



# MOREHOUSE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

"Obtaining Excellence in Education Through Quality Teaching"

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*Mission: "Academic Excellence through Quality Teaching"*  
*Vision: "Continuing to a 'C' in 2022"*

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

April 29, 2022

A public meeting will be held as follows:

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Morehouse Student Services Center  
1607 Martin Luther King South  
Bastrop, LA 71220

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## REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. A moment of silence for the following who have died recently:
  - Emma Brooks- Retired Coach/Teacher
  - Amelia Winston-Retired Teacher
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Recognitions:
  - JAG Presentations
  - Morehouse Parish Schools Semi-finalist teacher- of -the -year
  - Employee of the Month
8. Superintendent's Announcements (Mr. David Gray)
9. Approval of Minutes - Regular School Board Meeting held on April 7, 2022
10. Approval of monthly Travel Requests – Presented by Mr. Gray
11. Approval of monthly Bus Requests- Presented by Mr. Gray
12. To discuss and take necessary actions to allow industrial tax additions/exemptions to make improvements to DRAX Wood pellet Plant. (Presented by Ms. Kay King)
13. To adopt a resolution approving the redistricting plan for the Morehouse Parish School Board based on the 2020 census. (Presented by Mr. Doug Mitchell)
14. To receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 26, 2022. (Presented by Mr. Rick Hixon)

**The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Rick Hixon-Chairperson called the meeting to order. In attendance were the following: Karen Diel, Debbie Wilson, Adrin Williams and Louis Melton. Also present were David Gray, Superintendent, and Stephen Katz, Attorney.**

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

1. *Ms. Shatterria King presented the report regarding the Sales Tax Funds update for March 2022. On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve Sales Tax Funds report for March 2022, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed, the motion carried unanimously. Madam President, I so move.*

2. *Ms. Shatterria King presented the report regarding the General Fund update for March 2022. On a motion by Ms. Adrin Williams to approve Sales Tax Funds report for March 2022, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, the motion carried unanimously. Madam President, I so move.*
3. *Ms. Shatterria King presented the report regarding the School Lunch Fund update for March 2022. On a motion by Ms. Adrin Williams to approve School Lunch Fund report for March 2022, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, the motion carried unanimously. Madam President, I so move.*
4. *The next item on the agenda was to present the Administrative Index Report. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) On a motion by Mr. Rick Hixon asked that this be presented at the May Finance and Advisory Meeting, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed, the motion carried unanimously. Madam President, I so move.*

5. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

15. To discuss and take necessary action regarding Virtual Learning, will we offer Virtual Learning for the 2022-2023 school year. Presented by Mrs. Debbie Wilson & Mr. David Gray)
16. To adopt a proposal for the 2022 Summer Work Schedule. (Present by Mr. David Gray)
17. To adopt a proposal for the 2022-2023 School Calendar effective July 1, 2022. (Presented by Mr. David Gray).
18. To adopt a proposal for the 2022-2023 Morehouse Parish School Board/Committee Meeting Schedule. ( Presented by Mrs. Debbie Wilson)
19. To present a request and take necessary action for the use of a school bus for the City of Bastrop Track Team. (Requested by Ms. Margaret Cotton, presented by Mr. David Gray)
20. To discuss and take necessary action to authorize the summer program at Bastrop High School and Delta Elementary School. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
21. To receive and adopt the following Workers' Compensation and Sick Leave Policy Amendment as a "**First Reading**" Section F-30. Please see the attachment. (Presented by Mrs. Teresa Merritt.)
22. To discuss and take necessary action to replace Bastrop High School football field to turf. (Presented by Ms. Adrin Williams)
23. To receive and adopt the following Policy Amendment as a "**First Reading**":  
Add to section I of policy C-6.13g an additional paragraph 'M.' to read as follows:  
"M. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, any 12 month employee who has accumulated more than 15 vacation days in the 2020-2021 and/or the 2021-2022 school year may

be paid for those unused vacation days at the employee's current rate of pay from available ESSER Funds in July 2022." (Presented by Mr. Jesse Winston and Mr. David Gray)

24. To receive and adopt the following **H-2.2 School Choice Policy amendment** as a "**Second Reading**":

*The School District shall define "capacity" for each school, and determine a transfer request period which shall begin no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> and end no earlier than March 28<sup>th</sup>, annually. Prior to the transfer request period, the School District shall notify parents and legal guardians of students enrolled in schools that received a D or F school performance letter grade of the following:*


- 1. The provisions of the Louisiana Public School Choice policy;*
- 2. Schools under the jurisdiction of the School District that received an A, B, or C school performance letter grade, if any;*
- 3. The process for submitting student transfer requests; and,*
- 4. The page on the Louisiana Department of Education's website that contains school performance data.* (Presented by Ms. Theresa Yabut)

25. Personnel Report (See Attachment)

26. **Public Comment:**

- Avus Williams ( Louisiana Federation of Teachers) Would like to present a resolution in support of a state pay raise for teachers and school employees (support staff) (**Limit 3-5 minutes to speak**)

27. **ADJOURNMENT**

  
David Gray, Superintendent  
Morehouse Parish Schools

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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