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

DAVID GRAY
Superintendent

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

May 30, 2024

A public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, June 4, 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. A moment of silence for –
 - Mary Trichel – Retired Food Service
 - Benjamin Williams – Retired Maintenance Department
 - Charles Etta Smith – Retired Teacher

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4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Recognitions:
 - Employee Recognition – Non- Instructional Support Personnel
8. Superintendent’s Announcements – (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
9. Approval of Minutes – The Regular School Board Meeting held on May 7, 2024 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 Discipline Report (April 2024). (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
13. To receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee meeting held on May 28, 2024.

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.*
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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Mr. President, I so move.

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.

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 (September 3)*

(September 2 is Labor Day) (Need at least 30 days after application to receive requested personnel files of applicant seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. President, I so move.

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.

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.

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.

12. To present and take appropriate actions to implement the Delta Academic Plan starting July 1, 2024. (Presented by Ms. Tucker and Ms. Morrison) *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.

13. ADJOURNMENT

14. To receive the Sales Tax Funds report for April 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)

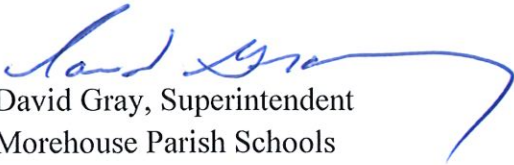
15. To receive the General Fund report for April 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)

16. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for April 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)

17. To receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for April 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)

18. To receive the ESSER Funds report for April 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)

19. 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)
20. 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)
21. To receive the Discipline Report (May 2024)
22. 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)
23. “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)
24. To grant authority for Superintendent of Schools to approve in parish same day bus request. (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
25. **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)
26. 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)
27. 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)
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.

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