

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

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:

- Gladys M. Davis-Retired Teacher
- Eva D. Kyles- Retired Teacher and Guidance Counselor
- Louise Rider - Retired Teacher

Mrs. Debbie Wilson led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

The next item on the agenda was Recognitions –

- Lady Rams - Presented by Ms. Adrin Williams (*Ms. Adrin Williams presented gifts to all Lady Rams on the basketball team, and coaches for their outstanding accomplishments.*)
- Louisiana Senate Teachers of the Year- *Mr. Gray presented certificates from Senator Katrina Jackson to Carkinda Trotter-Delta Elementary School, Alexa Robinson – Beekman Charter School, and Ashley Allen – Morehouse Magnet School*

The next item on the agenda was Superintendent’s Announcements - *Mr. Gray announced the playoff information for Bastrop High School Lady Rams basketball team. He discussed travel to the game and possible funding of championship rings. Next there was a presentation from Personnel Department from the AASPA’S Boot Camp.*

The next item on the agenda was Approval of Minutes - Regular School Board Meeting held on February 1, 2022. *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on February 1, 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 Ms. Adrin Williams, 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 Mrs. Veronica Tappin, 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 Thursday February 24, 2022. (Presented by Mr. Rick Hixon).

- The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Thursday, February 24, 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 **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 January 2022. *On a motion by Ms. Adrin Williams to approve Sales Tax Funds report for January 2022, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, the motion carried unanimously.*

Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, and passed unanimously.

2. Ms. Ersula Downs presented the report regarding the General Fund for January 2022. *On a motion by Ms. Adrin Williams to approve General Fund report for January 2022, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, the motion carried unanimously.*

Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, and passed unanimously.

3. Ms. Ersula Downs presented the report regarding the School Lunch Fund for January 2022. *On a motion by Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the School Lunch Fund report for January 2022, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, the motion carried unanimously.*

Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, and passed unanimously.

4. To advertise for a RFQ (Request for Qualification) for Program Management Services for ESSER capital projects. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion by Ms. Adrin Williams to advertise for a RFQ (Request for Qualification) for Program Management Services for ESSER capital projects, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, the motion carried unanimously.*

Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, and passed unanimously.

5. Information from the Child Nutrition Supervisor about replacing kitchen equipment and updates to cafeterias and serving areas at Delta Elementary, Morehouse Elementary and Bastrop High School. Including estimated costs, timelines and funds. (Presented by Ms. Ashley White) *On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to authorize the Child Nutrition Department to take those steps necessary to replace kitchen equipment and update cafeterias and serving areas at Delta Elementary, Morehouse Elementary and Bastrop High School based on estimated costs, timelines and funds from the Child Nutrition Program and ESSER, seconded by Ms. Karen Diel. None opposed, the motion carried unanimously.*

Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, and passed unanimously.

6. To consider and take necessary action to recommend for the board to grant a pay increase to Master Craftsman and Skilled Workers in the Maintenance Department. (Presented by Ms. Karen Diel) *Maintenance Supervisor Tony Roberts and staff presented salary information from surrounding parishes along with Morehouse Parish salary information. On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to grant a pay increase to Master Craftsman and Skilled Workers in the Maintenance Department with, Ms. Downs to prepare a salary schedule to be presented at March regular scheduled board meeting. Once salary schedule is presented and approved, it will be effected immediately on the next pay period following approval, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, the motion carried unanimously.*

Madam President, I so move, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton, and passed unanimously.

7. To discuss Bastrop High School Football field. (Presented by Mr. Rick Hixon) *This was discussion only.*
8. **THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**

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) *There was discussion regarding this agenda item. It was determined that no formal action by the school board was necessary. Any member of the board can receive board meeting packets electronically or in paper from at the discretion of each member. Mrs. Lee will contact each board member to determine the board member's preference.*

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider taking necessary action regarding extra pay and assignment for bus drivers and bus aides extra work. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) *There was discussion only and no action was taken.*

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider taking necessary action to reinstate extra stipend pay for coaches, sponsors and athletic directors who advance to the play offs. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to pay an extra stipend of \$200.00 to each coach of an athletic team for the 2021-2022 school year per week for each week in which practice is held for a playoff game to be effective March 1, 2022 and to later consider what action should be taken in that regard for the 2022-2023 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin and unanimously passed.*

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider taking necessary action readjusting the pay index for Principals, Assistant principals, Supervisors, Instructional facilitators, Dean of Students and Counselors. (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton) *There was discussion regarding the agenda item but no action was taken except to suggest that there be further discussion at a committee meeting.*

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 Mrs. Debbie Wilson, President

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Mr. David Gray, Superintendent