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Mission: "Academic Excellence through Quality Teaching"
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DAVID GRAY
Superintendent

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

May 3, 2024

A public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, May 7, 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. A moment of silence for –
 - Mittie Thomas- Retired Cafeteria Worker
 - Nellie Gardner- Retired Cafeteria Worker
 - April Canada- Accounts Payable

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4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Recognitions:
 - Employee Recognition – Child Nutrition Department
 - To recognize Bastrop High School weight lifting team.
 - Grown Your Own (Support Staff to Teacher Pipeline)
 - Certified Teacher Mentors (Teacher Leader Pipeline)
 - MFirst Louisiana Initial Teacher Certification
 - Bastrop High School Pre-Educator Pathway/Educator’s Rising Cohort I
8. Superintendent’s Announcements – (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
9. Approval of Minutes – The Regular School Board Meeting held on April 9, 2024 at 5:30 pm.
10. Approval of monthly Travel Requests (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
11. Approval of monthly Bus Requests – (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
12. “To request more information from Grant Schlueter concerning the Morehouse Parish School District’s constitutional tax and how future projects will be affected prior to voting on Beekman Charter School’s request” (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin) Mr. Brennan Black with present on behalf of Foley & Judell, LLP.
13. To request Foley & Judell to prepare the necessary documents for use of the Morehouse Parish School Board's Constitutional Tax to serve as collateral for a bond issue for Beekman Charter School to construct a building addition to be owned by the Morehouse Parish School Board on land now owned by the Morehouse Parish School Board at no cost to the Morehouse Parish School Board. (Presented by Mr. Huntsman)
14. To adopt a proposal for the 2024 Summer Work Schedule. (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
15. To adopt a proposal for the 2024-2025 School Calendar effective July 1, 2024. (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
16. To adopt a proposal for the 2024-2025 Morehouse Parish School Board/Committee Meeting Schedule. (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
17. To accept the bid of Hobson and Son to tear down and move debris from the Old Collinston Gym site. (Presented by Mr. Tony Roberts)
18. To consider and take the necessary action to encumber funds generated through savings of money occurring from use of electric buses, until funds value 5 million dollars to be solely used to replace electric buses. (Presented by Mr. David Gray)

19. To receive the Discipline Report (April 2024). (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
20. To present a request and take necessary action for the use of a school bus for the City of Bastrop Parks and Recreation Track and Field Program to transport their track team to the following track meets:
 1. USATF Southern Championship Jr Olympic, Zachary High on June 8, 2024
 2. Invitational Meet River Cities TC Mansfield High School on June 15, 2024
 3. Region 16 Junior Olympics Tennessee, TBA on July 4-7, 2024
 4. USATF REGUIN 6 Jr Championship, Denham Spring High on July 22-23, 2024
 5. USATF Jr Olympic Championship Texas A &M University on July 22-28, 2024
“The mileage would have to be at Morehouse Parish School District current school year rate”
 (Requested by Ms. Margaret Cotton, Presented by Mr. David Gray)
21. To present a request on behalf of the City of Bastrop Parks and Recreation Track and Field program to use Bastrop High Tracks from May 6 – July 31, 2024. (Requested by Ms. Margaret Cotton, Presented by Mr. David Gray)
22. To receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee meeting held on April 23, 2024.

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Robert Johnson-Chairperson (absent). Debbie Wilson called the meeting to order in Robert Johnson – Chairperson’s absence. In attendance were the following: Louis Melton, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Tappin and Adrin Williams. Also present were Rick Hixon, David Gray, Superintendent, and Stephen Katz, Attorney.

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

1. Questions regarding renovations at Beekman Charter School. (Presented by Mr. David Gray) *There were public comment questions from Ronald Williams and Charles Bradford. Mr. Huntsman and Samantha Mann explained they will apply for a bond loan through the secretary of state, and he believes the amount has to be at least 5 million to be qualified for the loan. They are asking Morehouse Parish School Board to approve using the constitutional tax for this process. Morehouse Parish owns the property they are asking to renovate. If they don’t follow through on the loan Morehouse Parish School Board still owns the property. There was much discussion on how the renovations were going to be funded. This was discussion only.*
2. To receive the Sales Tax Funds report for March 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for March 2024, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.

3. To receive the General Fund report for March 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the General Fund report for March 2024, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
4. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for March 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve School Lunch Fund report for March 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 March 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for March 2024, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
6. To receive the ESSER Funds report for March 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the ESSER Funds report for March 2024, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
7. To receive the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparisons on the funds below.
 - A. Sales Tax Funds- *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparisons Sales Tax Funds, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
 - B. General Fund- *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparisons General Fund, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
 - C. School Lunch Fund- *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparisons School Lunch Fund, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
 - D. East Morehouse Tax Fund- *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparisons East Morehouse Tax Fund, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. President, I so move.

