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

DAVID GRAY
Superintendent

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

September 1, 2023

A public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, September 5, 2023

TIME: 6:00 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:
 - Andrea Joy Tilbury Sanford - 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 August 1, 2023 and Special Called Board Meeting on August 22, 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 adopt the Morehouse Parish School Board 2022-2023 Revised School Year Consolidated Budget. (Requested by Ms. Ersula Downs and Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
13. To adopt the Morehouse Parish School Board 2023-2024 School Year Consolidated Budget Resolution. (Requested by Ms. Ersula Downs and Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
14. To present and take appropriate action on the Industrial Tax Exemption Application #20210112-ITE, \$4,083,461.00 for approval. (Presented by Kay King)
15. To present and take appropriate action on the Industrial Tax Exemption Application #20210241-ITE, \$5,388,580.00 for approval. (Presented by Kay King)
16. To present the LARMA renewal for the 2023-2024 year. (Presented by Mr. Robert Cowan with Alliant Insurance)
17. To receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 22, 2023. (Presented by Mr. Rick Hixon)

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 5:35 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 July 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for July 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

2. To receive the General Fund report for July 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the General Fund report for July 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
3. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for July 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the School Lunch Fund report for July 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
4. To receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for July 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *No report for this meeting.*
5. To present updated salary schedules for disbursement of the 2023-2024 Stipend for Teachers and Support workers. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Ms. Karen Diel to accept Salary Schedule Option #3, no one seconded the motion. The motion failed. On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to accept Salary Schedule Option #1, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton.*

Roll Call Vote:

Rick Hixon- Yes

Karen Diel-Yes

Louis Melton-Yes

Robert Johnson-Yes

Adrin Williams-Yes

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

18. To adopt Forethought's revisions to sections A, B and C of the policy manual as a "**First Reading**" to replace all of the former sections A, B and C of the policy manual except sections A-10.1 and A-10.2, B-14.13, B-17, C-4, C-5, C-6.1 through C-6.10, 6.12 through C-6.14 which will be included on Forethought's section D, E,G and K of the revised policy manual when it is developed by Forethought. (Presented by Mr. Stephen Katz)
19. To adopt policy E-14 Act. 301 Video/Audio Monitoring of School Board Property as a "**First Reading.**" (**Attachment is in your board packets**)(Presented by Mr. Stephen Katz)
20. To receive and adopt an addition to Carpool And Bus Line Safety, policy E-1.2f-1 as a "**Second Reading**". (**Attachment is in your board packets**) (Presented by Mr. Stephen Katz)
21. To receive and adopt an addition to School And Student Safety, policy E-1.2.1 as a "**Second Reading**". (**Attachment is in your board packets**) (Presented by Mr. Stephen Katz)

22. To receive and adopt an addition to Continuous Learning, policy G-2.2.1 as a **“Second Reading”**. (**Attachment is in your board packets**) (Presented by Mr. Stephen Katz)
23. To receive and adopt an amendment to Attendance, policy H-2 as a **“Second Reading”**. This would replace the current H-2. (**Attachment is in your board packets**) (Presented by Mr. Stephen Katz)
24. To receive and adopt an amendment to Student Absences And Excuses, policy H-2.1 as a **“Second Reading”**. This would replace the current H-2.1 policy. (**Attachment is in your board packets**) (Presented by Mr. Stephen Katz)
25. To receive and adopt an amendment to Corporal Punishment, policy H-3.6A as a **“Second 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. Stephen Katz)
26. To receive and adopt an amendment to Administration Of Medicine, policy H-3.7C as a **“Second Reading”**. This replaces policy H-3.7C. (**Attachment is in your board packets**) (Presented by Mr. Stephen Katz)
27. To grant authority to advertise for bids for used tires. (Presented by Mr. Tony Roberts)
28. To grant authority to advertise/accept bids for 12 surplus buses. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
29. “To grant the superintendent the authority to obtain a new appraisal for Cherry Ridge Elementary School.” (Presented by Mrs. Debbie Wilson)
30. “To consider and take the necessary action to change the index for principals, assistant principals, instructional facilitators, dean of students, supervisors, secretaries, coordinators, IT technicians, business department personnel.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
31. “To discuss and take the necessary action regarding the stipend given by the State for teachers, support workers etc. to be issued in one lump sum.” (Presented by Ms. Adrin Williams)
32. “To receive an update on Covid funding, the balance and what the remaining amount is allocated for.” (Requested by Ms. Adrin Williams)
33. “To receive an update from all school principals regarding bathrooms, air conditioning and any other issues.” (Requested by Ms. Adrin Williams)
34. “To discuss and take the necessary actions to give all certified staff and additional \$1,000 stipend and support staff additional \$750.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)

35. "To discuss and take the appropriate action to identify which employees are eligible to use swap time and which are eligible to use comp time." (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
36. "To discuss and take the appropriate action to have sound panels placed on the walls in the gymnasium at Bastrop High School." (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
37. Public Comment: **(1)**. Latetao Hutchinson, Executive Director of Morehouse Community Development wants to discuss a partnership. **(2)**. Linda Mays Logan/Destiny Jackson, to discuss Summer school retention, Maldrea Jackson and First grade retention, Melody Jackson. **(Limit 3-5 minutes)**
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

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