



MOREHOUSE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

"Obtaining Excellence in Education Through Quality Teaching"

4099 Naff Avenue
Post Office Box 872
Bastrop, LA 71220
(318) 281-5784
Fax (318) 283-3456

Louis Melton, President
District 2

Robert Johnson, Vice President
District 3

Karen Diel
District 1

Rick Hixon
District 4

Debbie Wilson
District 5

Veronica Loche-Tappin
District 6

Adrin Williams
District 7

Mission: "Academic Excellence through Quality Teaching"
Vision: "Continuing to a 'B' in 2024"

DAVID GRAY
Superintendent

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

February 2, 2024

A public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, February 2, 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. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
5. Approval of Agenda

"An Equal Opportunity Employer"

6. Recognitions:
 - Employee of the month
 - LDOE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDER AWARD
District Nominees: Krista Benson, Darlene Blackard, Leslye Barnes
Leslye Barnes – LDOE Semi Finalist for School Health Service Provider of the Year Award
7. Superintendent’s Announcements – (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
8. Approval of Minutes – The Regular School Board Meeting held on January 11, 2024 at 5:30 pm.
9. Approval of monthly Travel Requests (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
10. Approval of monthly Bus Requests – (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
11. To receive the 2023 School Report for Beekman Charter School. (Presented by Ms. Samantha Mann)
12. “Request permission from the Morehouse Parish School Board to accept Change Order 005 from Gentry Construction in the amount of \$50,957.57 for the repair and/or replacement of dilapidated plumbing rough in’s that were discovered during the demolition for Phase II of the Restroom Renovations for Bastrop High School, Morehouse Elementary School, Morehouse Magnet School, and Delta Elementary School. This unforeseen work is necessary for the proper renovations of the affected restrooms and will assist in the assurance of trouble-free operation of the restrooms in the future. These changes are similar to the unforeseen condition found in Phase I of the ESSER III Restroom Renovations which were previously approved by the school board.” (Presented by Mr. Lyn Kenley)
13. To receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee meeting held on January 30, 2024.

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 5:30 pm. **Robert Johnson-Chairperson** called the meeting to order. In attendance were the following: Louis Melton, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Tappin and Adrin Williams. Also present were Ms. Karen Diel, David Gray, Superintendent, and Stephen Katz, Attorney.

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

1. To receive the Sales Tax Funds report for December 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for December 2023, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.

2. To receive the General Fund report for December 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the General Fund report for December 2023, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
3. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for December 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the School Lunch Fund report for December 2023, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
4. To receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for December 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for December 2023, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin with the necessary corrections. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
5. To receive the ESSER Funds report for December 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the ESSER Funds report for December 2023, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
6. To receive the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparisons on the funds below.
 - A. Sales Tax Funds
 - B. General Fund
 - C. School Lunch Fund
 - D. East Morehouse Tax Fund
 - E. ESSER Funds
 - F. Special Revenue Funds

Section A. On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the Sales Tax Funds, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. President, I so move.

Section B. On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve the General Fund, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. President, I so move.

Section C. On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the School Lunch Fund, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. President, I so move.

Section D. *On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. President, I so move.

Section E. *On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve the ESSER Funds, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. President, I so move.

Section F. *On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve the Special Revenue Funds, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. President, I so move.

7. To receive an update from the East Morehouse Tax District. (Presented by Mrs. Carla Martin) ***This was presentation only.***

MEETING ADJOURNED

14. To receive the amendment to the Special Revenue Funds Report presented at the January 30, 2024 Finance and Advisory Committee meeting. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs).
15. To receive the Discipline Report (January 2024). (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
16. To discuss and take the necessary actions for approval of a new position, job description and advertisement for a manager to oversee the new Child Nutrition Food Truck and Staff. (Presented by Ms. Ashley White)
17. To consider entering into an H1B Staffing Agency Agreement with HIREFOX LLC and authorizing the president, Louis Melton, to execute the same. (Presented by Mrs. Teresa Merritt)
18. To amend section A.(b)(i)(aa) of policy F-28 to substitute the words “crime listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C)” for the term “felony offense” in order to follow current state law as a **“First Reading”**. (Attachment is in your board packet to include the current policy and revised policy.) (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)
19. To adopt the LSBA Code of Conduct for Louisiana School Board Members as a policy as a **“Second Reading”** and request a policy number from Forethought. (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
20. To adopt revised policy CG as Administrative Records as a **“Second Reading”**. (Attachment is in your Board packet – adds the underlined phrase on page 3). (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)
21. To adopt policy DFG as Donations And Gifts – as a **“Second Reading.”** (Attachment is in your Board packet – conforms with Act 346). (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)

22. To adopt policy EBBH as Use Of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) And Cardiac Emergency Plan as a **"Second Reading."** (Attachment is in your Board packet – conforms with Act 234). (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)
23. To adopt the revised policy IHAD as Parent Conferences as a **"Second Reading."** (Attachment is in your Board packet – policy combines various parent conferences into one policy.) (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)
24. To amend Morehouse Parish Wellness policy, F-22 by adding additional requirement on page 127F. to section 4.C.3. for K-5 students as a **"Second Reading"**. (Attachment is in your Board packet – complies with Act 219 to provide recess for students K-5.) (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)
25. "To discuss and take the necessary action to change and add extra-curricular supplemental pay schedule for 5th or 6th grades basketball, football and all other sports such as cheerleading, pep squad, dance line, band and etc. that reflect the same or $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Jr. High School stipend." (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton and Elementary principals)
26. "To discuss and take the necessary action to change the index for elementary principals, assistant principals, supervisors, coordinators, and etc. due to an increase in students and teachers enrollment and employment, plus additional sports, duties, and responsibilities." (Requested and Presented by Mr. Louis Melton and Elementary principals.)
27. "To discuss and take the appropriate action to have employees paid twice a month instead of once a month." (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin and Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
28. Public Comment: **None for this meeting.**
29. Personnel :
 - a. Personnel Report (See Attachment)

30. **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.

In accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special Assistance, please call 318-281-5784, describing the assistance that is necessary.