



MOREHOUSE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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

DAVID GRAY
Superintendent

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

July 27, 2023

A public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, August 1, 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 the following who have died recently:
 - Audrey L. Landers - Retired Teacher
4. Pledge of Allegiance

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5. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Recognitions: None for this meeting
8. Superintendent's Announcements (Mr. David Gray)
9. Approval of Minutes – Regular School Board Meeting held on July 6, 2023.
10. Approval of monthly Travel Requests (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
11. Approval of monthly Bus Requests - None from schools for this meeting.
12. To approve audit engagement for the 2022-2023 School Year with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC. (Requested by Ms. Ersula Downs, presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
13. To approve agreed upon Procedures Audit Engagement for 2022-2023 fiscal year with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
14. To consider changing September 26, 2023 Finance and Advisory Committee meeting to be combined with October 3, 2023 monthly board meeting. All board members will be attending the Annual LSBA Fall Trailblazers Conference. (Presented by Mrs. Karen Diel)
15. “To recommend that information requested by board members to be presented at the regular school board meeting be submitted to the superintendent. If possible he will provide this information either prior to the meeting or can be left at your station the night of the meeting. This is an effort to shorten the agenda, focus more on items requiring a vote, and to avoid holding guest for a lengthy amount of time.” (Presented by Ms. Karen Diel)
16. To receive and adopt an amendment to policy D-14.2 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination as a “**First Reading**”. This would replace the current D-14.2 policy. (**Attachment is in your board packets**) (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
17. To receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee Meeting held on July 25, 2023. (Presented by Mr. Rick Hixon)

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Rick Hixon-Chairperson called the meeting to order. In attendance were the following: Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Robert Johnson and Adrin Williams. Also present were Mrs. Veronica Loche-Tappin, Mrs. Debbie Wilson, and David Gray, Superintendent.

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

1. To receive the Sales Tax Funds report for June 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for June 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***
2. To receive the General Fund report for June 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the General Fund report for June 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***
3. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for June 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the School Lunch Fund report for June 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***
4. To receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for June 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for June 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***
5. To receive the quarterly budget to actual comparisons on the funds below.
 - A. Sales Tax Funds
 - B. General Fund
 - C. School Lunch Fund
 - D. East Morehouse Tax Fund***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the quarterly to actual comparisons on Sales Tax Funds, General Fund, School Lunch Fund and East Morehouse Tax Fund, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***
6. To receive the Semi- annual budget to actual comparisons on all funds below.
 - A. Sales Tax Funds
 - B. General Fund
 - C. School Lunch Fund
 - D. East Morehouse Tax Fund
 - E. Special Revenue Funds***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Semi-annual budget to actual comparisons on Sales Tax Funds, General Fund, School Lunch Fund, East Morehouse Tax Fund and Special Revenue Funds, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***
7. To receive an update on the 2023-2024 Initial MFP Allocation. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***This was report only.***
8. To receive and consider for approval a proposal from Risk Services of Louisiana, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year. (Presented by Ms. Lauren Young) ***On a motion of***

Mr. Louis to approve the proposal from Risk Services o Louisiana, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None Opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the student catastrophic accident proposal from Risk Services of Louisiana, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson


The meeting was adjourned.

18. To grant the superintendent the authority to advertise for bid the purchase of 3 buses of through ESSER III Funding. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
19. To receive and adopt an addition to Carpool And Bus Line Safety, policy E-1.2f-1 as a **“First Reading”**. (**Attachment is in your board packets**) (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
20. To receive and adopt an addition to School And Student Safety, policy E-1.2.1 as a **“First Reading”**. (**Attachment is in your board packets**) (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
21. To receive and adopt an addition to Continuous Learning, policy G-2.2.1 as a **“First Reading”**. (**Attachment is in your board packets**) (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
22. To receive and adopt an amendment to Attendance, policy H-2 as a **“First Reading”**. This would replace the current H-2. (**Attachment is in your board packets**) (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
23. To receive and adopt an amendment to Student Absences And Excuses, policy H-2.1 as a **“First Reading”**. This would replace the current H-2.1 policy. (**Attachment is in your board packets**) (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
24. To receive and adopt an amendment to Corporal Punishment, policy H-3.6A as a **“First Reading”**. This replaces policy H-3.6A and requires a written consent for the use of corporal punishment by the student’s parent or legal guardian. (**Attachment is in your board packets**) (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
25. To receive and adopt an amendment to Administration Of Medicine, policy H-3.7C as a **First Reading”**. This replaces policy H-3.7C. (**Attachment is in your board packets**) (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
26. “To grant the superintendent the authority to obtain a new appraisal for Cherry Ridge Elementary School.” (Presented by Mrs. Debbie Wilson)
27. “To discuss and take the necessary action concerning the cyber security plan and identifying the guardrails in place for the students and staff or employees in the Morehouse Parish school

system.” (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton, Presented by the AI technician and anyone else involved in preparing schools for the ever-evolving landscape of cyber threats.)

28. “To discuss and take the necessary action concerning the positive effects of Artificial Intelligence, while decreasing and eliminating the negative threats and effects of Artificial Intelligence.” (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton and Presented by MPSB Artificial Intelligence technician or coordinator)
29. “To discuss and receive a report on the school performance scores from 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 showing the area(s) of increase and decrease in the core subject areas for grade level 3rd-12th. (Leap, ILeap, and EOC)” (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton, Presented by Test Coordinator and Principals)
30. “To discuss and take the necessary action to make sure each school or work station of the Morehouse Parish School Board have been properly trained concerning an active threat and know the proper response.” (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton)
31. “To present the 2023-2024 Morehouse Parish “strategic plan” designed to show the procedures that will be used to: improve the academic performance of our students, employ and retain certified personnel, and enhance parental and community involvement.” (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin and Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
32. “To discuss and take necessary actions regarding states stipend for teachers, support workers etc. to receive the entire amount at one time.” (Requested by Ms. Adrin Williams)
33. “To get an update from each school on all projects finals unfinished and targeted completion date” (Requested by Ms. Adrin Williams)
34. “To get an update on any Covid funding that maybe available and if so the deadline for its use.” (Requested by Ms. Adrin Williams)
35. Public Comment: **Parent Alicia Boykin wants to discuss getting Joshua Lester enrolled in school during expulsion. (Limit 3-5 minutes)**
36. Personnel :
 - a. Personnel Report (See Attachment)

37. **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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