E. ESSER Funds- On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparisons ESSER Funds, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. President, I so move.

F. Special Revenue Funds- On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparisons Special Revenue Funds, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. President, I so move.

8. To consider and take the necessary actions to consider recommending to advertise for bid/sale of six portable buildings at H. V. Adams. **(The buildings are included in your packet)** (Presented by Mr. Tony Roberts) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve advertising for the sale of six portable buildings “as is” at H. V. Adams, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. President, I so move.

9. To consider and take the necessary actions to consider recommending to accept the quote from United Automation for the amount of \$54,925.82 for Delta Elementary intercom system. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to amend the agenda reflecting the amount of \$65,925.94 instead of \$54, 925.82, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed. On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to accept the amended quote from United Automation for the amount of \$65,925.94 for Delta Elementary intercom system, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. President, I so move.

10. To consider and take the necessary actions to consider recommending to accept the quote from Matts Music for the amount of \$ 27,365.00 sound system for Bastrop High gymnasium. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to table this item and have Tony Roberts get quotes on heating and air for Bastrop High Auditorium, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. President, I so move.

11. To consider and take the necessary actions to consider recommending to accept the quote from Matts Music for the amount of \$102,184.00 acoustic treatment for Bastrop High gymnasium. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to table this item and have Tony Roberts get quotes on heating and air for Bastrop High Auditorium, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. President, I so move.

12. To discuss and take the necessary action to consider recommending to approve the contract additional hours needed to complete Powerschool implantation of:

- EFP
- SmartFind
- Unified Talent(Talent Ed Records)

(Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs and Mrs. Teresa Merritt)

On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to table this item until Ms. Ersula Downs and Mrs. Teresa Merritt come back with more accurate information, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.


Mr. President, I so move.

13. The meeting was adjourned.

23. To adopt Forethought's revisions to sections D and E of the policy manual to replace all former sections D and E of the policy manual except section D-12 which will be included in section J and to replace sections A-10.1 and A-10.2 of the policy manual and to add a new section F of the policy manual (which does not replace the current section F of the policy manual) as a **"Second Reading."** (**Attachments are provided in your packets**) (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)
24. To adopt the Student and Teacher Artificial Intelligence Acceptable Use as a new Policy, H-31, as a **"Second Reading"**. (**Attachments are provided in your packets**) (Presented by Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr. and Ms. Katie Henderson)
25. To amend section III.B.2. under Mandatory Suspensions to include vape as a mandatory suspension, as a **"Second Reading"**. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
26. To amend policy H-3.5, section 6. To add "cros" as unacceptable footwear, as a **"Second Reading"**. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
27. To amend the fighting policy as set forth in the attached correspondence, as a **"Second Reading"**. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
28. To discuss and take the necessary action to consider recommending to approve the contract additional hours needed to complete Powerschool implantation of:
- EFP
 - SmartFind
 - Unified Talent(Talent Ed Records)
- (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs and Mrs. Teresa Merritt)
29. Request for the Board to provide transportation cost (school bus) for students traveling to Birmingham, Alabama for Nations Competition for GUMBO track and field. (Presented by Tricia Brisco, Hannah Andrews and Katye Saldana)

30. To approve for Delta Elementary Basketball Coaches and Cheer/Dance sponsors to be paid from school funds that are available in the basketball account. (Presented by Mrs. Carla Martin)
31. To adopt the Differentiated Compensation Plan as an amendment to the 2023-2024 Teacher pay Scale. (Presented by Mrs. Teresa Merritt and Ms. Ersula Downs)
32. "To discuss and take the necessary procedure for aggressively advertising, recruiting, screening, and selecting the most capable person/applicant who meet both state and local qualifications and who also display the ability to successfully carry out the duties of the Superintendent of the Morehouse Parish School Board. (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton)
33. "To discuss and take the necessary action to renew the summer school work program for the students and supervisors at the two major job sites at Bastrop High School and Delta Elementary School. (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton)
34. "To discuss and take necessary actions to make the assistant principals for all schools 11 month instead of 10 month." (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton)
35. Public Comment: None for this meeting
36. To remove from the table the appeal of the minor child, K.R., from a hearing conducted by Ralph Davenport. The student will have the choice of conducting the hearing in open meeting or an executive session. (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)
37. Appeal of the minor child, K. R., from a hearing conducted by Ralph Davenport. The student will have the choice of conducting the hearing in open meeting or an executive session. (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)
38. Personnel :
 - a. Personnel Report (See Attachment)

39. **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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