



# MOREHOUSE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

"Obtaining Excellence in Education Through Quality Teaching"

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*Mission: "Academic Excellence through Quality Teaching"*  
*Vision: "Continuing to a 'C' in 2023"*

**DAVID GRAY**  
Superintendent

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

February 3, 2023

A public meeting will be held as follows:

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023

**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. A moment of silence for - Betty Rhodus Williams – Retired teacher
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Recognitions:
  - Employee of the month
  - Recognition of the outgoing School Board President
  - School Board Members
8. Superintendent's Announcements (Mr. David Gray)
9. Approval of Minutes – Regular School Board Meeting held on January 10, 2023.
10. Approval of monthly Travel Requests (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
11. Approval of monthly Bus Requests (Presented by Mr. David Gray)

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12. To receive the Discipline Report (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
13. To receive the 2022 School Report for Beekman Charter School. (Presented by Ms. Emily Myrick)
14. To consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in School District Number A (Parishwide) of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds therein. BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish Morehouse, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of School District Number A (Parishwide) of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that: SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 33 thereof, Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit: PROPOSITION (BOND) Shall School District Number A (Parishwide) of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana, incur debt and issue bonds not exceeding \$6,000,000, in one or more series, to run not exceeding 20 years from date thereof, with interest at a rate not exceeding 7% per annum, for the purpose of financing capital expenditures for school purposes for the District, including constructing, acquiring and/or improving schools and other school related facilities, together with equipment and furnishings therefor, title to which shall be in the public; which bonds will be general obligations of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with no increase in the estimated millage rate to be levied in the first year of issue above the 10 mills currently being levied to pay General Obligation Bonds of the District
15. To receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee meeting held on January 24, 2023.

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 5:30 pm. **Rick Hixon-Chairperson** called the meeting to order. In attendance were the following: **Louis Melton, Debbie Wilson and Adrin Williams**. Also present were **Mr. Robert Johnson and Mrs. Veronica Loche-Tappin, David Gray, Superintendent, and Stephen Katz, Attorney**. **Absent - Karen Diel**

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

1. To receive the Sales Tax Funds report for December 2022. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)  
***On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for December 2022, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***  
**Madam President, I so move.**
2. To receive the General Fund report for December 2022. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)  
***On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the General Fund report for December 2022, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***

**Madam President, I so move.**

3. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for December 2022. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the School Lunch Fund report for December 2022, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*

**Madam President, I so move.**

4. To receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for December 2022. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for December 2022, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*

**Madam President, I so move.**

5. To request permission to form an Insurance Committee for the 2022-2023 Voluntary and Supplemental Insurance Benefits plan year. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mrs. Debbie Wilson to authorize Ms. Ersula Downs to form a committee to review and recommend Voluntary and Supplemental Insurance Benefit plans, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*

6. To discuss forming a committee to propose what Capital projects will be included in the April 29<sup>th</sup> Bond Refinance Election. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve a committee to propose what Capital projects will be included in the April 29<sup>th</sup> Bond Refinance Elections, consisting of Ersula Downs (CFO), David Gray(Superintendent) and Karen Diel(Board President), seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, none opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

**Madam President, I so move**

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

16. To authorize the Superintendent to advertise for bids on property located at 4619 Keller Avenue, Collinston, LA with a minimum bid of the appraised value of \$70,000.00 and to grant the Superintendent the authority to execute all necessary documents. (Requested by Mr. David Gray, presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
17. To discuss and recommend approval of the revised Morehouse Parish School Board Sexual Harassment Policy, policy F-9.31 together with its attached Title IX Grievance Procedures for Student Reports of Complaints of Sexual Harassment and related forms. (Presented by Dr. Dana Boockoff).
18. To adopt the School Board Member Training Resolution for the year 2022. (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
19. To receive and adopt the amended policy F-9.12b, Time Keeping Policy for Nonexempt Employees, subparagraph G and C (Regarding running extra routes) as a “**Second Reading**”. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)

20. To discuss and take necessary actions regarding approval for Education First Educational Tours International Travel program – Dominican Republic – summer 2024. (Presented by Mrs. Rachael Peralta and Principal Marilyn Taylor)
21. “To discuss and consider taking necessary actions to require a minimum of 15 students for each classroom at Morehouse Magnet School for the 2023-2024 year.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
22. “ Update from the Transportation Department” (Requested by Ms. Adrin Williams)
23. “Update on timber cutting for Transportation Department” (Requested by Ms. Adrin Williams)
24. “Discuss in school suspension” (Presented by Ms. Adrin Williams)
25. “To discuss and take the necessary action to revise the letters sent to students/parents concerning suspensions and expulsions.” (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
26. To discuss the time revision for Bastrop High School. (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
27. “What is the status of hiring a counselor at Bastrop High School?” (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
28. “How are out of state consultants hired and from what fund are they paid?” (Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
29. To consider and adopt the proposed revision for the Central Office Receptionist Job Descriptions/Responsibilities. (Presented by Mrs. Teresa Merritt)
30. To receive and take necessary action to choose a voluntary insurance carrier based from the Insurance Committee recommendation. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
31. Public Comment: None for this meeting.
32. Personnel
  - a. Personnel Report (See Attachment)
33. **ADJOURNMENT**



David Gray, Superintendent  
Morehouse Parish Schools

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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