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

DAVID GRAY
Superintendent

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

November 3, 2023

A public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, November 7, 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-
 - Mollie Keys- Retired Cafeteria Worker
 - Sandra Bracy- Teacher
 - Melba Parker- Retired Teacher
 - Ethel Norris- Retired Bus Driver
 - Annie Fudge- Retired Teacher
 - John Hattaway- Retired Bus Driver

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4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Recognitions:
 - GUMBO Students
 - September Employee of the Month – Transportation
 - October Employee of the Month – Custodian/ Maintenance Department
 - November Employee of the Month – Morehouse Magnet School
 - Ross Downs
8. Superintendent’s Announcements (Mr. David Gray)
9. Approval of Minutes – The Regular School Board Meeting held on October 3, 2023 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 receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee meeting held on October 24, 2023. (Presented by Mr. Rick Hixon)

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 5:30 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, 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 September 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for September 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***
Madam President, I so move.
2. To receive the General Fund report for September 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the General Fund report for September 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***
Madam President, I so move.

3. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for September 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the School Lunch Fund report for September 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Madam President, I so move.
4. To receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for September 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for September 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Madam President, I so move.
5. To receive the ESSER Funds report for September 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the ESSER Funds report for September 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*
Madam 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

On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparisons for the Sales Tax Funds, General Fund, School Lunch Fund, East Morehouse Tax Fund, ESSER Funds, and Special Revenue Funds, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Madam President, I so move.

7. To receive an update on the October 1 MFP Count. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *This was report only.*
8. To receive an update on the current balance of the ESSER construction loan. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *This was presentation only.*

MEETING ADJOURNED.

13. To approve the Pupil Progression Plan for the 2023-2024 School Year. (Presented by Ms. Katie Henderson)
14. To approve the purchase for a new intercom system for Bastrop High School. (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
15. To consider and adopt the School Mental Health Counselor Job Description and Performance Responsibilities. (Presented by Mrs. Teresa Merritt)

16. To accept the bid for the Child Nutrition Program Food Truck. (Presented by Ms. Ashley White)
17. To accept the bids for used buses/vehicles. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
18. To grant permission to advertise the Lease of land for hunting purposes in Section 16, Township 23 North, Range 4 East, containing approximately 642 acres, (just above the "Beanfield" in northwest area of the parish) for five years. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
19. To grant permission to advertise the Lease of land for farming/agricultural purposes in Section 38, Township 20 North, Range 6 East, which is utilized currently as agricultural property, approximately 35 acres, more or less, lying East of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad track, sometimes known as the Delta School Farm, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
20. To receive the Discipline Report (October 2023). (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
21. "To authorize the superintendent to advertise for the sale of Cherry Ridge Elementary School at the appraised value of \$40,000.00 and to grant the superintendent the authority to execute all necessary documents." (Requested by Mrs. Debbie Wilson)
22. "To discuss and take the necessary action to add a women and men's restroom in the 7th and 8th grade building at Bastrop High School. (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton)
23. "To request updates from the Transportation Department on the items below." (Requested by Ms. Adrin Williams)
 - Routes
 - Updated information regarding carbon from the trees.
 - Timber cutting
 - Buses old/new
 - Bus aides
24. "To discuss and take the appropriate action to have monthly or quarterly statements given to those organizations that use buses to attend events." Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin and Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
25. "To discuss the replacement or the addition of lights in specific areas at Bastrop High School. (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin and Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
26. "To discuss the possibility of adding to or changing the sound system at Bastrop High School. (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin and Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
27. "To present the superintendent a copy of his annual evaluation and to place the original evaluation in his personnel file." (Presented by Ms. Karen Diel)
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

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