

The Morehouse Parish School Board met in regular monthly session on November 1, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at Morehouse Student Services Center, with the following members present Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson – President, Veronica Loche-Tappin and Adrin Williams Vice-President. Also, present David Gray, Superintendent and Steve Katz, Attorney.

Absent- Tab Wilkerson

President Debbie Wilson called the meeting to order.

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

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

- Viva Ann Hancock Murry – Retired Teacher

Mrs. Debbie Wilson led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Absent- Tab Wilkerson

The next item on the agenda was to approve the agenda. *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon, none opposed the motion passed.*

The next item on the agenda was recognitions: *Employee of the month, Morehouse Magnet School Allicia Pratt. Ms. Pratt received a plaque and a gift card from Thomas and Farr.*

The next item on the agenda was Superintendent's Announcements – *Mr. Gray gave updates on Bastrop High School football turf. The turf is done and awaiting the logo, Bastrop High students are working to get the logo right. Coach Bradshaw stated each logo the students chose is copywritten. They had to work with a different design. TBA Contractor is in the third phase of ESSER III construction, and may have to make cutbacks.*

The next item on the agenda was Approval of Minutes - Regular School Board Meeting held on October 4, 2022. *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, 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 Mr. Rick Hixon, 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 Request, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, none opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was Report from the Finance and Advisory Committee Meeting, held Tuesday, October 25, 2022 (Presented by Mr. Rick Hixon)

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm. **Rick Hixon- Chairperson (Absent) Karen Diel** called the meeting to order. In attendance were the following: **Louis Melton, Debbie Wilson, and Adrin Williams.** Also present were **Mrs. Veronica Loche-Tappin, David Gray, Superintendent, and Stephen Katz, Attorney.**

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

1. Ms. Ersula Downs presented the report regarding the Sales Tax Funds update for September 2022. On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve Sales Tax Funds report for September 2022, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion carried unanimously.  
*Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, none opposed, the motion passed.*
2. Ms. Ersula Downs presented the report regarding the General Fund for September 2022. On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve General Fund report for September 2022, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion carried unanimously.  
*Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, none opposed, the motion passed.*
3. Ms. Ersula Downs presented the report regarding the School Lunch Fund for September 2022. On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the School Lunch Fund report for September 2022, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion carried unanimously.  
*Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, none opposed, the motion passed.*
4. Ms. Ersula Downs presented the East Morehouse Tax Fund Report for September 2022. On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund Report for September 2022, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion carried unanimously.  
*Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, none opposed, the motion passed.*
5. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

The next item on the agenda was to receive and adopt the amended policy F-9.12b, sub-section I, items C. and D. as a “**Second Reading**” (Time clock for bus drivers and bus aides). (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the amended policy F-9.12b, sub-section I, items C. and D. as a “Second Reading” (Time clock for bus drivers and bus aides), seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon, none opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to receive and adopt the Intradistrict Public High School Program of Choice Policy, Act No. 533 as a “**Second Reading**”. (Presented by Mrs. Theresa Emfinger) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Intradistrict Public High School Program of Choice Policy, Act No. 533 as a “Second Reading”, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon, none opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to receive and adopt the Resolution in support of LASS Accountability Proposal. (Presented by Mr. David Gray) ***On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to adopt the Resolution in support of LASS Accountability Proposal, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, none opposed the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive an update from the City of Bastrop Police Department regarding a new program with Photo Speed Enforcement in Bastrop School Zones. (Presented by Chief Leondro Reed) ***This will be placed on the December 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting agenda.***

The next item on the agenda was “To discuss and consider taking necessary actions to hire or contract replacing the Timber consultant.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to hire or contract replacing the Timber consultant.” seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin

***Roll Call Vote:***

*Karen Diel-No*

*Louis Melton-Yes*

*Tab Wilkerson-Absent*

*Rick Hixon-No*

*Debbie Wilson-No*

*Veronica Tappin-Yes*

*Adrin Williams-Yes*

***The motion did not pass.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive updates from the Discipline Committee meeting concerning electronic devices. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport) ***The meeting was held on October 26, 2022 with 10 of the 16 members present. The committee decided to give the policy a little more time. Mr. Davenport gave clarification on electronic devices policy days of suspension. The number of days is decided at the hearing for expulsion. Every school should be enforcing the electronic device policy consistently across the board.***

The next item on the agenda was “To discuss and receive a report showing the school performance score data between 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22.” (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton & Mrs. Veronica Tappin, Presented by Mrs. Maria Emfinger) ***This was discussion only and Mrs. Emfinger will let the board know when the scores come in.***

The next item on the agenda was “To discuss and take the necessary action when a person files a complaint/grievance and is eventually terminated.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) ***This was discussion only and Mr. Melton will meet with Mr. Gray one on one.***

The next item on the agenda was “To discuss and take the necessary action to pay Delta Elementary basketball coaches for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys from the Morehouse East District Tax Fund.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) ***This was discussion only.***

The next item on the agenda was “To discuss and take the necessary actions to pay Morehouse Elementary basketball coaches 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys from Gate & Concessions Fund.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) ***This was discussion only.***

The next item on the agenda was “What is the status of advertising for a grant writer in order to generate funding for needed projects?” (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin) ***This was discussion only.***

The next item on the agenda was “To discuss and consider re-establishing committees such as, Building and Properties, Student and Personnel, Transportation, and Finance.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) ***This was discussion only.***

The next item on the agenda was to “How many legal judgements have we paid since 2019?” (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin) ***This was discussion only.***

The next item on the agenda was “To discuss and take the necessary action to reduce, eliminate the General Fund and Sales Tax Fund balance deficit.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) ***This was discussion only.***

The next item on the agenda was Personnel

- a. Personnel Report (See Attachment)

The next item on the agenda was Public Comment:

- ✚ To present a Non-Contact Youth Mentoring Boxing Program. (Presented by Mr. Sammie Crawford) Limit 3-5 minutes (***This was presentation only***)
- ✚ To discuss how does one get hired in Morehouse Parish and concerns in Morehouse Parish. (Presented by Ms. Rhonda S. Johnson) Limit 3-5 minutes (***Ms. Rhonda S. Johnson was not present***)
- ✚ To discuss Contract Agreement. (Presented by Mr. Ricky Allen Anderson) Limit 3-5 minutes. (***This was presentation only***)

**The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Debbie Wilson, President**

**Mrs. Debbie Wilson, President**

**Mr. David Gray, Superintendent**

