

The Morehouse Parish School Board met in a Regular Session on June 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Student Services Center, with the following members present **Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Tab Wilkerson, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson, Vice –President, Veronica Loche-Tappin, President, and Adrin Williams.**

Also, present **David Gray, Superintendent and Steve Katz, Attorney.**

Mrs. Veronica Loche-Tappin, **President** called the meeting to order.

Ms. Cindy Hendrix gave the invocation.

A moment of silence was held for the following who died recently.

- Allen Jackson – Elementary Teacher
- Josephine Clark – Retired Bus Driver
- Golden Choyce – Retired Teacher

Mrs. Veronica Loche-Tappin led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call to Establish a Quorum:

Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Tab Wilkerson, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson, Vice –President, Veronica Loche-Tappin, President, and Adrin Williams.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the agenda. *Mr. Louis Melton moved to amend the agenda with the meeting start time of 5:30 instead of 5:45, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon the motion passed unanimously. On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Ms. Debbie Wilson, none opposed, the motion passed unanimously.*

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

The next item on the agenda was Superintendent’s Announcements- *Mr. Gray introduced Dr. Dana Boockoff the new Special Ed Supervisor effective July 1, 2021. The CDC and Governor John Bell Edwards has relaxed Covid -19 guidelines. Morehouse Parish Schools will continue going by the previous CDC guidelines. New guidelines will be presented at the July 13, 2021 monthly board meeting. Ms. Yabut gave updates on the Summer Stem and Enrichment Program for 2021. The program runs three weeks in June and July.*

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of Minutes - Regular School Board Meeting held on May 6, 2021. *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Minutes for Regular School Board Meeting held on May 6, 2021, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon, none opposed, the motion carried unanimously.*

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

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

The next item on the agenda was to give an update on potential Timber Sales on Section 16 Morehouse Parish School Board Properties. (Presented by Mark Brown) ***This was discussion only.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Sales Tax Fund report for April 2021 (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion to approve the Sales Tax Fund report for April 2021 by Mr. Rick Hixon, seconded by Ms. Debbie Wilson, the motion carried unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive the General Fund report for April 2021 (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion to approve the General Fund report for April 2021 by Mr. Louis Melton, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams, the motion carried unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive the School Lunch Fund report for April 2021 (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion to approve the School Lunch Fund report for April 2021 by Ms. Adrin Williams, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, the motion carried unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to immediately remove the Bastrop Enterprise as the official journal for the Morehouse Parish School Board because it does not qualify as a “Newspaper” for an official journal under the provisions of La. R.S. 43:140, et seq. and because it has failed to satisfy the obligations of an official journal. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs). ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to immediately remove the Bastrop Enterprise as the official journal for the Morehouse Parish School Board because it does not qualify as a “Newspaper” for an official journal under the provisions of La. R.S. 43:140, et seq. and because it has failed to satisfy the obligations of an official journal, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon, the motion carried unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to select the Ouachita Citizen as the official journal of the Morehouse Parish School Board from June 2, 2021 through June 30, 2022 because there is no “Newspaper” that could serve as an official journal which is published in Morehouse Parish. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs). ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to select the Ouachita Citizen as the official journal of the Morehouse Parish School Board from June 2, 2021 through June 30, 2022 because there is no “Newspaper” that could serve as an official journal which is published in Morehouse Parish, seconded by Mr. Tab Wilkerson, the motion carried unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive a report on the 2020-2021 Revised Operating Budget progress. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs). ***This was report only.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive and adopt the additions (presented in red) to the **2021-2022 Morehouse Parish Virtual School Policy** as a “**First Reading**”. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport) *On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to amend item to state to receive and adopt the additions (presented in red) to the 2021-2022 Morehouse Parish Virtual Learning Procedure as the new Practice and Procedures, seconded by Ms. Debbie Wilson, none opposed, the motion carried unanimously. On a motion of Ms. Debbie Wilson to receive and adopt the additions (presented in red) to the 2021-2022 Morehouse Parish Virtual Learning Procedure as the new Practice and Procedures, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon, the motion carried unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to adopt the revised 2021-2022 School Calendar effective June 1, 2021. (Presented by Mr. David Gray). *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to adopt the revised 2021-2022 School Calendar effective June 1, 2021, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams, the motion carried unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to consider and approve the Data, Accountability, Assessment and Technology Facilitator job description. (Presented by Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton approve the Data, Accountability, Assessment and Technology Facilitator job description, seconded by Ms. Debbie Wilson, the motion carried unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and take necessary action needed to discourage administrators, supervisors, and those in supervisory positions from using those positions to defame, harass, profile, or intimidate other employees. Personnel will not fear retribution or demotion for reporting such behavior. (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton, Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) *This was discussion only.*

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and take the necessary action not to renew the Superintendents contract. (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton, Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) *This was discussion only.*

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and adopt a revised Superintendent Performance Evaluation Form. (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin) *On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to table this item until June 22, 2021 Special Called board meeting, and at the regular school board meeting of July 13, 2021 Mr. Gray’s professional competency and evaluation will be conducted in Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Tab Wilkerson, the motion carried unanimously*

The next item on the agenda was Personnel Report. *The Personnel Report was attached to the agenda.*

MEETING ADJOURNED BY Mrs. Veronica Loche-Tappin

Veronica Loche-Tappin, President

David Gray, Superintendent