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Mission: "Academic Excellence through Quality Teaching"
Vision: "Continuing to a 'B' in 2024"

DAVID GRAY
Superintendent

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

March 1, 2024

A public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, March 5, 2024

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: Morehouse Student Services Center
1607 Martin Luther King South
Bastrop, LA 71220

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
5. Approval of Agenda

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6. Recognitions:
 - Employee of the month – SpEd Department
 - Recognize achievements of Newly Certified Mentor Teachers
 - A. Ashley Graves
 - B. Misty Rea
 - C. Ann Fisher
7. Superintendent's Announcements – (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
8. Approval of Minutes – The Regular School Board Meeting held on February 6, 2024 at 5:30 pm.
9. Approval of monthly Travel Requests (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
10. Approval of monthly Bus Requests – (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
11. To take the necessary actions for the board to accept the bid for Phase 2 of the ESSER III Construction Project. (Presented by Mr. Lyn Kenley)
12. To receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee meeting held on February 27, 2024.

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Robert Johnson-Chairperson called the meeting to order. In attendance were the following: Louis Melton, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Tappin and Adrin Williams. Also present were Ms. Karen Diel, David Gray, Superintendent, and Stephen Katz, Attorney.

The following agenda items were presented to the Finance and Advisory Committee:


1. Discussion regarding renovations at Beekman Charter School. (Presented by Mr. David Gray) *Mr. Huntsman and Ms. Mann presented ideas for building a classroom building on their campus, instead of having so many small portable buildings. This was presentation only.*
2. To receive the Sales Tax Funds report for January 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mrs. Veronica Tapin to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for January 2024, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
3. To receive the General Fund report for January 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the General Fund report for January 2024, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.

4. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for January 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the School Lunch Fund report for January 2024, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
5. To receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for January 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for January 2024, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
6. To receive the ESSER Funds report for January 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the ESSER Funds report for January 2024, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
7. "To discuss and take necessary action to bring elementary principals to the current 12 months pay scale the same as other principals. To compensate them for including athletics to their schools program." (Presented by Ms. Adrin Williams) *Ms. Williams asked that the second part of her item be postponed to another time. Also, agenda item 8 is now the same as agenda item 7, they both were discussed together. On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to change elementary principals from eleven month employees to twelve month employees effective July 2024, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
8. "To consider changing elementary principals from eleven month employees to twelve month employees." (Presented by Mrs. Debbie Wilson) *This item was merged with agenda item 8.*

MEETING ADJOURNED

13. To receive the Discipline Report (February 2024). (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
14. Presentation of the February 2023-2024 student count. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs and Mr. Ralph Davenport)
15. To consider changing March 19, 2024 Finance and Advisory Committee meeting to be combined with April 9, 2024 monthly board meeting. Staff members will be attending the Annual LASBO Convention. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
16. To amend section A.(b)(i)(aa) of policy F-28 to substitute the words "crime listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C)" for the term "felony offense" in order to follow current state law as a "**Second Reading**". (Attachment is in your board packet to include the current policy and revised policy.) (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)

17. To utilize the use of Sales Tax Funds received from Oak Ridge Solar Development Project for restricted use to replace roofs as possible, and if any excess funds are available to repair foundations. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
18. To adopt a Resolution to accept the bid of \$41,000 from Cassius Hayes for the purchase of Cherry Ridge Elementary School and grant the President, Louis Melton, the authority to execute the deed and related documents. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
19. To discuss adjusting the IEP Facilitator position from an 11-month position to a 12-month position. (Presented by Dr. Dana Boockoff)
20. "To discuss and take the necessary action to stop third, fourth, and fifth grade students at Morehouse Magnet School from changing classes." (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton, and Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
21. "To discuss and take the necessary actions to pay Delta Elementary coaches, cheerleader/pep squad and dance sponsors, stipends for games should come out of the East Morehouse District Fund. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
22. "To discuss the procedure used to evaluate teachers on their effective teaching methods and classroom management." (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin and Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
23. "To receive a report on what is being done to alleviate the vermin problem in our schools." (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin and Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin).
24. Public Comment: **None for this meeting.**
25. Personnel :
 - a. Personnel Report (See Attachment)
26. **ADJOURNMENT**


David Gray, Superintendent
Morehouse Parish Schools

cc: Board Member
Central Office Staff
Principals
Legal Advisor
News Media

Pursuant to the requirements of LSA-R.S. 42:19, no matter may be discussed by the Morehouse Parish School Board unless it appears on the agenda published at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting unless a unanimous vote of the members of the school board votes to take up the matter.

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