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Mission: "Academic Excellence through Quality Teaching"
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DAVID GRAY
Superintendent

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

June 27, 2024

A public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, July 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

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6. Superintendent's Announcements – (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
7. Approval of Minutes – The Regular School Board Meeting held on June 4, 2024 at 5:30 pm.
8. Approval of monthly Travel Requests (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
9. Approval of monthly Bus Requests – (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
10. To receive and consider for approval a proposal from Risk services of Louisiana Inc. for the 2024-2025 school year. (Presented by Ms. Lauren Young)
11. To receive and consider for approval a report regarding property insurance coverage for the 2024-2025 school year from Alliant Insurance Company. (Requested by Ms. Ersula Downs, presented by Mr. Rob Cowan)
12. To receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee meeting held on June 25, 2024.

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 5:30 pm. **Robert Johnson-Chairperson. Robert Johnson - Chairperson** called the meeting to order. In attendance were the following: Louis Melton, Veronica Tappin and Adrin Williams. Also present was Stephen Katz, Attorney.

Absent- Debbie Wilson

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

1. To receive the Sales Tax Funds report for May 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for May 2024, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
2. To receive the General Fund report for May 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the General Fund report for May 2024, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
3. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for May 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tapping to approve the School Lunch Fund report for May 2024, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.

4. To receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for May 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for May 2024, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
5. To receive the ESSER Funds report for May 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the ESSER Funds report for May 2024, Seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*
Mr. President, I so move.
6. To consider adoption of the Delta Committee budget for 2024-2025 school year. (Presented by Mrs. Carla Martin) *On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the adoption of the East Morehouse Proposed Budget for 2024-2025 school year except to omit all references to reimbursing the East Morehouse(tax district) if like items are installed in other schools, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams.*

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Johnson – Yes

Louis Melton – No

Veronica Tappin – Yes

Adrin Williams – Yes

The motion passed.

Mr. President, I so move.


The meeting was adjourned

13. To make the determination to NOT make or file an insurance claim for the fire at closed H.V. Adams Elementary School because of the deductible expense of \$100,000.00 the Board would be required to pay, but to accept the total value of the claim depreciation which is \$139,227.00. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs and Mr. David Gray)
14. To declare an emergency and direct the superintendent to accept roof replacement bids or quotes for the Morehouse Student Services Center and Child Nutrition Building due to damages incurred from excessive rain, wind and rain in April and May. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
15. To consider and take the necessary actions to approve the School Social Worker Job Description to reflect the number of months for the position (10 Months). (Presented by Dr. Dana Boockoff)
16. To consider and adopt **Policies JGCF, JGCFA** to comply with **ACT 324** (Students with Behavioral or Emotional Challenges: Referral for assessment and treatment) as a **“First Reading”**. (Presented by Dr. Dana Boockoff)

17. To consider and take the necessary actions to approve job description and vacancy notice for Pre-ETS Transition Specialist (current teacher position). (Presented by Dr. Dana Boockoff)
18. To consider and take the necessary actions to approve job description and vacancy notice for Pre-ETS Transition Specialist Assistant. (Presented by Dr. Dana Boockoff)
19. To approve the audit engagement for 2023-2024 School Year with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC. (Requested by Ms. Ersula Downs, presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
20. To approve agreed upon Procedures Audit Engagement for 2023-2024 fiscal year with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
21. To review and approve the Personnel Records and Certification Coordinator Job Description and Salary Schedule. (Presented by Mrs. Teresa Merritt, Personnel Director)
22. 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 "**Second Reading**". (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)
23. 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 "**Second Reading**", (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)
24. To appoint Ms. Ersula Downs and Ms. Shatterria King, for the 2024-2025 Morehouse Sales Tax Commission Board for Morehouse Parish School Board.(Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
25. To accept the bid of \$1,000.00 from Johnny Green for portable building G-44. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
26. To accept the bid of \$500.00 from Mack Mansfield for portable building T-6. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
27. To review and adopt Act 311 (2024 La. Reg. Legis. Session) Which will allow for additional pay for overtime work and work beyond appointed duties under certain circumstances and require school districts to establish salary schedules.as a "First Reading". (Presented by Mrs. Teresa Merritt and Ms. Ersula Downs)
28. To review and approve the 2024 – 2025 MPSD Employees Job Descriptions. (Presented by Mrs. Teresa Merritt)

29. To review and approve the 2024 – 2025 MPSD Salary Schedules and Pay Rates. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
30. To discuss and take the necessary action to add a faculty restroom in the 7th and 8th grade building at Bastrop High School.(Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
31. Public Comment: None for this meeting
32. Personnel :
 - a. Personnel Report (See Attachment)

33. **ADJOURNMENT**


David Gray, Superintendent
Morehouse Parish Schools

cc: Board Member
Central Office Staff
Principals
Legal Advisor
News Media

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