

ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

OCTOBER 6, 2021

BREAUX BRIDGE, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

The St. Martin Parish School Board convened on this day at 4:15 P.M. at the Administrative Office with the following members present: Messrs. Richard Potier, President, Steve Fuselier, Jimmy Durio, Russel C. Foti, Mike Clay, Frederic Stelly, Floyd Knott, Mark Hebert, Mrs. Wanda B. Vital and Ms. Edna M. Johnson.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by Richard Potier, President. Mr. Allen Blanchard, Jr., Superintendent, opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Kyli Romero, Payroll Bookkeeper, was recognized as the September Employee of the Month sponsored by Southern Scripts.

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 September 1, 2021
 - 2) Regular Meeting of September 1, 2021
- b) Recommendation of administration for acceptance of bids on the School Nutrition Refrigerated Truck to ITA Truck Sales in the amount of \$142,301.30
- c) Policy revisions for inclusion in the St. Martin Parish School Board Policy Manual:
 - 1) BH, School Board Ethics
 - 2) ID, Curriculum
 - 3) IDCC, Kindergarten
 - 4) IDDF, Education of Students with Exceptionalities
 - 5) JBC, School Admission
 - 6) JBCE, Public School Choice
 - 7) JR, Student Privacy and Education Records
- d) Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Henderson and St. Martin Parish School Board
- e) 2021-2022 Curriculum and Instruction Handbook
- f) Changing the name of the Teacher Information Handbook to the Grading and Promotion Policies Handbook
- g) Proclamation designating October 24-31, 2021 as Red Ribbon Week (attached as Exhibit A)

On the motion of Mr. Durio, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the request for waiver of sales tax penalties.

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

- a) Creating the position of Early Childhood Program/Grant Manager
- b) Purchase head start vehicles

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

The President acknowledged the Public Participation card that was filled out and allowed Ms. Betty Ardoin to speak concerning the job description for the Desegregation Compliance Officer position.

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Fuselier, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the job description for the Desegregation Compliance Officer position.

The Board heard a Citizen's Request by Brandi Sonnier regarding mask mandates.

Board Member Wanda B. Vital discussed the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Clay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendation of the administration regarding employee #1 and terminated his/her employment.

A motion was made by Mr. Hebert and seconded by Mr. Durio to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding employee #2 and terminate his/her employment.

A substitute motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Vital to suspend the employee for ten (10) days and participate in alcohol classes. The substitute motion was then voted on and failed, as follows:

FOR: Mrs. Vital, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. Potier

OPPOSED: Mr. Fuselier, Mr. Durio, Mr. Foti, Mr. Clay, Mr. Stelly, Mr. Knott, and Mr. Hebert

The original motion was then voted on and carried.

OPPOSED: Mr. Potier and Mrs. Vital

On the motion of Mr. Foti, seconded by Mr. Durio, and carried, the Board approved to follow the recommendation of the administration regarding the consultants for the desegregation case.

OPPOSED: Mr. Knott

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Mr. Mike Hefner, Chief Demographer with Geographic Planning & Demographic Services, addressed the Board relative to redistricting.

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT