

# **ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**MAY 14, 2025**

**BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA**

## **MINUTES**

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:05 P.M. at Stephenville Elementary School with the following members present: Messrs. Russel C. Foti, President, Steve Fuselier, Jimmy Durio, Mike Clay, Marlin d'Augereau, Mrs. Wanda B. Vital, and Ms. Edna M. Johnson.

ABSENT: Mr. Richard Potier, Mr. Frederic Stelly, and Mr. Mark Hebert

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.

Consider and/or approve changing May 16, 2025 to a virtual day for all students and professional development day for all employees was removed from the agenda.

ABSENT: Mr. Potier, Mr. Stelly, and Mr. Hebert

On the motion of Mrs. Vital, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, consider and/or approve changing the graduation day to Saturday in 2026 was added to the agenda as a Board Member's request (Vital).

ABSENT: Mr. Potier, Mr. Stelly, and Mr. Hebert

On the motion of Mrs. Vital, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and unanimously carried, consider and/or approve notification to the Office of Head Start that includes October 31, 2025 as the last day of services being provided to the Head Start Program under the school board was added to the agenda.

ABSENT: Mr. Potier, Mr. Stelly, and Mr. Hebert

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
  - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of April 2, 2025
  - 2) Regular Meeting of April 2, 2025
  - 3) Special Meeting of April 16, 2025
- b) Recommendation of administration for the acceptance of bids on Janitorial Products to Economical Janitorial and Veritiv
- c) 2025-2026 School Board Meeting Dates (attached as Exhibit A)
- d) Closure of School Board administrative offices on Thursday, July 3, 2025 due to the observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday
- e) Letter of Assurance of Continued Employment as envisioned by ACT 745 of 1977
- f) 2025 Summer School Program Handbook

ABSENT: Mr. Potier, Mr. Stelly, and Mr. Hebert

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

- a) Head Start Policy Council Meeting agenda item:
  - 1) Finance Reports
- b) Request for Industrial Tax Exemption for Processors, LLC
- c) Breau Bridge High School and Cecilia High School Flood Insurance Renewal
- d) Reviewed General Fund Monthly Budget-to-Actual Comparison

ABSENT: Mr. Potier, Mr. Stelly, and Mr. Hebert

On the motion of Mrs. Vital, seconded by Mr. d'Augereau, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to adopt the millage rates for the tax year 2025.

ABSENT: Mr. Potier, Mr. Stelly, and Mr. Hebert

On the motion of Mr. Fuselier, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Head Start Policy Council recommendations:

- a) PC Minutes 03/24/2025
- b) Enrollment Reports
- c) Attendance Reports
- d) Director's Report

ABSENT: Mr. Potier, Mr. Stelly, and Mr. Hebert

On the motion of Mrs. Vital, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved notification to the Office of Head Start that includes October 31, 2025 as the last day of services being provided to the Head Start Program under the school board.

ABSENT: Mr. Potier, Mr. Stelly, and Mr. Hebert

The Board Member's request to change the graduation day to Saturday in 2026 was postponed until the June Board meeting.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Potier, Mr. Stelly, and Mr. Hebert

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

ABSENT: Mr. Potier, Mr. Stelly, and Mr. Hebert

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) Appeals - Expulsion

ABSENT:     Mr. Potier, Mr. Stelly, and Mr. Hebert

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

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SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT