

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

JULY 2, 2025

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:35 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.

Ms. Courtney Underwood recognized the following students that participated in the AHEC Summer Program:

Emma Bourque
Maddison Garrett
Breanna Guidry
DaClarence Thomas

Danita Dupuis, Graduation Coach at the Virtual Learning Center, was recognized as the June Employee of the Month sponsored by Liviniti, formerly Southern Scripts, LLC.

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of June 4, 2025
 - 2) Regular Meeting of June 4, 2025
- b) Artificial Intelligence (AI) Acceptable Use Policy (addendum to current Technology & Internet Acceptable Use Policy) (attached as Exhibit A)

The Board Member's request to reduce the number of Board Members to match the number of Parish Council seats was removed from the agenda.

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

- a) Table the contract renewal for School Resource Officers (SRO's) for the 2025-2026 school year
- b) Accept the proposed budget cuts for the 2025-2026 school year excluding the Student/Teacher Ratio and the Maintenance Department. Both should remain the same as last year.
- c) Adding \$2,400 per employee annually to the salary schedule to be supported by sales tax and the following schedule for Sales Tax Supplements for 2025-2026:
 - October – Professionals \$1,000 and Paraprofessionals \$1,000
 - November – Professionals \$1,000 and Paraprofessionals \$715
 - January – Professionals \$1,000 and Paraprofessionals \$1,000

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- March – Professionals \$1,000 and Paraprofessionals \$1,000
- May – Professionals \$1,000 and Paraprofessionals \$715
- June – Professionals \$1,000 and Paraprofessionals \$1,000
- October – Professionals \$2,000 and Paraprofessionals \$1,000 State Funded
- d) Reviewed General Fund Monthly Budget-to-Actual Comparison

On the motion of Mrs. Vital, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the lease agreement with the American Legion – Post #419 for the old School Board Office located at 305 Washington Street, St. Martinville, LA 70582.

Board Member Mark Hebert expressed concerns regarding the following:

- a) Pupil Appraisal
- b) School appearances

Mr. Fuselier discussed the following:

- a) Four (4) day work week summer schedule
- b) Transfinder Program
- c) Going over budget and using reserved funds for projects

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

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Potier, 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
- c) Issues with bus drivers and docking pay

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT