

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

JANUARY 07, 2026

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:12 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.

Board President Russel C. Foti opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Foti and seconded by Mr. Potier to nominate Mark Hebert for the office of President.

The nominations for the office of President were closed unanimously.

Mr. Mark Hebert was elected President of the St. Martin Parish School Board for the year 2026.

Board President Mark Hebert called for the acceptance of nominations for Vice-President of the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Potier and seconded by Mr. Foti to nominate Edna Johnson for the office of Vice-President.

The nominations for the office of Vice-President were closed unanimously.

Ms. Edna Johnson was elected Vice-President of the St. Martin Parish School Board for the year 2026.

Board President Mark Hebert made the following appointments:

Mike Clay, Finance and Insurance Committee Chairman
Jimmy Durio, Education Committee Chairman
Frederic Stelly, Maintenance Committee Chairman
Steve Fuselier, Transportation Committee Chairman

Teachers of the Year from each school were recognized by the Board.

Board Members were recognized for School Board Recognition Month.

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

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- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of December 3, 2025
 - 2) Regular Meeting of December 3, 2025
- b) Request for waiver of sales tax penalties (3)
- c) Policy revisions for inclusion in the St. Martin Parish School Board Policy Manual:
 - 1) GAAA, Equal Opportunity Employment
 - 2) JAA, Equal Education Opportunities
 - 3) JD, Discipline
- d) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between LSU School of Social Work and St. Martin Parish School Board
- e) Highest rated bids as the providers for the E-Rate Category 1 Internet and WAN for St. Martin Parish School Board, dependent upon grant funding
- f) Adopting the LSBA Code of Conduct
- g) Resolutions: (attached as Exhibit A)
 - 1) Louisiana School Board Recognition Month, January 2026
 - 2) School Board Member Training Resolution
 - 3) Certifying President and Vice-President to conduct transactions for and on behalf of the School Board

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

- a) Paying the January end of month payroll one week prior to the normal pay date
- b) Reviewed the General Fund Monthly and Special Revenue Funds Semi-Annual Budget-to-Actual Comparison
- c) Received an update on the progress of unresolved audit findings
- d) Holding off on hiring (Central Staff/Administration) until after the Leanfrog report is done

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Clay, and carried, the Board approved Option 2 as the 2026-2027 School Calendar for St. Martin Parish Schools (attached as Exhibit B).

OPPOSED: Mr. Hebert

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

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. d'Augereau, and unanimously carried, the Board came out of Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Durio and seconded by Mr. Clay to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding the student discussed in Executive Session.

A substitute motion was made by Mr. Potier and seconded by Mrs. Vital for the student to attend JCEP with a review at twenty (20) days. If the review is not positive, the student must remain at JCEP for one hundred eighty (180) days. The substitute motion was then voted on and carried, as follows:

FOR: Mr. Fuselier, Mrs. Vital, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Foti, Mr. Potier, and Mr. d’Augereau

OPPOSED: Mr. Durio, Mr. Clay, and Mr. Hebert

ABSTAINED: Mr. Stelly

No action was necessary for the 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.

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT