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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

March 10, 2023

A public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 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 –
 - Ethelene Winston- Retired Bus Driver
 - Lucille Jones- Retired Cafeteria Worker
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Recognitions:
 - Employee of the month
 - LSBA 2022-2023 LSBA Artwork
 - Recognition for renewal of National Board Teacher Certification
Teri Carson, Coordinator - Personnel Department
 - **Maria Theresa Emfinger - 21st Century Director and Testing & Accountability Coordinator**
8. Superintendent's Announcements (Mr. David Gray)

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9. Approval of Minutes – Regular School Board Meeting held on February 7, 2023.
10. Approval of monthly Travel Requests (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
11. Approval of monthly Bus Requests (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
12. To receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee meeting held on February 28, 2023.

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 5:30 pm. **Rick Hixon-Chairperson** called the meeting to order. In attendance were the following: **Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Debbie Wilson and Adrin Williams.** Also present were **Mrs. Veronica Loche-Tappin, David Gray, Superintendent, and Stephen Katz, Attorney.**

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

1. To present information from NativState on Carbon Capture. (Presented by Mr. Mark Brown) Information was presented to the committee. *On a motion by Ms. Karen Diel to make a recommendation to the full board to enter into a Carbon Agreement and Order for payment with NativeState, LLC, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Madam President, I so move.
2. To receive the Sales Tax Funds report for January 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for January 2023, seconded by Ms. Karen Diel. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Madam President, I so move.
3. To receive the General Fund report for January 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the General Fund report for January 2023, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Madam President, I so move.
4. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for January 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the School Lunch Fund report for January 2023, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Madam President, I so move.
5. To receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for January 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for January 2023, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Madam President, I so move.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

13. To extend Morehouse Community Medical Centers, INC, School Based Health Center Agreement (Term of ten (10) years commencing May 1, 2023 and terminating April 30, 2033. (Presented by Ms. Stephanie Harris)
14. “To meet Edward Lanier, Jr., owner/director of True Wellness, Inc., to the community.” (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin and Mr. Rick Hixon) (Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin and Mr. Rick Hixon)
15. To announce the Committee chairperson and members for the 2023 Finance and Advisory Committee. (Presented by Ms. Karen Diel)
16. To receive and adopt changes to the School Bus Loading and Unloading of Students Policy E-13 to comply with La. R.S. 17:158(J) as a “**First Reading**”. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
17. To receive and adopt the expanded policy D-12 name to School Fund –Raising Activities and Sales to Students page 25.D as a “**First Reading**”. (Presented by Mrs. Teresa Merritt)
18. To discuss updates to cafeterias and updates to kitchen service. (Presented by Ms. Ashley White)
19. To receive the Discipline Report (January and February 2023) (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
20. 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 “**Second Reading**” (Presented by Dr. Dana Boockoff).
21. “To discuss and take the necessary action to change the wording of the suspension and expulsion letters given to students.” (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
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. “How many AED life saving devices are at each school and where are they located at the school?” (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton)
26. “To discuss the major purpose of the online credit for the bond issue.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
27. Public Comment: None for this meeting.
28. Personnel
 - a. Personnel Report (See Attachment)

29. **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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