



MOREHOUSE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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Mission: "Academic Excellence through Quality Teaching"
Vision: "All Schools a 'C' in 2016"

MRS. HAZEL SELLERS
Interim Superintendent

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: May 3, 2016

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers
202 East Jefferson Avenue
Bastrop, LA 71220

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation - a moment of silence observed for the following who died recently:
Katie Watkins, retired teacher
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Recognitions and Presentations
 - A. High Attendance – Faculty and Staff
 - B. High Attendance – Students
 - C. Employee of the Month
 - D. Teachers of the Year
- VII. To discuss the Superintendent. (Mrs. Thompson)
- VIII. Election of Superintendent. (Mr. Hixon)
- IX. To discuss the Superintendent. (Mrs. Thompson)
- X. Approval of Minutes – Regular School Board meeting held on April 5, 2016 and the Special School Board meetings held on April 7, 2016, and April 28, 2016.
- XI. Approval of Bus Requests. (Mrs. Sellers)
- XII. To hear from Mr. Otis Hill regarding a bus request to transport students from Delta Magnet to the Community Garden on Grabault Road. (Mr. Hill)

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- XIII. Approval of Monthly Travel. (Mrs. Sellers)
- XIV. Communication to the Board (Reports Only)
 - A. Suspension Report (Mr. Ralph Davenport)
 - B. Transportation Report as follows: (Mr. Verbon Muhammad)
 - 1. Cost to purchase a wrecker
 - 2. Year-to-Date Costs for Wrecker Service
- XV. New Business
 - A. To consider renewal of insurances. (Brown & Brown Representative)
 - B. To adopt a resolution authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of three million seven hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$3,725,000) of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, of School District Number A (Parishwide) of the parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said bonds; approving and confirming the sale of such bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. (Mrs. Norwood)
 - C. To receive a report from the Finance Committee from the meeting held on April 28, 2016. (Mr. Rawls)
 - D. To reinforce the ANTI-BULLYING policy for our school system. (Ms. Kennedy)
 - E. To consider an immediate consolidation plan that maximizes the utilization of facilities currently owned by the Morehouse Parish School System. (Ms. Kennedy)
 - F. To consider and take action to reduce committed funds allocated for natural disasters from \$1,000,000 to \$300,000 and to move \$700,000 to unassigned fund balance. (Mrs. Norwood)
 - G. To consider and take action in regards to transferring Sales Tax Fund to General Fund in the amount of \$475,000. (Mrs. Norwood)
 - H. To grant authority to send letters of intention to employ for 2016-2017 school year to school employees. (Mrs. Williams)
 - I. To consider for a 1st Reading the following policy: (Mr. Katz)
 - 1. Policy for Transgender Students – H-27
 - J. To consider for a 2nd Reading the following policy: (Mr. Davenport)
 - 1. Student Dress Code
 - K. To award bids for the sale of the following property: (Mrs. Norwood)
 - 1. Old Personnel Building
 - 2. Old Bonita Property

L. To award bids for the lease of the following property: (Mrs. Norwood)

1. Old Bonita Property

M. To hear a request from Theobury Odom, Sr. to purchase school board property located at 123 Cason. (Mr. Odom)

XVI. Public Comments

A. Georgia White requested to address the Board regarding *"Number of days working for 11 month employees."*

B. Gertrude Johnson requested to address the Board regarding:

1. *"Bus Safety"*
2. *"Safe School Environment"*

C. Rhonda Johnson requested to address the Board regarding:

1. *"Discuss proper procedure of employee personnel issues."*
2. *"Discuss the procedure for getting an appeal to the Board."*
3. *"Consider and discuss the integrity of the Board President and Superintendent."*
4. *Discuss Morehouse Parish 's Policy on banning parents and guardians from schools and discuss protocol."*

XVII. Personnel

A. Personnel Report (See Attachment)

B. To consider adopting a motion to ratify personnel actions taken by the Superintendent of Schools and stated on and/or attached to the agenda of May 3, 2016.

XVIII. Adjournment

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.

**Morehouse Parish School Board
Personnel Report for April, 2016**

Resignations

Larissa Bonnett, bus driver, effective 3/4/16

New Hires

James Canady, bus driver, effective 4/1/16

Michael Sneed, substitute bus driver, effective 4/11/16

Vicki Pack, substitute bus driver, effective 4/20/16

Retirements

Bema Day, paraprofessional, effective 5/26/16

Sheila Green, counselor, Delta Magnet School, effective 6/9/16

Written Notice to School Board of Terminations

Kenneth Stokes, custodian, Morehouse Magnet School, effective 4/25/16

Melissa Catalanotto, bus driver, effective 4/15/16