

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

APRIL 2, 2025

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:25 P.M. at the Administrative Office with the following members present: Messrs. Russel C. Foti, President, Steve Fuselier, Jimmy Durio, Richard Potier, Frederic Stelly, Marlin d'Augereau, Mark Hebert, Mrs. Wanda B. Vital, and Ms. Edna M. Johnson.

ABSENT: Mr. Mike Clay

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.

Ms. Maddie Pierce, Teacher at St. Martin STEAM Academy, was recognized as the March Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

Consider and/or approve amendment to Temporary Easement, Servitude and Right-of-Way Easement for monitoring and access for Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority once reviewed by our attorney was added to the agenda.

ABSENT: Mr. Clay

The following Board Member's requests were removed from the agenda:

- a) Discussion of lower St. Martin to St. Mary Parish
- b) Discussion of staff not following policy

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, 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 March 12, 2025
 - 2) Regular Meeting of March 12, 2025
- b) Appointing Casey Broussard to serve as School Board representative on the Local ITEP Committee
- c) Proclamations/Resolutions: (attached as Exhibit A)
 - 1) Designating April 28- May 2, 2025 as Violence Prevention Week
 - 2) Designating May 5-9, 2025 as Teacher Appreciation Week

ABSENT: Mr. Clay

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 items:
 - 1) Finance Reports
- b) Reviewed General Fund Monthly Budget-to-Actual Comparison

ABSENT: Mr. Clay

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Durio, and carried, the Board approved adopting a resolution approving the “CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN”, designating purposes for which proceeds of a proposed bond issue will be budgeted, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (attached as Exhibit B).

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital

ABSENT: Mr. Clay

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

a) New Hire Recommendations

ABSTAINED: Mr. Stelly

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

ABSENT: Mr. Clay

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and carried, the Board approved Option 1 as the 2025-2026 School Calendar for St. Martin Parish Schools (attached as Exhibit C).

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

ABSENT: Mr. Clay

Board Member Mark Hebert discussed the following:

- a) Appearance of our campuses and a solution to our problem
- b) Feedback from high school principals on block scheduling vs. traditional scheduling
- c) Employees working five (5) days in summer months
- d) Use of school board vehicles and monitoring the locations

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

ABSENT: Mr. Clay

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

ABSENT: Mr. Clay

A motion was made by Mr. Potier and seconded by Ms. Vital to allow Student A to remain at JCEP until the end of the year depending on his/her behavior.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Durio to follow the recommendation of the administration. The substitute motion was then voted on and failed, as follows:

FOR: Mr. Fuselier, Mr. Durio, and Mr. Hebert

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Foti, Mr. Potier, Mr. d'Augereau, and Mr. Stelly

ABSENT: Mr. Clay

The original motion was then voted on and carried.

FOR: Mrs. Vital, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Foti, Mr. Potier, Mr. d'Augereau, and Mr. Stelly

ABSTAINED: Mr. Fuselier

OPPOSED: Mr. Durio and Mr. Hebert

ABSENT: Mr. Clay

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. Clay

No action was necessary for the following items:

- 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) Head Start Program

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT