

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:50 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 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.

Miss Ashlyn Baudin, a senior at Cecilia High School, was recognized for being selected to serve as a member of the 2026-2027 Learning & Leading: Aspiring Educator Cohort. She is enrolled in the Pre-Educator Pathway Program.

Christopher Shirley, Principal of Stephenville Elementary School, was recognized as the August Employee of the Month sponsored by Liviniti, formerly Southern Scripts, LLC.

The following items were removed from the agenda:

- a) Public Hearing: 1) Open 2) Close
- b) Consider and/or approve Finance Committee recommendation for adoption of budget for General and Special Revenue Funds for the year ending June 30, 2027
- c) Discussion of Stephenville Elementary School (Potier)
- d) LEAN Frog Update (Foti)

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

- a) Minutes of the following meetings:
 - 1) Finance Committee Meeting of August 5, 2026
 - 2) Regular Meeting of August 5, 2026
- b) Changes to the 2026-2027 Pupil Progression Handbook, Teacher Information Handbook, Curriculum and Instruction Handbook, and Response to Intervention Handbook
- c) Two (2) school spirit days where students and staff can pay \$1.00 to wear a spirit shirt with all proceeds going to St. Jude's Children's Hospital
- d) Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lafayette Council on Aging for the Foster Grandparent Program at St. Martin Early STEAM Academy
- e) Renewal of Behavioral Health Services Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- f) Emergency Operations Policy for the 2026-2027 school year
- g) Proclamations/Resolutions: (attached as Exhibit A)
 - 1) Designating September 7-11, 2026 as Attendance Awareness Week
 - 2) Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week, September 13-19, 2026
- h) Payment for Cecilia High's 2026-2027 Assistant Volleyball Coach

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

- a) Reviewed the General Fund Monthly Budget-to-Actual Comparison
- b) Received an update on the progress of unresolved audit findings

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

Mr. Chevalier provided an update on the purchase of additional buses with air conditioning.

Board President Mark Hebert handed the gavel over to Vice President Edna Johnson to handle the meeting.

The item regarding the directive to staff to implement security systems at the 3 high schools before the October Board meeting was tabled.

Mr. Hebert expressed concerns regarding the enrollment from the first day of school to present in the Cecilia area.

Vice President Edna Johnson handed the gavel over to Board President Mark Hebert to handle the meeting.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. d'Augereau, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved for counsel to proceed with what was discussed in Executive Session with regards to 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. Durio, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept Legal Counsel's recommendation in regards to the litigation entitled "Melinay Dartez vs St. Martin Parish School Board, Office of Workers' Compensation, Dist. 9, Docket No. 26-02591.

On the motion of Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Durio, and carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding the student discussed in Executive Session.

ABSTAINED: Mr. Fuselier

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT