

The Morehouse Parish School Board met in regular monthly session on February 1, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at Student Services Center, with the following members present, Louis Melton, Tab Wilkerson, Veronica Loche-Tappin, and Adrin Williams Vice-President. Absent- Karen Diel, Rick Hixon and President- Debbie Wilson.

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

Vice-President Adrin Williams 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 – Bessie Barber- Retired, Carol Lovell- Retired Teacher and Barbara Goldsby - Retired Teacher.

Ms. Adrin Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

The next item on the agenda was Recognitions –

- **Students of the Year- 5th Grade**
 - Brandi Shambria Norwood- Morehouse Elementary
 - Justice Cole Hughes – Beekman Charter Elementary
 - Tao-Gi Khonsu Morgan- Morehouse Magnet School
 - Holden Thor Bador – Delta Elementary School
- **Students of the Year- 8th Grade**
 - Klylie R. Murphy- Bastrop High School
 - Cori Guice- Beekman Charter School
- **Students of the Year-12th Grade-**
 - Morgan Rabun- Bastrop High School
 - Colin Parrino- Beekman Charter School
- **Regional Students of the Year-**
 - Elementary Justice Cole Hughes – Beekman Charter Elementary
 - 8th Grade Cori Guice- Beekman Charter School
 - 12th Grade Cori Guice- Beekman Charter School
- **New Teachers of the Year**
 - Elementary- Jerri Ann Carroll – Morehouse Magnet School 1st Grade
 - Elementary-Miyoshi Artist- Morehouse Elementary School 1st Grade
 - Secondary-Raven Washington- Bastrop High School
- **Regional New Teachers of the Year**
 - Elementary- Jerri Ann Carroll – Morehouse Magnet School
 - Secondary-Raven Washington- Bastrop High School

The next item on the agenda was Superintendent’s Announcements - *Mr. Gray announced that the Lou Brock Dedication Ceremony has been rescheduled for April 16, 2022 at Delta Elementary School.*

The next item on the agenda was Approval of Minutes - Regular School Board Meeting held on January 13, 2022. *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on January 13, 2022, 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. Tab Wilkerson, 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. Tab Wilkerson, none opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday January 25, 2022. (Presented by Mr. Rick Hixon). *On behalf of Mr. Rick Hixon being absent, Mr. Louis Melton presented the report below.*

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm. **Rick Hixon - Chairperson** called the meeting to order. In attendance were the following: **Louis Melton and Karen Diel.** Also present were **Mrs. Veronica Loche-Tappin, and Stephen Katz, Attorney.**

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

1. Mr. Rick Hixon discussed Committee Meeting protocol. (*This was discussion only*)
2. Ms. Ersula Downs presented the report regarding the Sales Tax Funds update for December 2021. On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve Sales Tax Funds report for December 2021, seconded by Ms. Karen Diel, None opposed, the motion carried unanimously.
Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, and passed unanimously.
3. Ms. Ersula Downs presented the report regarding the General Fund update for December 2021. On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve General Fund report for December 2021, seconded by Ms. Karen Diel, None opposed, the motion carried unanimously.
Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Tab Wilkerson, and passed unanimously.
4. Ms. Ersula Downs presented the report regarding the School Lunch Fund update for December 2021. On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve School Lunch Fund report for December 2021, seconded by Ms. Karen Diel, None opposed, the motion carried unanimously.
Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Tab Wilkerson, and passed unanimously.
5. **The meeting was adjourned.**

The next item on the agenda was to receive the 2021 School Report for Beekman Charter School. (Presented by Ms. Emily Myrick) *This was a report only.*

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider taking necessary actions to convert board meeting packets to electronic documents. Any specific items needed can be printed out upon request. (Presented by Mrs. Debbie Wilson and Mr. Gray) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to table this item until March regular scheduled board meeting, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, None opposed the motion carried unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to advertise for the installation of 45 Bard Units. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to advertise, for the installation of 45 Bard Units, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, None opposed the motion carried unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to approve the Louisiana Audit Questionnaire. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs). ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Louisiana Audit Questionnaire, seconded by Mr. Tab Wilkerson, None opposed the motion carried unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to approve agreed upon Procedures Audit Engagement for 2020-2021 fiscal year with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve agreed upon Procedures Audit Engagement for 2020-2021 fiscal year with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC., seconded by Mr. Tab Wilkerson, None opposed the motion carried unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive a report on where the district stands in regards to the 7.5% Fund Balance. (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***This was presentation only.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive a report on Ad Valorem collections to date. (Requested by Mr. Louis Melton, Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***This was presentation only.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive and adopt Policy F-29 Reasonable Accommodations for Pregnancy, Childbirth and Related Medical Conditions, Act No. 393 as a **Second Reading**". (Presented by Mrs. Teresa Merritt) ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to adopt Policy F-29 Reasonable Accommodations for Pregnancy, Childbirth and Related Medical Conditions, as set out by Act No. 393 as a Second Reading", seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, None opposed the motion carried unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive and adopt the amendment to Policy D-11 Purchasing & Bids and Quotations Policy as a **Second Reading**". (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to adopt the amendment to Policy D-11 Purchasing & Bids and Quotations Policy as a Second Reading", seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, None opposed the motion carried unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive and adopt the addition to Policy B-18 adding a paragraph K. on page 42.1B of Act 272 as a **Second Reading**". (Presented by Mrs. Teresa Merritt) ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to adopt the addition to Policy B-18 adding a paragraph K. on page 42.1B as set out by Act 272 as a Second Reading", seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, None opposed the motion carried unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was Public Comment: None for this meeting

The next item on the agenda was Personnel- Personnel Report (See Attachment).

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Adrin Williams, Vice President

Mrs. Debbie Wilson, President

David Gray, Superintendent