

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MARCH 12, 2025

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:15 P.M. at the Administrative Office with the following members present: Messrs. Russel C. Foti, President, Steve Fuselier, Jimmy Durio, Mike Clay, Frederic Stelly, Marlin d'Augereau, Mark Hebert, Mrs. Wanda B. Vital, and Ms. Edna M. Johnson.

ABSENT: Mr. Richard Potier

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.

Anniston Guidry, a 5th grade student at Teche Elementary, was recognized as a Grade 5 finalist for student of the year.

Mrs. Nicole Angelle recognized several Pre-K staff members for outstanding achievement during Fall CLASS observations.

Ms. Samantha Robicheaux, Teacher at Stephenville Elementary School, was recognized as the February Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

Consider and/or approve request for waiver of subrogation was added to the agenda in Executive Session.

Consider and/or approve School Board Member pay raise was removed from the agenda.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of February 5, 2025
 - 2) Regular Meeting of February 5, 2025
- b) Request for permission to call for bids on Janitorial Products
- c) Request for waiver of sales tax penalties (1)
- d) Revisions to the 504/SBLC Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year
- e) Proclamation designating April 6-12, 2025 as National Library Week (attached as Exhibit A)

ABSENT: Mr. Potier

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Durio, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Finance Committee recommendations:

- a) Head Start Policy Council Meeting agenda items:
 - 1) Finance Reports
 - 2) Budget Amendment
- b) Two (2) requests for Industrial Tax Exemptions for Arrow Aviation

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- c) Renewal of the existing Memorandum of Understanding with the LSU Ag Center for five years for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030
- d) Accepting the proposal as submitted by Brown and Brown for Commercial Property, Professional Liability, Cyber Liability and Crime coverages. The Committee recommended remaining with a \$250,000 deductible on Liability coverage and changing Equipment Breakdown coverage to Travelers and reducing the deductible to \$5,000.
- e) Reviewed General Fund Monthly Budget-to-Actual Comparison

ABSENT: Mr. Potier

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

- a) New Hire Recommendation
- b) By-Laws
- c) Infant Formula Policy
- d) Video Surveillance
- e) Updated Emergency Consent
- f) Updated Eligibility Selection Criteria
- g) Memorandum of Understanding: St. Martin Parish Library

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

ABSTAINED: Mr. Stelly

ABSENT: Mr. Potier

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mrs. Vital, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to table the proposed 2025-2026 School Calendar.

ABSENT: Mr. Potier

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

ABSENT: Mr. Potier

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

ABSENT: Mr. Potier

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding Student A.

ABSENT: Mr. Potier

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding Student B.

ABSENT: Mr. Potier

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. d’Augereau, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding Student C.

ABSENT: Mr. Potier

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Stelly, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding Student D.

ABSENT: Mr. Potier

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Stelly, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding Student E.

ABSENT: Mr. Potier

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved staff’s recommendation regarding the request for waiver of subrogation.

ABSENT: Mr. Potier

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. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Stelly, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT