

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

MAY 6, 2026

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:20 P.M. at the Administrative Office with the following members present: Messrs. Mark Hebert, President, Steve Fuselier, Jimmy Durio, Russel C. Foti, Mike Clay, Richard Potier, Frederic Stelly, Marlin d'Augereau, Mrs. Wanda B. Vital, and Ms. Edna M. Johnson.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by Mark Hebert, President. Mr. Frederick Wiltz, Superintendent, opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

These students are from Teche Elementary and recently placed in the Regional Writing Competition called "Writes of Spring" hosted by Lafayette Public Libraries. They competed among other students in St. Martin Parish as well as surrounding school districts.

TECHE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS:

Khyree Benjamin: 2nd place: Fiction (4th grade)

Lilith Ballenge: 2nd place: Poetry (3rd grade)

Ethan Johnson: 3rd place: Poetry (4th grade)

Ms. Wendy Breath, Pupil Appraisal/Child Search Coordinator and Educational Diagnostician, was recognized as the April Employee of the Month sponsored by Liviniti, formerly Southern Scripts, LLC.

On the motion of Mr. Foti, 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 April 1, 2026
 - 2) Regular Meeting of April 1, 2026
- b) 2026-2027 School Board Meeting Dates (attached as Exhibit A)
- c) Letter of Assurance of Continued Employment as envisioned by ACT 745 of 1977

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

- a) Student Accident Insurance renewal proposal in the amount of \$118,750 submitted by Zurich
- b) Reviewed the General Fund Monthly Budget-to-Actual Comparison
- c) Received an update on the progress of unresolved audit findings

The Board received an update from LEAN Frog Consulting.

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STAR Service made a presentation to the Board. On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a pilot study of HVAC.

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Foti, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to adopt the millage rates for the tax year 2026.

On the motion of Mr. Potier, seconded by Mr. d'Augereau, and carried, the Board approved to keep the policy as is for playoff pay for coaches without a CDL.

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved listing Athletic Director as a major sport.

On the motion of Mr. Durio, seconded by Mr. d'Augereau, and carried, the Board approved changes to the pay schedule for Junior High coaches without a CDL.

OPPOSED: Mrs. Vital

Board Member Wanda B. Vital discussed the following:

- a) Superintendent's Evaluation
- b) Cashless system for sporting events

Mr. Potier discussed the following:

- a) Going to a 4-day work week
- b) Consolidating small schools from Pre-K – 8
- c) Endorsing Prime Time for Head Start bid

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

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

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 approved to accept Legal Counsel's recommendation in regards to the matter entitled "Christina Livings vs. St. Martin Parish School Board et al, Docket No. 94813-F, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana."

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On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. d’Augereau, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept Legal Counsel’s recommendation in regards to the litigation entitled “Kasi Romero et al vs. St. Martin Parish School Board et al, 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, Docket No. 092268H.”

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Stelly, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding the proposed resolution to a claim for workers’ compensation benefits made by Roxanne Batiste Frank.

On the motion of Mr. Durio, seconded by Mr. d’Augereau, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding Student A.

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT