

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SEPTEMBER 3, 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, Marlin d'Augereau, Mark Hebert, Mrs. Wanda B. Vital, and Ms. Edna M. Johnson.

ABSENT: Mr. Frederic Stelly

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.

Ali Angelle, 4th grade teacher at Teche Elementary, was recognized as the July Employee of the Month sponsored by Liviniti, formerly Southern Scripts, LLC and the 2026 Louisiana Elementary Division Teacher of the Year.

Christine Foster, Supervisor of Computer Services, was recognized as the August Employee of the Month sponsored by Liviniti, formerly Southern Scripts, LLC.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of August 6, 2025
 - 2) Regular Meeting of August 6, 2025
- b) Advertising for bids Internet/WAN beginning 2026-2027 school year through E-Rate Grant Funding
- c) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Medically Necessary Behavioral Health Services by The Healing House
- d) Affiliation Agreement between St. Martin Parish School Board and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette College of Nursing and Health Sciences on behalf of its BSN Program
- e) School spirit day where students and staff can pay \$1.00 to wear a spirit shirt with all proceeds going to St. Jude's Children's Hospital
- f) The following policy revisions for inclusion in the St. Martin Parish School Board Policy Manual:
 - 1) IFA, Instructional Materials
 - 2) JBD, Student Absences and Excuses
 - 3) JCDAF, Bullying and Hazing
 - 4) JDE, Expulsion
 - 5) JGCE, Child Abuse
 - 6) JGCF, Behavioral Health Support for Students
- g) Emergency Operations Policy for the 2025-2026 school year
- h) Proclamations/Resolutions: (attached as Exhibit A)
 - 1) Designating September 7-13, 2025 as Attendance Awareness Week
 - 2) Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week, September 8-14, 2025
- i) Payment for Cecilia High's Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2025-2026 school year

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ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

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

- a) Adopt the budget for the general and special revenue funds for the year ending June 30, 2026
- b) Divide the amount of HVAC funds amongst the areas based on student count. If a discrepancy arises, bring it back to the Board.
- c) Reviewed General Fund Monthly Budget-to-Actual Comparison
- d) Table the item with regard to the fiscal audit until next month

OPPOSED: Mr. Durio

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

The Public Hearing was opened and closed.

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and carried, the Board approved the Finance Committee recommendation for adoption of budget for General and Special Revenue Funds for the year ending June 30, 2026.

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

Ms. Bree Sargent, Education Director of Acadiana Center for the Arts, made a presentation to the Board regarding Arts in Education.

Mr. Stuart Gauthier, County Agent, and staff members presented the LSU AgCenter Annual Report to the Board.

The Board discussed hiring a bond consultant for the recently passed bond.

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved adding a permanent bus aide position to the JCEP route.

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Potier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved adding a bus aide position on the M to M bus route from St. Martinville and Breaux Bridge to Cecilia in order to accommodate a student's IEP on a year to year basis.

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

Board Member Wanda Vital discussed the following:

- a) Hiring 3 or 4 custodians to work just the outside as a Pilot Program for 6 months in the St. Martinville area
- b) Cafeteria workers and custodians

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Mr. Hebert expressed concerns regarding the following:

- a) Appearances of schools
- b) Drop off line at Cecilia Junior High

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

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

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

ABSENT: Mr. Stelly

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) Threat of litigation regarding the following matter: Malachi Antoine vs. St. Martin Parish School Board, Claim # LCA-30585, MRS-NA Claim No. 2565685
- c) Appeals – Expulsion

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT