

The Morehouse Parish School Board met in regular monthly session on April 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at Morehouse Student Services Center, with the following members present Karen Diel - President, Louis Melton – Vice President, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Loche-Tappin and Adrin Williams . Also, present David Gray, Superintendent and Steve Katz, Attorney.

Absent- Robert Johnson

President Karen Diel called the meeting to order.

The next item on the agenda was the invocation led by Mrs. Veronica Tappin.

Ms. Karen Diel led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Absent- Robert Johnson

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the agenda. *On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, none opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was recognitions:

- Employee of the month, Delta Elementary School, Miata Bynum received a plaque.
- LDOE Outstanding School Support Employees-
Elementary Category- Tiffany Goldsby, Morehouse Elementary Bookkeeper, Trelissa Brown, Morehouse Elementary Paraprofessional, Miata Bynum, Delta Elementary Nutrition Technician.
High School Category- Jay Munhollon, Morehouse Magnet Custodian.
All nominees received a certificate.
- Tiffany Goldsby is one of LDOE Outstanding School Support top 10 finalist, and will represent Morehouse Parish. Ms. Goldsby received a plaque and will be going to Baton Rouge April 19th to the BESE meeting.

The next item on the agenda was Superintendent’s Announcements – *None for this meeting*

The next item on the agenda was Approval of Minutes - Regular School Board Meeting held on March 14, 2023. *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon, none opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was Approval of monthly Travel Requests – *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton 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 Mr. Louis Melton to approve the monthly Bus Requests, seconded by Mr. Hixon, none opposed the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was “A resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000) of Revenue Bonds, Series 2023, of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.” (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs and Foley and Judell, L.L.P.) ***On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to approve was “A resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000) of Revenue Bonds, Series 2023, of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.”, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson.***

Roll Call Vote:

Karen Diel- Yes

Louis Melton- Yes

Robert Johnson- Absent

Rick Hixon- Yes

Debbie Wilson- Yes

Veronica Tappin- Yes and wants a copy of the ESSER Repair List

Adrin Williams- Yes and wants a copy of the ESSER Repair List

The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was to consider and take necessary action regarding rescheduling the Morehouse Parish School Board regular scheduled monthly board meeting set for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 to Thursday, May 4, 2023. The Louisiana School Board Association Capital Conference is May 2, 2023. (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton) ***On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to reschedule the Morehouse Parish School Board regular scheduled monthly board meeting set for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 to Thursday, May 4, 2023. The Louisiana School Board Association Capital Conference is May 2, 2023, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, none opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Sales Tax Funds report for February 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for February 2023, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon, none opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive the General Fund report for February 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to approve the General Fund report for February 2023, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, none opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive the School Lunch Fund report for February 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to approve the School Lunch Fund report for February 2023, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, none opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for February 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for February 2023, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson, none opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to approve school accounting audit engagement with The Robinette Accounting Firm. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve school accounting audit engagement with The Robinette Accounting Firm, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon, none opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to ratify placing advertisements for ESSER construction projects on March 16, 23 and 30, 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to ratify placing advertisements for ESSER construction projects on March 16, 23 and 30, 2023, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson, none opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive and adopt changes to the School Bus Loading and Unloading of Students Policy E-13 to comply with La. R.S. 17:158(J) as a “Second Reading”. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport) ***On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to adopt changes to the School Bus Loading and Unloading of Students Policy E-13 to comply with La. R.S. 17:158(J) as a “Second Reading”, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson, none opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive and adopt the expanded policy D-12 name to School Fund –Raising Activities and Sales to Students page 25.D as a “Second Reading”. (Presented by Mrs. Teresa Merritt) ***On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to adopt the expanded policy D-12 name to School Fund –Raising Activities and Sales to Students page 25.D as a “Second Reading”, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon, none opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to discuss updates to cafeterias and updates to kitchen service. (Presented by Ms. Ashley White) ***This was presentation only and Ms. Ashley White will look into kitchen updates at Morehouse Magnet School per board members request.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Discipline Report (March 2023) (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport) ***This was presentation only.***

The next item on the agenda was “To discuss and take the necessary action to add the attached addendum to D-10.2 Travel Policy for Morehouse Parish School Board as a “First Reading”. (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin) ***On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to add the attached addendum to D-10.2 Travel Policy for Morehouse Parish School Board as a “First Reading”, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton.***

Roll Call Vote:

Karen Diel- No

Louis Melton- Yes

Robert Johnson- Absent

Rick Hixon- No

Debbie Wilson- No

Veronica Tappin- Yes

Adrin Williams- Yes

The motion was tied 3-3 and did not pass.

The next item on the agenda was “To receive a report from board members who attended the LSBA Convention in Lake Charles.” (Presented by attending board members) **Mrs. Tappin requested to remove this item.**

The next item on the list was Public Comment: Disciplinary for Joshua Lester and to transfer. (Presented by Alicia Boykin) Limited to speak 3-5 minutes. *Alica Boykin was not present.*

The next item on the agenda was Personnel

- a. Personnel Report (See Attachment)

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Karen Diel, President

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Mr. David Gray, Superintendent