

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

AUGUST 6, 2025

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 5:00 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, Mrs. Wanda B. Vital, and Ms. Edna M. Johnson.

ABSENT: None

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.

On the motion of Mr. Potier, 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 July 2, 2025
 - 2) Regular Meeting of July 2, 2025
 - 3) Special Meeting of July 9, 2025
- b) Highest bid for the house on Cecilia Junior High property
- c) Revisions to the Student and Parent Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year (attached as Exhibit A)
- d) Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between St. Martin Parish School Board and Foundation for Wellness
- e) 2025-2026 Behavioral Health Services Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- f) Memorandum of Understanding between Parks Community Support Service, Inc. and St. Martin Parish School System for the LifeSkills Training Program
- g) Changes to the 2025-2026 Pupil Progression Handbook, Teacher Information Handbook, Curriculum and Instruction Handbook, and Response to Intervention Handbook

Consider and/or recommend action with regard to reduction of Pupil Appraisal staff work hours to 7 hours per day was removed from Finance Committee recommendations for consideration.

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

- a) Contract renewal for School Resource Officers (SRO's) for the 2025-2026 school year
- b) Purchase of 7 new buses with air conditioning (5 Regular Education and 2 Special Education)
- c) Fund Balance Policy
- d) Personnel staff employed after 8/31/25 that are eligible for group health insurance must have 5 years (including prior years) of group health eligible service with SMPSB or otherwise pay both the member and school board share of the retiree health insurance premium
- e) Lease agreement with CDI for Cecilia and St. Martinville Head Start Facilities

- f) Renewal of the following contracts with Prouet Architecture & Engineering, LLC for 2025-2026:
 - 1) Architectural & Engineering Services
 - 2) Building System Maintenance
 - 3) Fire Marshal and Regulatory Agencies Assistance
 - 4) Parishwide Environmental Assessment
 - 5) Asbestos Testing
- g) Contribution to St. Martin Economic Development Authority (SMEDA) in the amount of \$29,055.60 for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026
- h) Reviewed General Fund Monthly Budget-to-Actual Comparison

A motion was made by Mrs. Vital and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the reduction of Pupil Appraisal staff work hours to 7 hours per day. The motion failed, as follows:

FOR: Mrs. Vital and Ms. Johnson

OPPOSED: Mr. Fuselier, Mr. Durio, Mr. Foti, Mr. Clay, Mr. Potier, Mr. Stelly, Mr. d'Augereau, and Mr. Hebert

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved adopting a resolution approving the acceptance of the bid for the purchase of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025, of St. Martin Parish School District, Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith (attached as Exhibit B).

Board Member Mark Hebert expressed concerns regarding the following:

- a) Equal staffing in schools
- b) Routing system used by bus transportation
- c) Appearance of school campuses

Mr. Potier discussed adding a position or a college student at the print shop.

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

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

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

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