board honored the 2024-2025 Students of the Year. Parish winners were:

Anniston Guidry, TE, 5th Grade
Brylie Mitchell, Parks Middle, 8th Grade
Hunter Duplechin, Cecilia High School, 12th Grade

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Potier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the St. Martin Parish School District, State of Louisiana, to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith (attached as Exhibit B).

ABSENT: Mrs. Vital

Mr. Russel Champagne with Champagne & Company presented the audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to receive the audit report from Champagne & Company for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

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

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

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) Appeals – Expulsion

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT