

The Morehouse Parish School Board met in regular monthly session on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at Morehouse Student Services Center, with the following members present Karen Diel, Louis Melton - President, Robert Johnson - Vice President, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Loche-Tappin and Adrin Williams. Also, present David Gray, Superintendent and Steve Katz, Attorney.

President Louis Melton called the meeting to order.

The next item on the agenda was the invocation led by Mr. Louis Melton.

The next item on the agenda was a moment of silence for –

- Mary Trichel – Retired Food Service
- Benjamin Williams – Retired Maintenance Department
- Charles Etta Smith – Retired Teacher

Mr. Louis Melton led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call to Establish a Quorum: Present –Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Robert Johnson, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Loche-Tappin. and Adrin Williams

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the agenda. *On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed.*

The next item on the agenda was recognitions: *There were none for this meeting.*

The next item on the agenda was Superintendent’s Announcements –

- *Demolition is complete at the Collinston site.*
- *H. V. Adams arson update. There will be more information regarding the insurance at the July board meeting.*

The next item on the agenda was the approval of minutes from The Regular School Board Meeting held on May 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm. *On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve the minutes from The Regular School Board Meeting held on May 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was Approval of monthly Travel Requests – *On a motion of Mrs. Karen Diel- Solomon to approve the monthly Travel Requests, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was Approval of monthly Bus Requests- *On a motion of Mrs. Karen Diel-Solomon to approve the monthly bus request, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Discipline Report (May 2024). **(Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)**

The next item on the agenda was to receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee meeting held on May 28, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

**Robert Johnson-Chairperson. 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 Rick Hixon, David Gray, Superintendent, and Stephen Katz, Attorney.

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

On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to amend item 12 to read to present and take appropriate actions to implement the Delta Academic Plan starting July 1, 2024 and East Morehouse proposed budget. (Presented by Ms. Tucker and Ms. Morrison), seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. ***None opposed the motion passed unanimously.***

1. Approve Superintendent Application Form. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Superintendent Application Form, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously. Mr. President, I so move, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.***
2. Approve Request and Authorization For Release of Confidential Information form. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Request and Authorization For Release of Confidential Information form, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously. Mr. President, I so move, seconded by Mrs. Karen Diel-Solomon. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.***
3. Approve Authorization To Discuss Candidacy For Superintendent Executive Session Without Notice Form. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) ***On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve Authorization to Discuss Candidacy for Superintendent Executive Session without Notice Form, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously. Mr. President, I so move, seconded by Mrs. Karen Diel-Solomon. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.***
4. Approve advertisement. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the advertisement, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously. Mr. President, I so move, seconded by Mrs. Karen Diel-Solomon. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.***
5. Select dates of advertisement in official journal (probably June 12 and 19). (Ouachita Citizen prints on Thursdays, and information has to be in by Monday evening before 5:00 pm) (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve dates of advertisement in official journal (probably June 13 and 20). (Ouachita Citizen prints on Thursdays, and information has to be in by Monday***

*evening before 5:00 pm), seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. President, I so move, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

6. Select any other publications for advertisement. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to select publications for advertisement Ouachita Citizen, Monroe News Star, Shreveport Times, LASE website, Teach Louisiana website, MPSB website, and LSBA website, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. . None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. President, I so move, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

7. Select date by which applications must be received (at least 30 days after last advertisement) (July 22). (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) *On a motion Mr. Louis Melton to Select date by which applications must be received (at least 30 days after last advertisement) (July 22), seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. . None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. President, I so move, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

8. Select date for executive session for board members to discuss applications and which candidates to interview (September 3)  
(September 2 is Labor Day) (Need at least 30 days after application to receive requested personnel files of applicant. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to select the date for executive session for board members to discuss applications and which candidates to interview as September 3, 2024 (September 2 is Labor Day), seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. President, I so move, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

9. Select date(s) for interviews. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) *On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to table this item until further notice, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. President, I so move, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

10. Taking the above information that is selected into account, state the date for the Superintendent Elect to begin if available. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) *On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to table this item until further notice, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. President, I so move, seconded by Mrs. Karen Diel-Solomon. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

11. To grant the superintendent the authority to advertise for bids for surplus equipment as listed which is no longer used for school purposes. (Requested by Mr. Tony Roberts, and Presented Mr. David Gray) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to grant the superintendent the authority to advertise for bids for surplus equipment as listed which is no longer used for school purposes, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. President, I so move, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

12. To present and take appropriate actions to implement the Delta Academic Plan starting July 1, 2024. (Presented by Ms. Tucker and ~~Ms. Morrison~~ Ms. Seay) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to take appropriate actions to implement the one page Delta East Morehouse Academic Plan Initiative 2024-2025, seconded by Mr. Debbie Wilson. The other portion of the item will be presented at a different Finance and Advisory Committee meeting. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. President, I so move, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

**The meeting was adjourned.**

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Sales Tax Funds report for April 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Karen Diel-Solomon to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for April 2024, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to receive the General Fund report for April 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve the General Fund report for April 2024, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to receive the School Lunch Fund report for April 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to approve the School Lunch Fund report for April 2024, seconded by Mrs. Karen Diel-Solomon. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for April 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Karen Diel-Solomon to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for April 2024, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to receive the ESSER Funds report for April 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Karen Diel-Solomon to approve the ESSER Funds report for April 2024, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to adopt a Resolution accepting the bid of Cordelio Devco 9, LLC for the Wind Lease And Servitude Agreement in the amount of \$25,238.80 for the first year and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools, David Gray, to execute the Wind Lease And Servitude Agreement together with any and all other documents which may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Wind Lease And Servitude Agreement. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Mrs. Karen Diel-Solomon to adopt a Resolution accepting the bid of Cordelio Devco 9, LLC for the Wind Lease And Servitude Agreement in the amount of \$25,238.80 for the first year and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools, David Gray, to execute the Wind Lease And Servitude Agreement together with any and all other documents which may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Wind Lease And Servitude Agreement, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to amend the last sentence of policy **CBD on page 1 to read as follows:** The School Board shall notify the Superintendent of termination of his or her contract of employment in writing before the next regularly scheduled school board meeting, as a **“First Reading”**. (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz) ***On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to amend the last sentence of policy CBD on page 1 to read as follows: The School Board shall notify the Superintendent of termination of his or her contract of employment in writing before the next regularly scheduled school board meeting, as a “First Reading”, seconded by Mrs. Karen Diel-Solomon. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to select the Ouachita Citizen as the official journal of the Morehouse Parish School Board from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Mrs. Karen Diel-Solomon to select the Ouachita Citizen as the official journal of the Morehouse Parish School Board from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was “To enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Morehouse Parish Police Jury for its use of a nonused portable building at H.V. Adams Elementary School and authorize the superintendent to execute it on behalf of the Board.” (Presented by Ms. Karen Diel) ***On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Morehouse Parish Police Jury for its use of a nonused portable building at H.V. Adams Elementary School and authorize the superintendent to execute it on behalf of the Board”, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to grant authority for Superintendent of Schools to approve in parish same day bus request. (Presented by Mr. David Gray) ***On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to grant authority for Superintendent of Schools to approve in parish same day bus request, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to **amend the approval of agenda item 23 of the meeting of May 7, 2024 so as to now read** “ To adopt Forethought's revisions to sections D and E of the policy manual to replace all former sections D and E of the policy manual except section D-12 which will be included in section J and except sections E-1.7, E-1.7a and E-1.7b which will be included in new section K of the policy manual as a **“First Reading”**, (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz) ***On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to amend the approval of agenda item 23 of the meeting of May 7, 2024 so as to now read “ To adopt***

***Forethought's revisions to sections D and E of the policy manual to replace all former sections D and E of the policy manual except section D-12 which will be included in section J and except sections E-1.7, E-1.7a and E-1.7b which will be included in new section K of the policy manual as a "First Reading", seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to consider and take action on the request of Mrs. Kay King, Executive Director of (MEDCO) Morehouse Economic Development Corp. to name Rick Hixon as the Morehouse Parish School Board's representative to MEDCO. Rick Hixon is a current member in good standing with MEDCO and has been nominated by MEDCO to serve on the MEDCO Board of Directors to represent the interest of Morehouse Parish School Board as a taxing body. (Requested by Mr. Rick Hixon) ***On a motion of Mrs. Karen Diel-Solomon to take action on the request of Mrs. Kay King, Executive Director of (MEDCO) Morehouse Economic Development Corp. to name Rick Hixon as the Morehouse Parish School Board's representative to MEDCO. Rick Hixon is a current member in good standing with MEDCO and has been nominated by MEDCO to serve on the MEDCO Board of Directors to represent the interest of Morehouse Parish School Board as a taxing body, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and take the necessary action to fix the wash room/utility room, girls and boys dressing room at Delta Elementary. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) ***This was discussion only.***

The next item on the agenda was Public Comment: None for this meeting

The next item on the agenda was Personnel:  
a. Personnel Report (See Attachment)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Louis Melton, President

David Gray, Superintendent